

Case study 3

Name: Chem Moeun

Programme: Caritas Takeo Eye Hospital/CBM

Location: Takeo province, Cambodia



The young man is Mr. Chem Moeun was born in 1989, living in Prey Kik village, Kunthor Commune, Kampong Trach District, Kampot Province of Cambodia. He is the third son amount seven brothers who are living in the poor family. Since childhood to adult, his vision gets allergy with sunlight and cannot see clearly either close or long distance; he needed an assistance to move to elsewhere. Furthermore, he is so difficulty to move faster with other his colleagues to school or play football because he needs to be concentrated before he does something. With his high commitment to get a better life in the future, so he has tried to fight with his congenital low vision in his study until he successfully completed high school in 2011. At the same time, he was introduced to apply the scholarship for automotive section at Donbosco Technical School in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Fortunately, he is the one of other successful candidates from the countryside was given the full scholarship either allowance, accommodation or food. However, his daily vision becomes a problem from day to day to make him has a difficulty to challenge with other classmates after a year course. With close observation of the school and took a counseling with him on his vision, he told his teacher that he is not like other colleagues' vision because he is difficult to see and spend much energy in doing something. In February, 2013, the school collaborated with the Cambodia Catholic Community Association (CCCA) referred him to the Caritas Takeo Eye Hospital (CTEH) for eye checking up. The ophthalmologist prescribed and diagnosed the Oculocutaneous Albinism with visual acuity (VA) at right eye is 1/30(can see 1 m with letter size 30mm) and Left eye is 6/60(can see 6m with letter 60mm), so it needs to be used the spectacles and magnifier to improve his vision. Low vision materials were given through ophthalmologist's prescription, which were supported by donors, to improve his vision in reading and seeing in a long distance with VA at right eye is 6/120(can see 6m with letter size 120mm) and left eye is 6/36(6m and letter 36mm). The refractionist tested his vision by reading and doing a small thing to ensure he could do perfectly after using these materials; the result is completely improved, so he can read and write quickly. Finally, he is so happy and hopefully to complete his technical course at Donbosco in Phnom Penh; he gratefully thanks to all staffs who are working in the hospital and also thank for all donors who have supported the hospital to help people with low vision problem like him.

