

Dorothy Fiadoyor's Training



Dorothy Fiadoyor, 53, Ophthalmic Principal Nursing Officer from Ghana, underwent a 6-month customized training program from October 2014 to March 2015 at the Academy of Eye Care Education, LVPEI, Hyderabad. The program, a mix of pediatric nursing, counseling and vision rehabilitation, was meant to train her for the pediatric eye care unit at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana. Says Dr Vera Adobe Essuman, Head of the Pediatric Center: "Dorothy's training at LVPEI has definitely made a positive impact on our services here. She has set up our counseling and vision stimulation centre, has been doing the preliminary screening of pediatric patients and checking their intraocular pressures, is providing enhanced nursing care in the theatre, and is also now working on designing patient counseling material. She has started training other ophthalmic nurses outside the hospital and with time will be able to train nurses across Ghana. Moving

ahead, she will be trained by a pediatric ophthalmologist here on orthoptic exercises, and on assisting doctors in the management and monitoring of children with amblyopia. Her other focus area will be to conduct research in her area of practice."

Dorothy has surely emerged as one of the best trainees LVPEI has had.

Shivram's year-long journey from darkness to light

Shivram Mahato of Madhubani in Bihar lost his right eye to insect injury in 2004. Eight years later, an unfortunate brush with a buffalo's tail caused a painful infection in his left eye rendering him sightless. Eye doctors in Darbhanga and Nepal could not help and he remained sightless for a year. A fellow villager working as a cook in Hyderabad told Shivram about LVPEI and soon enough, Ashindar - his son - brought Shivram over.

Shivram was treated free of cost under Dr Bhupesh Bagga; the father and son deciding to stay on in Hyderabad for the year's length of the treatment – at the cost of Ashindar's job as also separation from the rest of the family. Shivram underwent a transplant in his left eye with human donor cornea tissue replacing his infected cornea. A repeat corneal transplant was done 8 months later, using a more transparent cornea to improve his vision – the procedure called optical penetrating keratoplasty. Dr Bagga simultaneously performed a cataract removal surgery to replace Shivram's eye lens that had turned opaque soon after the injury.

Shivram joyously recalls the moment of wonderment when his vision was restored. Soon, he was walking around independently and relying less on his son. The father-son duo is of course immensely grateful to their Doctor-God.



I am Veeraveni from Murari village, Gandepalli Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh. Of my three children, the elder son Peddireddy Sriram had some discharge in his eyes 4 days after birth. A local ophthalmologist recommended LVPEI in Visakhapatnam where Dr Merle Fernandes has been treating him. After his cornea transplant surgery, my son was able to see well. He is now going to school too and can read and write well. We thank the doctor and her team whole-heartedly for the excellent free of cost treatment.