

# Lifeline

Gifts worth giving



The gift of **sight** to the **blind**

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**Choosing that perfect gift for the person who has everything can be really difficult. Now you can send a different gift that will provide pleasure for two people!**

**Step 1:** You decide on the gift you want to purchase for your friend or family member from the list in this leaflet and send the value of the gift to Rope.

**Step 2:** You will receive from Rope an attractive card giving details of the gift which will make a significant difference in the lives of people who are living in poverty.

**Step 3:** You send this card to the friend or family member letting them know that a Lifeline gift has been purchased on their behalf.

**Step 4:** Your gift will be used to purchase the item and make a difference in the life of an individual or community.

**Through a Lifeline gift you can double the pleasure of giving.**

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### **£3: Implant Lens**

For each eye with a cataract, it is necessary to implant an artificial lens once the cataract has been removed so the person can see again



### **£12: Dressing & Medications**

A medical kit including sterile clothing for staff, dressings and medications is essential for each operation



### **£15: Food, accommodation and medical care for five patients**

Each patient is provided with three meals a day, a bed to sleep on with clean linen, a mosquito net and the medical care needed for the duration of their stay at the hospital



## **£20: Cataract Operation**

An operation can provide sight for the blind, bringing new life and hope. The staff and equipment are needed to perform what could be called a "miracle" operation



## **£25: Sterilisation & cleaning**

Every day the whole hospital must be sterilised to ensure the prevention of infections. The operating theatre, wards and clinic rooms are thoroughly cleaned with strong detergents



## **£40: Two months supply of fresh clean water**

It is vital that the water supply for the hospital comes from a reliable source to minimise the possibility of infection. The water is used for drinking, washing and sterilisation



## **£50: Mobilisation visits**

Staff from the hospital visit remote villages to help village chiefs and elders understand about blindness and the benefits of the eye programme. They also meet potential patients and help them understand the advantages of cataract surgery and the difference that the treatment will make in their lives



## **£110: Nursing Care**

A month's allowance will provide two nurses to give care to patients based in remote areas up to three hours' journey away from the hospital



## **£170: Pre-screening team**

A mobile medical team will go to remote villages for four days where they test individuals' visual acuity, diagnose cataracts and add them to the list for surgery. They also treat other eye infections and medical needs

# A Precious Gift

In Kenya there is a widely held belief that blindness is the first sign of dying. Many elderly people spend their last years blind, unable to look after themselves, completely unaware that a simple operation can transform their lives and restore their sight. They cannot contribute to the family economy and yet need feeding. For many families, grandparents look after the children because the middle generation are most affected by AIDS and many have died. If a grandparent becomes blind, children have to stay at home, missing school to look after them. This deprives them of their education and the possibility of future employment. That's why we have chosen to work with a project in Western Kenya, which is giving sight to the blind!



Your support helps us make a real difference. For more information please visit [www.ropo.org.uk](http://www.ropo.org.uk). Thank you.



*The last three months, since becoming completely blind, have felt like a very long time for 79-year-old Rose Bakasa. She could no longer go*

*out alone, perform any of her household duties on her own or meet up with her friends. She is very grateful to God for giving her back her independence. She said that she is going to tell all her friends about the success of the surgery, for removing the cataracts and making blind people see. When she came for the follow-up she told us she had planted sweet potatoes and can now cook for herself.*



*The instant loss of his sight from an eye problem meant 67 year old Emmanuel Inzoya, from Lugani, could no longer earn his living as*

*a draughtsman and land surveyor. He could also not distinguish animals from people! After the first day's operation on one eye he was excited that he could see who he was talking to and after having the second eye operated on the next day, he was very happy and grateful that he could go back to his employment. This was a huge blessing and he said it will turn his life around.*



*Lenah Khandasi, a 94 year old widow, had been unable to bathe or even go to the toilet on her own since losing her sight in both eyes. She had to*

*be led everywhere by her daughter. After the operation she was so excited to have the bandages removed as the restoration of her sight meant that she could see her way home and return to the house she had been unable to look after.*



*67 year old Pius W Muyobo from Kamusinga had been unable to see from his right eye since 2008. His left eye was operated on in Uganda,*

*but he had to save for a long time as it was very expensive and he could only afford to have an operation on one eye. Now, thanks to the funding provided by Rope he has been able to have an operation on his right eye. He is very pleased with the result and he was particularly appreciative of the specialist help and the food and accommodation that were provided.*

# Order Form

## Lifeline Gifts

**£3:** Implant Lens

**£12:** Dressing & Medication

**£15:** Food & Accomodation

**£20:** Cataract Operation

**£25:** Sterilisation & Cleaning

**£40:** Fresh Water for 2 months

**£50:** Mobilisation Visits

**£110:** Nursing Care

**£170:** Pre-screening Team

No. required










## Christmas Cards

No. required

**£3.75:** Tree

**£3.75:** Bells

**£3.75:** Rope

**£3.75:** Star of Wonder

**£3.75:** Peace on earth

**£3.75:** Robin

**£2.00:** Eye Clinic DVD

*If you and/or the person receiving the gift would like to know more about the project, why not purchase the DVD about the clinic.*









*Some previous Lifeline gifts are still available. Please contact the office for more information*

*Please send this form with your cheque to:*

*Rope. Fairway House, Rear 64/66 High Street, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, HP16 0AN*

Please complete order summary	
No. of free Gift Cards required:	
Gift Subtotal (£)	
Card Subtotal (£)	
DVD Subtotal (£)	
Donation (£)	
<b>Total (£)</b>	

Postage Details	
Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	

Please make cheques payable to Rope. Thank you.

If you purchase a Lifeline gift\*, you will receive a free card and insert showing their chosen gift which will be sent to your home address for you to pass on to your friend or loved one.

*\*Should the Lifeline item you purchase not be available, the gift will be used in the wider work of Rope around the world.*

# Christmas Cards

designed for Rope by Debs Ford

New for 2011



## BELLS

Inside:  
Happy Christmas

Glory to God in the  
highest, and on earth, goodwill  
to all men.  
Like 2:14



## TREE

Inside:  
Happy Christmas

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his  
shoulders. And he will be called  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6

all cards are 12.4cm x 12.4cm



## ROPE

Inside:  
Happy Christmas

also available:



Star of Wonder



Peace on Earth

all cards are 12.4cm x 12.4cm



Robin

All cards come in packs of 10 and packs are priced at £3.75 inc p&p.  
To order any of the card packs, simply fill in the order form and return to Rope.

**Orders for cards and Lifeline gifts must be received by Rope  
no later than Monday 19th December.**