

VISION AID GALLE



Cataracts affect young people too.

About VISION AID GALLE

Our charter.

To give sight to those less fortunate in the southern district of Sri Lanka

To give sight to those less fortunate than us and where one is needlessly blind and cannot afford the restoration of blindness due to poverty.

Poverty in some areas has caused the state of blindness. The very reason that sightless people are unable to find employment due to malnutrition and other factors.

Our intention by assisting those less fortunate is to give them the opportunity And enjoy the same health and life expectancy as other human beings.

Our Mission is to fund the provision of prosthetic lenses, for cataract surgery in southern Sri Lanka and thus help the poor and needy regain their sight.

In June 2009 Ms Pam De Fransz & Ms Carleen Fairweather visited Sri Lanka with the Australian Sri Lankan Medical Aid team and through Prof P L Aranyananda Senior Professor Medical Faculty Galle of Karapitiya Teaching Hospital, they met with the two eye surgeons who have volunteered to do the surgery free of charge.

Around 93,000 people are affected by blindness in Sri Lanka with cataracts accounting for 70% of cases. Relative to the population, there are a limited number of ophthalmologists and eye health personnel in the country. Millions of people go blind due to lack of access to simple treatment and more stay blind due to lack of access to simple surgery. All it takes is a relatively simple 10 minute operation, which cost as little as \$25. It's amazing how much can be achieved with just a small amount of money from generous supporters like you.

Who we are: - We are independent non- profit and secular organisation run by a group of volunteers based in Melbourne and is a registered charity.

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