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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Myanmar Eye Care Programme

Please take a moment to consider -

Myanmar (formerly Burma), a country of 55 million people, has one of the world's highest rates of blindness with possibly 4.5-5.5 million adults and children needlessly blind.

This blindness is reversible but is not addressed by government.

The Myanmar Eye Care Program (the "Programme") is a volunteer project led by Sydney Ophthalmologist Dr Geoff Cohn and supported by over 30 others who give their time and resources each year.

The Programme aims to empower the professional and lay teams at six Buddhist monastery communities. The clinics and staff are organised, trained and equipped and guided towards independent functioning. Donations will be needed for the foreseeable future. There is a minimum of administrative outlay. Each clinic services a catchment of 1-4 million people.

The Programme runs on a shoestring and is dependent on donations from the compassionate.

A used Zeiss vitreoretinal microscope has been located in rural New South Wales. However, it will cost over \$4,000 to crate and ship it so that it arrives in perfect condition.

Please make a tax deductible donation to assist the Programme. In this regard I am assured that:

- (i) 100% of donated money is used for sight restoration;
- (ii) Australian eye surgeons and nurses fund their own travel and expenses to Myanmar;
- (iii) a cataract operation in the Programme costs \$23 in disposables. Glaucoma surgery costs about the same and saves innumerable eyes.

Please send your cheque (to avoid credit card processing fees) to The Eye Foundation (a registered charity of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists) which collects donations for the Programme.

Please write "*For Myanmar Eye Care Programme*" on the back of the cheque.

Make the cheque payable to "RANZCO Eye Foundation" and send to:

The Eye Foundation, 94-98 Chalmers Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010.

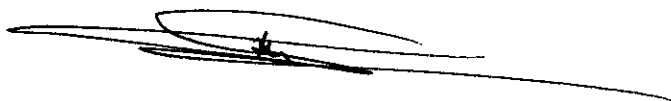
Old spectacles

Those old spectacles you and your family no longer use can help someone to see. Dr Cohn and his team put such spectacles (whether prescription or mass produced such as sold at chemists etc.) to valuable use in Papua Niugini and Cambodia.

Please collect same from your family and friends and send them to me at Sir James Martin Chambers. I will ensure they are forwarded on to Dr Cohn.

On behalf of Dr Cohn and his team I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.