

Kisii Eye Hospital: July 2020 Newsletter

A Family Coping with Blindness



Recent years have been tough for 20 year old Valerian Bosibori and her family living in Otamba in Kisii County, Kenya. Valerian has poor vision and her mother and two of her siblings are already blind.



Valerian's mother undergoing eye examination at Kisii Eye Hospital

Valerian's mother who is also physically challenged had her sight steadily deteriorate until she could see no more. By the time she was brought to the eye hospital, she was told the damage to her sight was irreversible. The family was brought to the hospital during this Covid-19 period by a volunteer teacher who was visiting homesteads and she came across the family that needed assistance.

Teacher Jentrix Ogola arranged for transport and brought the family for eye examination at Kisii Eye Hospital. "I try to be independent, but it is hard when you can hardly see," Valerian's mother explains. "I am helped to get around the place by my child that can see. She has one son who can see well.

After eye examination by Dr. Kiage, it was discovered that Valerian's mother has irreversible blindness, her brother who is also visually impaired suffered severe myopia but also due to eye trauma when he was young it was not possible to correct his vision.

Valerian was also diagnosed with astigmatism. Astigmatism is an imperfection in the curvature of the eye's cornea or lenses that gives a blurry and distorted vision. She was prescribed for eye glasses to correct the refractive error. The eye glasses were donated by Kisii Eye Hospital as the family is poor and cannot afford to purchase the spectacles.



Valerian during eye examination and wearing the eye glasses present is Volunteer Teacher Jentrix

Valerian was grateful for the spectacle and she says now she can go back to school and it will be easy to do her chores because she can now see better than before and help her mother and the other siblings. Let us help each other, Valerian's mother said. She will need to be rehabilitated together with her son and we recommended that they get in touch with the Kenya Society for the Blind for further assistance on a rehabilitation programme. Thank you Teacher Jentrix for your support to the family.



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