

## Open My Eyes – Song Sharing

One evening while I was working on a spreadsheet in the computer, I discovered that I couldn't see clearly the whole spreadsheet. It was clear on both sides but blurry in the middle columns. I took a break to rest my eyes. It helped to some extent. But since then, my eyesight got worse and I thought it was just a cataract issue.

When it was time for me to see the optometrist, she was alarmed and told me that it wasn't cataract at all. It was a much serious problem. What I had was central retina vein occlusion. What it meant was that there was no blood flow to the middle of the retina and so it dried up. The optometrist immediately referred me to a retina specialist. After thorough examination, he recommended immediate injections because the occlusion reached a point that could cause blindness anytime. I was stunned to hear the diagnosis. The severity of the occlusion warranted injections, once a month for 6 months. During the treatment period, I had to rest my eyes more and limited my work on the computer or watching TV.

It was a painful ordeal living in partial blindness. Suddenly without the use of computer, I didn't know how to occupy my time. I prayed to God to lead me through this tumultuous period. He revealed to me:

Isa 40:31 Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

I learned to wait upon the Lord to renew my strength. After going through the whole treatment, not only my physical eye was restored, God had enlightened my inner eye.

Eph 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

What I originally perceived as a painful experience turned out to be a blessing in disguise. In my helplessness, I have deepened my relationship with Yahweh God. And He inspired me to write this song 'Open My Eyes'.