



New Sight News
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This issue, we celebrate and salute all the superheroes who make New Sight possible. The simple truth is that we simply cannot do what we do without our amazing supporters and volunteers. Here are just a few of their incredible stories:



Alyce came all the way from Hong Kong to Congo to volunteer last year. Since then, she has been raising awareness and support for New Sight through the annual Children's Charities Carnival (first on the left at the Carnival Aug 18). She said, 'In Congo, I witnessed Henri operating on a lady. Her

immense gratitude and deep joy after her operation shone from her heart! I also saw many patients waiting patiently for their consultations, and I know that there are many more people who are waiting for eye care. Joyce and Henri's tireless efforts to serve inspire me greatly. **In Hong Kong, what I can do for them is limited, but I want to do what I can.'** Her love is contagious! She is not just raising funds, but a generation of compassionate superheroes!

New Sight is very thankful and humbled by the support from many schools - from nurseries to primary schools all the way to universities! Island School is one such school. Their teacher Mr. Pak Chan explained how it all started, "I came across the Samoutou story for the first time through an article in South China Morning Post in 2012.

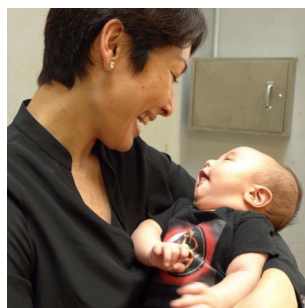


I was very touched by their story - the sacrifice, the courage and the dedication came across very clearly, but above all, it was their love for fellow human beings, their wish to serve that were most apparent and inspiring. To give up their comfortable lives for something meaningful is one thing, but to have the courage to do so with three children is an entirely different scale of faith and sacrifice! Not an easy journey, but they seem to be having so much fun along the way, and the kids are turning out great! I have followed their Congo stories ever since. I am delighted that my admiration for their work with New Sight is shared by my students and that we are continuing to support their work by fundraising through the annual 50km Rainbow Trek. We look forward to another trek this November!"



"I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; I will not refuse to do the something I can do." ~ Helen Keller

We love parents who teach by example, and deliberately create and nurture a culture of kindness. Many encourage their children to donate their red packets, or request donations instead of presents for their birthdays. Robyn, a first-time mother, said, 'Joyce has long been one of my greatest sources of inspiration - not only in terms of the amazing work of New Sight, but because of who she is as a person. Her kind and loving nature, and generosity of spirit remind me to be a better person on a daily basis. As a new mother, I endeavour to impart similar values to my newborn son - to teach him from an early age to appreciate and share his many blessings. We recently celebrated Kyle's 100th Day and received many red packets. In my mind, there is no better place for him to begin these life lessons, than with a donation to New Sight.'



"New sight is welcoming, warm, and determined to ensure that I could use my skills and interests to help me fit in and feel part of a team!"

Rowan Cassels-Brown,
Summer Intern, UK

"It is so uplifting to see all the stories of healed patients on New Sight's Facebook page. It is extremely gratifying to know that I may be able to help spread the word, even in a small way by helping with the videos."

Yolanda Chen,
Video/Translation Volunteer, USA

"I am honoured to be part of this noble ministry which makes the blind to see. I am glad to be able to work with a passionate team."

Gideon Chan, Newsletter /
Social Media Volunteer, HK





A call, a dinner, and a few emails: a true long-distance love story:

A few years ago, I received a phone call from a friend from my Medical School Christian Fellowship days. He invited me to a dinner party to meet a doctor who was working in ophthalmology in Africa and was visiting HK. As an eye doctor, of course I had to go see what that was all about!

At the dinner, as I heard about the needs of the patients, the Samoutous' desire to share the love and good news of Jesus, and the meaningful work of New Sight, I remembered how I too went into medicine to help and share the Gospel, but because of the demands from work and family, those desires had grown cold. As Joyce shared, I suddenly had a wake-up call from God. I thought: I must do something to help!

I started to pray, and sent a few e-mails. In fact, I did not expect any great result. But by God's grace, the HK Association of Private Eye Surgeons contacted its members and several eye institutions, and we received a tremendous response! HK really has some very kind-hearted doctors. I kept receiving offers of help -from all sorts of ophthalmic instruments to glasses and other supplies. We even received an ophthalmic microscope that was worth several thousand dollars! Through this, I thoroughly experienced the incredible power of God. I did not have much faith; all I did was send a few emails, and yet the results were so amazing! I was totally overjoyed. I grew in my confidence to serve through this ministry.

Within a short time, with the help of several brothers and sisters in Christ, we carefully collected and packed several heavy boxes of delicate equipment and supplies. The logistics such as transport and customs clearance were very complicated and challenging. But everything smoothly and safely made it all the way to Congo, which must have been God's care.

All in all, in my eyes, the whole thing was actually impossible. However, I have learnt that if it is pleasing to God, everything becomes possible. May God continue to bless the work of New Sight! - Dr. A. Ng, Ophthalmologist, Volunteer, HK

New Sight completely relies on SUPERHEROES like Alyce, Pak, Robyn and Dr. Ng.

OUR INSPIRING SUPERHEROES

- ⇒ **Help US** from web design to administration to fundraising;
- ⇒ **Equip US** from sourcing donations or discounts on medical equipment to furniture to office supplies;
- ⇒ **Promote US** by telling a friend, introducing us to their company, to sharing about New Sight via social media,
- ⇒ **Empower US** through gifts of prayer, encouragement, and finances

We firmly believe that as you step out to help, like Dr. Ng, you will be completely amazed by what you can do! Who knows what doors (and windows!) will open! The needs are greater than ever, and we are committed to doing more to help more people! Joyce and Henri plan to visit Hong Kong and Singapore for about 3 weeks around Feb / Mar 2017. **PLEASE get in touch** and book them early if you want them to meet and share with you, your friends, churches, schools and colleagues! We are excited for you as we dream big and join forces! We can't wait to see what happens next!

*People who make a difference don't necessarily have time, money or ability. They just have the heart -
New Sight*



Join Joyce and Henri for **NEW SIGHT DREAM TOUR**
Feb / Mar 2017



What did the CHICKEN have to do with EYE SCREENING?

We are thrilled to announce that last year, we provided free screening and community eye education for nearly 1000 patients! Our biggest outreach was to Dongou, the largest town north of our hospital. The team spent 3 days there and was able to tell several patients like the papa on the left the good news that with an operation, they would be able to see again. This papa and his family were so happy after his sight restoring operation that they used their bare hands to bring a live chicken to thank us!



Our wards have been repainted! Now when our patients can see again, they have nice freshly painted walls to look at! Big thanks to our colleagues!