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Joan Parascos after her sight restoring surgery.
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Dear Supporter

Thank you for helping make miracles happen.

I've seen some amazing things in 28 years as a nurse in Papua New Guinea. But none are more incredible than the moment after eye surgery when someone realises they can see again. Some people laugh, some weep, others go very quiet. And while every reaction is different, every time feels like a miracle. I would like to thank you for helping make it possible.

The day the doctor came to Alotau.

I run a small eye clinic in Alotau Hospital. I was lucky to be trained by The Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand so I can look after patient's day to day eye problems. But when people need more specialist care, they have to wait for a doctor and his team to visit. That's when we can perform eye surgery to remove cataracts. It's when we literally help blind people to see.

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Two generations. Two operations. Two miracles.

When the Hollows NZ eye team visited recently, we saw Joan Parascos and her son Warrington. Joan is a grandmother who used to make money by selling clothes she had sewn. Warrington worked as a sea captain to support his five children. When they came to the outreach in Alotau, Joan could no longer sew and Warrington could no longer captain his steamship. They desperately needed our help.



"Wonderful, it's wonderful... thank you!"

Joan and Warrington arrived together to have their patches removed after surgery. Joan was so excited about the brightness of the colours but Warrington's sight was still blurry. The doctor told him to relax and come back the next day. Sure enough, by the time he returned, his eye had settled and he was so happy that he could get back to his job.

Please keep up your support, to help us do even more.

As incredible as these stories are, there are many, many more people in the Pacific region who need your help. As a nurse, I'm lucky enough to see first-hand the difference that your donations can make. It really is impossible to put into words.

All I can really say is thank you. And please, please keep on giving.

Lemassi Kissai

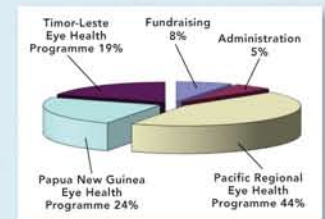


Lemassi Kissai
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Where does your money go?

It's important you know how careful we are about spending the hard-earned money you donate, so we're pleased to say that in 2009 our audited accounts show we spent just 13% of income on administration and fundraising. This means that 87c in every dollar went directly to sight restoring programmes around the Pacific.

If you'd like to look over the numbers in more detail, please call our supporter team on 0800 227 229.



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