

✦ MERRY CHRISTMAS ✦



PATIENCE'S STORY

BEFORE

Many of the children who come to CURE live in areas that have little or no access to quality specialised medical care. Even where it is available, few of the children and families burdened with disabilities have the resources to receive this corrective care.

Sadly, Patience is one of those children who had to experience this.

Patience had a spinal condition which caused her to develop clubfoot. Her condition was first noticed when she was a baby and swollen lumps appeared on her back. Her mother took her to hospital, but she was just given painkillers and sent away.

By the time she was three, Patience's condition had worsened and she was unable to walk. They went back to their local hospital where she was referred for treatment at a larger hospital. But when they arrived, they were told that all the doctors were on holiday . Once again, they were turned away.

Not knowing what to do and losing hope, Patience's mother turned to a witchdoctor. The witchdoctor performed 'mpini', where they cut Patience's back with a razor and then rub herbs into the cuts. This procedure went on for years until Patience's family heard about CURE...





AFTER

Once she arrived at CURE Malawi, Patience has been on a path of recovery. She first had the lumps in her spine removed and then after two procedures the CURE surgeons were able to correct her clubfeet.

After many months of treatment Patience is now able to walk and she is looking forward to using her feet! She wants to walk to school, and learn to play ball games and skipping games, which she has never been able to play before.

Living with a deformity really affected Patience and her family's life. Her disability meant she was frequently bullied and was unable to attend school unless someone carried her. Her parents were mocked and blamed for Patience's disability by others in their village.

This little girl has been through so much, but now after receiving the surgery she so desperately needed, her life is filled with potential. Now, Patience can walk to school proudly and independently, for the first time.



HOW CAN YOU HELP THIS CHRISTMAS?



**YOUR GENEORSITY WILL HELP TRANSFROM THE LIVES OF CHILDREN LIKE PATIENCE,
WHO ARE SUFFERING UNNECESSARILY WITH CORRECTABLE DISABILITIES.**

£15

Provides a child with outpatient medical care, diagnostics and physiotherapy.

£100

Pays for a walking frame for a child recovering from life-changing surgery.

£300

Provides treatment for a child suffering with clubfoot, eliminating the disability.

£800

Covers the cost of one operation, transforming the life of a child for good.

TO MAKE A DONATION, PLEASE VISIT [UK.CURE.ORG/DONATE](https://uk.cure.org/donate) OR USE THE GIVING SLIP PROVIDED.

From all the children at CURE, thank you and Merry Christmas!

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