

# SIGHT.ORG NEWS



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# You are opening a doorway



**53 people give their lives to Christ!** We are going into many different villages preaching the gospel, discipling new believers, and showing the Jesus Film. We are also able to hand out booklets of the gospel and audio Bibles. God is working in the hearts of the people of Togo and drawing their hearts to him. Thank you for all your prayers. Please continue to pray for God to soften their hearts.



**Meheza is coming back to Texas!** Keep an eye out for more information. Meheza will be here in November and she would love to see you and thank you in person for all your support of this ministry.



**Will you consider becoming a Sight.org Visionary today?** You can give sight for \$12.50 a month. Go to [Sight.org/visionaries](https://Sight.org/visionaries) or use the enclosed envelope.

## Better than Sight!

*Leaving fear and torment to follow Jesus!*



**Look closely at the photo above and you will see cuts on this precious girl's stomach.** This is a common thing that witch doctors will do when children are sick. They "cut the stomach to bleed out the bad blood."

It is not pleasant. But it's not the worst I have seen in witchcraft. In Sierra Leone, I saw a boy who had lost his leg because the witch doctor set it on fire. The young boy (about five years old) fell out of a tree and broke his leg. His parents took him to the witch doctor and the witch doctor burned the leg with fire "to reset the bone." I saw the child while serving on Mercy Ships. His leg had to be amputated.

**I have seen and heard many worse examples of what happens to people through witchcraft.** Some examples are so bad that I rarely share them with anyone.

There is only one way to the Father (God), and that is through Jesus. But as far as religions go, voodoo and witchcraft must be among the worst. **That is one reason why I love seeing people in Togo come to Christ more than anywhere else.** The reward of seeing someone leave voodoo is almost as exciting as seeing someone get born again!

**There is nothing better than seeing someone leave fear and torment to run into the arms of a perfect Heavenly Father! And we are seeing that happen every day in Togo! Praise the Lord.**

*by Lewis Swann*



# for the gospel in Togo.

## Cataracts affect young people too.

*You are giving sight to people of all ages.*

**This 22-year-old guy can see again!** See the cataract in his right eye? At the point that this photo was taken, he couldn't see anything through his eye but the light from a flashlight.



He said it started developing when he was twelve years old. After his surgery last month, he was able to see perfectly through both eyes!

**Cataracts affect people young and old in rural Africa. We even find babies born blinded by cataracts.**

Malnutrition, dehydration, unclean water, illness, and proximity to the sun can lead to cataracts. The most common cause we see in teenagers is physical trauma. Many teenagers have accidents involving manual labor. Trauma to eyes can cause cataracts.

**We see cataracts in babies for other reasons. When a woman is pregnant, sometimes a local witch doctor tells them not to drink water during pregnancy.** The mother is then dehydrated throughout her pregnancy. In these cases, often the baby is born blind. Sometimes, the mother goes blind too.



**A child who suffers from blindness has a very difficult life. The life expectancy of a blind baby is one-third less than a baby with sight.** Often, blind children cannot go to school, they are outcasts, or people think they are cursed. The social stigma for a blind child is unbearable.

**When you give to Sight.org, you may be changing the entire life trajectory of a child like this.**



**This lady was brought to our team when surgeries were already finished and the surgery team was already packing up.** Our Optometrist explained that the surgeries were finished, and he began giving the information regarding our next surgery dates. But she remained silent with no response at all. **When she did not respond, he realized she wasn't just blind, she was also deaf.** At that moment, he knew what had to be done. He went to the surgery team and explained the situation. They didn't hesitate. They got all the surgery equipment back out, put the operating room back in order and performed her surgery!



**Welcome to our new farm team leader, Edoh!** He is a gifted evangelist, leader, and educator. Long before joining Sight.org, Edoh believed God was calling him to both evangelism and agriculture. Sight.org is a perfect fit for Edoh.

# Letter from the Founder

*You are doubling the surgeries, doubling the gospel, doubling the impact!*

Three years ago, Sight.org was performing 75-100 surgeries every EIGHT weeks. Today, we are performing 130-200 surgeries every FOUR weeks! Thanks to donors like you, our partners, and the professionalism of our Togo staff, we are able to do so much more! What fantastic news for the thousands of blind people in Togo waiting for surgery.

But what about ministry? I'm glad you asked! We recently split our team into two teams; an eye team that focuses solely on eye surgeries and a ministry team that focuses exclusively on ministry. So as we are increasing our impact against blindness, the ministry team is boldly advancing to make a much more significant impact in furthering the gospel!

The ministry team promotes the gospel in many ways, but one upcoming program has me very excited! We will soon have a community-wide monthly crusade held in the local soccer fields following every eye campaign! For this, every month, we will have a stage, sound system, lighting, worship, ministers sharing powerful gospel messages, and testimonies from patients and new believers! **Imagine crowds of several hundred or even thousands, many of whom will hear the gospel for the first time! It will be awesome!**

It is incredible to see how far this team has come. These past nine years have not been easy. For several of us, it has been the most trying nine years of our lives. But it has been by far the most rewarding. We have been able to see God's goodness in more ways than can be numbered. He truly is a perfect Father!

**Thank you so much for being part of this exciting journey! The best is yet to come!**

*Lewis Swann*

Lewis Swann  
Founder and Executive Director



**Sight brings so much joy!** When you give sight, you completely change someone's life. Thank you for all you do for the people of Togo! **Your ongoing generosity helps us continue our mission of giving sight and the gospel in Togo!**



**Sight.org team during surgery**

**Our team wants to say thank you too!** They would not be able to do this work without your support. They pray for you often. They are so grateful for you.