The iAware cause is to support equipping the newly NGO-built ophthalmic hospital and to support the sustainability of new ophthalmologists in Cambodia through the iAware Future Ophthalmologists Foundation.

**A Brief History of Cambodia**

On April 17, 1975, Pol Pot led the Communist forces of the Khmer Rouge into the capital city of Phnom Penh, beginning a vicious four-year regime in **Cambodia resulting in the genocide of up to 3 million men, women and children.** The Khmer Rouge's polices were guided by its belief that the citizens of Cambodia had been tainted by exposure to outside ideas, especially by the capitalist West. The Khmer Rouge specifically persecuted the educated — such as doctors, lawyers, and current or former military and police.

**The Result: Cambodian Killing Fields**

Cambodia underwent a human catastrophe unparalleled in this century. The infamous Killing Fields were sites, wherein collectively an estimated **4 million people of a population of 7 million were killed** and buried during Emperor Pol Pot's rule of the country from 1975-1979. Cambodia lost **56%** of its people to war, rebellion, man-made famine, genocide, politicide, and mass murder. This is widely regarded as part of a broad state-sponsored “**anti-intellectualism**” genocide (the Cambodian genocide).

There are a startling **38** ophthalmologists to serve **15,000,000**
Over 180,000 Cambodians Who Are Blind

10,000 Cambodians that suffer avoidable blindness each year

38 Ophthalmologists service a population of over 15,000,000

90% of Blindness is Avoidable

75% is Due to Cataracts

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Contributing Doctors
Dr. AnnMarie Hipsley with Cambodian Secretary of State Sean Ngu and volunteers at the site of the Khmer Sight Foundation hospital being built in Pnom Penh, Cambodia

Dr. Hipsley with other contributing doctors, (from L to R) Sunil Shah, Bobby Ang, Mitch Jackson and Eddie Hsaio

Dr. Hipsley gifting Mr. Ngu, who is also a co-founder of Khmer Sight Foundation, with a plaque shaped like the state of Ohio
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