

The Journey Continues...



VCI President (Middle) was Special Guest as World Sight Day Celebration in Nigeria.



VCI President delivering his speech at the World Sight Day Celebration, Nigeria



VCI President - Press interview

Walk for Sight, Minna, Nigeria, co-sponsored by VCI.



MISSION STATEMENT

Working to eradicate avoidable blindness, and promoting the health, education and welfare of the blind and visually impaired in developing communities.

Do You Know That in Nigeria,

- a cataract surgery costs about \$100 / eye
- a pair of prescription glasses cost about \$20.00
- an eye examination costs about \$10.00
- annual tuition at a school for the blind cost about \$500.00.

Yet millions of persons with visual impairments in Nigeria cannot afford these costs.

At VCI, it is our mission to sensitize the public to the needs of the blind and visually impaired and be a vanguard and champion the cause of these often neglected individuals.

We have carried our appeal beyond the shores of Nigeria and even beyond the U.S. We are determined that avoidable blindness MUST be eradicated.

Our Appeal

We appeal for generous contributions towards our projects; this will enable us put necessary structures in place to meet our goals and objectives.

VCI will be in Nigeria in the month of October 2017 in partnership with the Niger State Government to co-sponsor the World Sight Day 2017.

This is only possible with your kind and generous assistance.

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something"

- Edward E. Hale

How Can You Help?

Now that you know it does not cost that much to a blessing to visually impaired person in Nigeria.

1. Be a monthly donor of any amount to our cause.
 2. Sponsor one or more of the following:
 - (a) A Blind individual's annual tuition - \$500.00
 - (b) Cataract Surgery - \$100.00 / eye
 - (c) Buy a pair of prescription glasses - \$20.00
 - (d) Give towards an eye examination - \$10.00
 3. Donation of educational equipment and materials for the blind and visually impaired.
 4. Donation of medical equipment and medication for the prevention and treatment of blindness and eye related problems.
 5. Support one of our projects through your regular giving.
- Partner with us today and help us light up someone's life and restore lost hope.

Financial contributions can be made through:

Online Donations: You can log on to our website at www.vision-centerinternational.org and make use of the secured online donation through your bank account or credit card.

Checks or Money Orders: You can also donate using your personal checks or money orders. Make out your check to 'Vision Center International' and mail to: 2027 Sanders Hollow Ln, Rosenberg TX 77469

All gifts to Vision Center International are U.S tax -deductible. (You may wish to consult an expert about your specific situation) Please contact us and we will gladly answer your questions.

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VCI President at the School for the Blind, Chiang-Mai, Thailand



At BABSEA CLE Workshop in Vientiane, Laos, South- East Asia



VCI President with Springvale Legal Clinic Team, in Springvale, Australia



Lecture at Robert McKinney School of Law, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A.



The Journey So Far...



A message from Victor Yisa, President Vision Center International Inc.

Our mission is the eradication of avoidable blindness and pro-

motion of the health, education and welfare of the blind and visually challenged in developing communities. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) there are about 285 Million people world-wide living with visual impairments. The sad reality is that about 85% of these cases are preventable. Developing countries account for about 90% of the WHO statistics.

Majority of our work will be in the West African Country of Nigeria where the blind and visually challenged face unimaginable hardship and live under deplorable conditions.

The challenges of the almost five million blind and visually impaired in Nigeria are enormous. Children drop out of schools in high numbers to assist relatives with visual challenges. Unfortunately, due to the harsh conditions the vast majority of blind and visually challenged face in Nigeria, the right to good and clear eye sight is no longer a right but a privilege.

Support for the plight of the Blind and visually impaired in most developing countries is hard to come by. The few schools for the Blind are barely making ends meet and operate under unimaginable conditions



Student's hostel at a school for the Blind in Nigeria.

This should not be allowed to happen. Lack of resources, facilities, technology and qualified personnel has hindered any meaningful progress in curbing these otherwise preventable problems. We are here to make a change to this sad reality. VCI has been engaged in activities to alleviate the plight of the Blind and Visually Impaired in Nigeria.

We can lend a voice and provide the resources to help educate people about river blindness and other preventive measures to stop blindness and visual impairments. We can assist those already struggling with the problem of blindness and visual impairment. We can restore lost hopes and birth new dreams.



VCI President with Medical Team from Niger State Ministry of Health, Nigeria.

We appeal to you to show love and support to the blind and visually challenged. Join Vision Center International to support their right to say NO to blindness.

It has been said that the loss of sight is not the loss of vision. If given the chance, Blind and Visually Impaired individuals can be trained and encouraged to be self-sufficient.

Beneficiaries of free cataract surgery in Minna, Nigeria co-sponsored by VCI



President VCI with student nurses at World Sight Day celebration in Minna, Nigeria



Students of the Nigeria Farm Craft Centre for the Blind, Ikeja, Lagos Nigeria making bead necklaces.



Hand bags, purses, and fabrics made by visually challenged students of the Vocational School for the Blind, Oshodi,



OUR PROJECTS

VISION CENTER INTERNATIONAL EYE CENTER

To provide free and comprehensive eye and visual care to the community thereby eliminating avoidable eye diseases and also providing rehabilitation support for irreversible cases.

VISION CENTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

To provide free and comprehensive academic training for learning and independence by setting up specialized educational programs and materials to achieve full potentials for students with blindness or visual challenges.

VISION CENTER INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER

To research into the causes, prevention and cure of blindness and other forms of visual impairment and identify solutions for better adaptive educational and medical measures directed at alleviating the problems and limitations of the blind and visually impaired.

VISION CENTER INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY

To meet the informational needs and intellectual pursuits of the community and further equip people with life-long learning skills to develop their imagination and intellect.

These projects will run in the millions of dollars. It is indeed a huge step of faith, almost daunting, but if only you can believe with us, it is achievable.

We have been engaged with governmental agencies and qualified personnel in these areas.

Governor, Niger State, Nigeria delivering speech at World Sight Day Celebration, Minna, Nigeria



Restrooms at a school for the Blind in Nigeria in unsanitary and deplorable conditions.