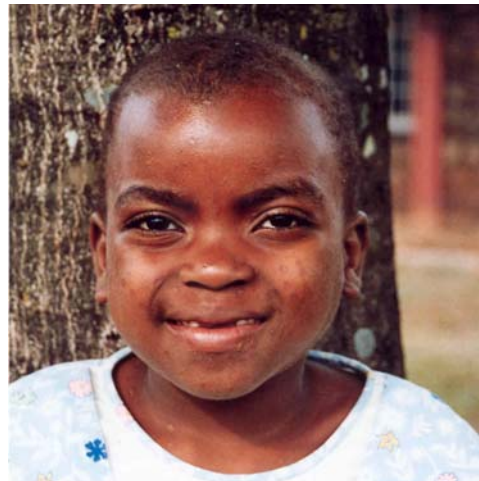


SAVING CHILDREN FROM BURKITT'S LYMPHOMA

One of the most malignant cancers known to man



Above top left: Fidelis with tumour to head and eye. Above top right: Fidelis 3 weeks later Below: before and after photographs of Honesty

Help to give children with cancer a chance to live

Burkitt's Lymphoma (BL) is a cancer of childhood. It occurs globally including the US and (though rarely) the UK. It is commonest, however, in sub-Saharan Africa. It attacks children from the age of **2 to 16 years**. Outside this age range it is rare. It is very malignant so that without treatment it is invariably **fatal**. The tumour can **double in mass every 24 hours**.

This particular childhood cancer is well known to be potentially **curable**. It is, however, equally well known to recur if the full series of recommended repeat treatments is not adhered to.

For just £250 you can help ensure a child receives treatment to lead a healthy life.

The Charity

CAI (Child Advocacy International) is a charity set up to help improve healthcare for children around the world. Our special role is helping poor countries build medical capacity for the future, which we do by supporting and educating local doctors and nurses as well as the provision of essential and appropriate equipment.

Bamenda Government Hospital

Bamenda is the main town in the north-west province of Cameroon. Children come from all over the province for treatment, some travelling a great distance in difficult conditions. This is a Government run hospital and CAI has been working for over two years, improving facilities, providing medical supplies and equipment and training local medical staff.

Burkitt's Lymphoma

CAI's work in and around Bamenda has, in recent years, brought us into close contact with BL, its fearful complications, its inadequate investigation and treatment and its remorseless mortality. In the last 2 years the following facts have come to light:

- It is a common disease. At least 80 new cases present each year in the children's wards of North West Cameroon
- If available, the drugs, by African standards, are prohibitively expensive, so that the parents of the BL children can scarcely afford them. There is no National Health Service and no private medical insurance. All medical services have to be paid for - whether government or mission hospital. This means 'no money - no treatment'. Most parents are extremely poor.
- Repeat courses of drugs for BL are necessary so that even if parents can afford the first treatment, they are less able to afford subsequent necessary treatments.



Linnie (above) aged 2. Left photograph - before her first treatment for BL. Right photograph - after her first treatment. Another 5 visits for further treatment are necessary. Will the family be able to afford this?

Cost

The costs of treating a case, requiring 6 visits, including travel, drugs and in-patient costs is just £250.

**For just £250.00 you can help save
a child from this distressing cancer**

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