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Dear Supporter

As Christmas approaches, I want to thank you for supporting our work in the Pacific. It is a special time of year and as you celebrate the festive season, please remember that just \$25 can restore someone's sight. So for each donation of \$100, 4 or more people will have a special reason to celebrate this year.

First ever outreach to Samoa

For two hundred Samoan families, this Christmas will be especially joyful. In October, The Fred Hollows Foundation NZ held its first ever surgical outreach in Samoa. The country has lacked an eye doctor for several years so many people have lived with cataract blindness without hope of treatment. In fact, the backlog of cases was so high that we needed to send two teams.

A "hard-case" mother

I had not been prepared for how emotional my visit to the outreach would be. I will never forget Iulia Pau'lau, a determined and hard-working woman. Her family called her a "hard-case mother" because no job was too hard and she was never tired. As Iulia lost her sight, they had watched her lose confidence and withdraw into herself. They were desperate to help her.



"Every day I cry out to Jesus that I want to see"

Iulia is an extremely devout woman so it was appropriate that I met her for the first time in her local church. Iulia told me that at every mass she prayed she would see again.

"I ponder Jesus on the Cross and I think I'm a sinful person and I cry. I know I'm not a perfect person but every day I cry out to Jesus that I want to see."

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I see five fingers!

As she waited for her surgery, I could see Lulia silently praying. Dr Dirk Harder carried out the operation and I simply could not believe that even as the operation finished, Lulia said "I can see five fingers". The next day as her patch was removed, Lulia held her breath, scrunched up her eyes then slowly opened them. For the first time we saw Lulia's beautiful smile which lit up the room as she pointed to us each in turn. "I can see you... and you... and you."

One week but a lifetime of difference

Our return visit to Lulia's church just seven days later could not have been more different. Lulia strode up the steps leading her family and beaming with delight as she looked around her. The small, quiet woman I had met was replaced by a real force of nature who cuddled her grandchildren and could not wait to start work on her small-holding. Her joy as she gave thanks was evident to the whole congregation.

This Christmas, there are still many more people just like Lulia in Samoa and other islands waiting to have their sight restored. Together let's give them the best possible Christmas present.

Thank you.

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The Fred Hollows Foundation NZ



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This Christmas you can share the Miracle of Sight with your friends and family by sending them a Fred Hollows Foundation Miracle of Sight card.

For just \$25, each card you give will help restore sight to someone in the Pacific. The cards describe the life-changing impact your gift can have and there are four beautiful new images to choose from.

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