

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY



\$1.2 Million Grant Funds New Facility

Improving Lives through American Best Practices in Nursing

EHA's Baptist Christian Hospital (BCH) in Tezpur, Assam, has been awarded a \$1.2 million grant to fund the construction of a new medical training facility. The funding came from the American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) arm of USAID. The project will impact hundreds of nursing students and nurses in North India, and through them, thousands of patients. Learn how you can get involved in this life-changing project.

Two Ways to Get Involved

This project is a wonderful opportunity to improve the skills of Indian nurses and nursing students, and the lives of young women in general. Patients will benefit greatly, and communities will learn about equality and inclusion for young women. Here are two ways you or someone you know could get involved.

1

Go to India to teach. If you could go for a week once or twice a year to train nurses, go to ehausa.org/nursing/professional-nursing-development/ to learn more or to apply.



2

Donate to help cover the costs. The biannual training sessions are \$2,500 for 40 nurses for 5 to 6 days (not covered by the grant funding). Go to ehausa.org/donate and click on EHA Nursing.



Nursing Schools Offer a Career Path

Six of EHA's hospitals, including BCH, run a nursing school, taking in a new class of 20 to 30 students each year for a two- to three-year degree program. The students are often poor, and this is a tremendous opportunity to improve their lives and help support their parents and siblings.

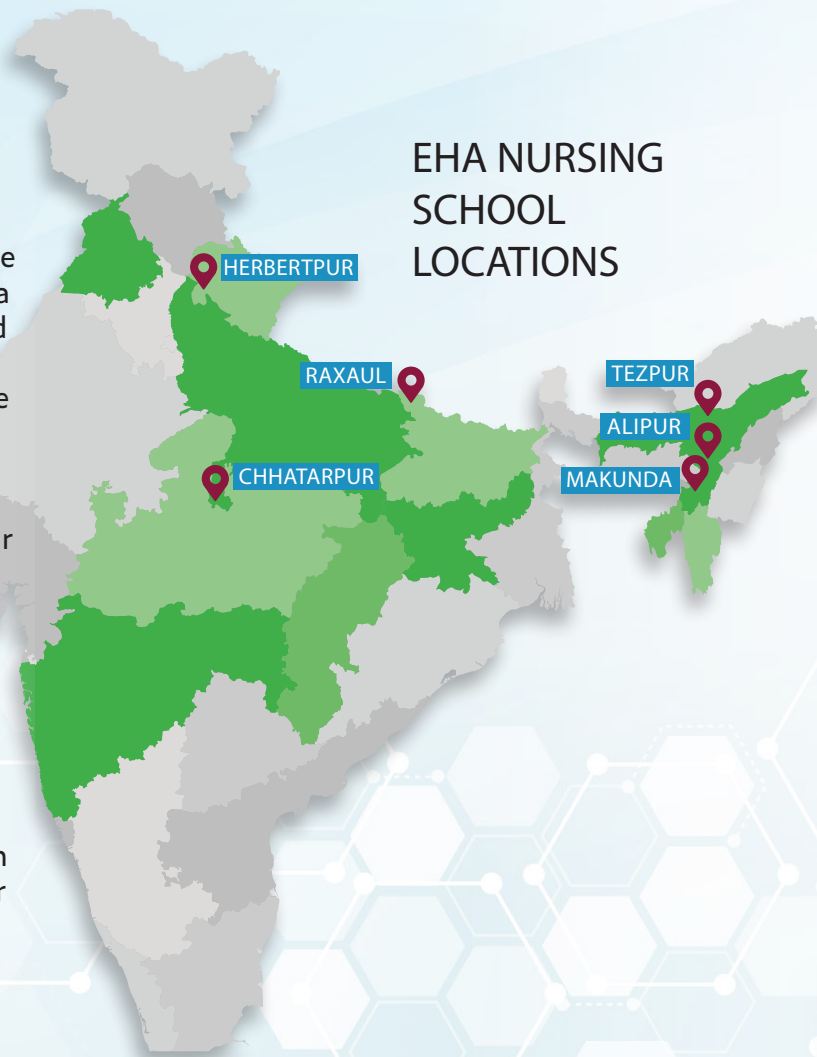
Some students receive a scholarship that can be paid off by working in an EHA hospital for a year after graduation. Many graduates go on to serve at EHA hospitals, but some work at government facilities. They are in high demand because of their competency and ethical practices.

Baptist Christian Hospital

Located in the northeast corner of India, the state of Assam is near Bhutan, Bangladesh, China, and Myanmar. Baptist Christian Hospital is in the city of Tezpur.

With just 21 doctors and 99 nurses, BCH cares for 80,000 outpatients and 7,500 inpatients each year. Doctors perform 3,000 surgeries and deliver 260 babies annually. Even with only 130 beds and such a small staff, they provide much-needed medical care.

EHA NURSING SCHOOL LOCATIONS



Left: Current BCH School of Nursing
Below: Future College of Nursing and Training Center





Government Mandated Upgrades

The ASHA grant could not have come at a better time for BCH. The Indian Nursing Council has decreed that all nursing schools need to transition into colleges offering a four-year Bachelor of Science degree rather than two- or three-year programs. This requires significant infrastructure upgrades, new labs, and more square footage for classrooms and other spaces. The cost is significant, and hospital income is not adequate to cover it.

Thanks to the grant, BCH will be able to make the required changes. As a result, nurse training will be considerably more rigorous and graduates will be better prepared to offer excellent care.

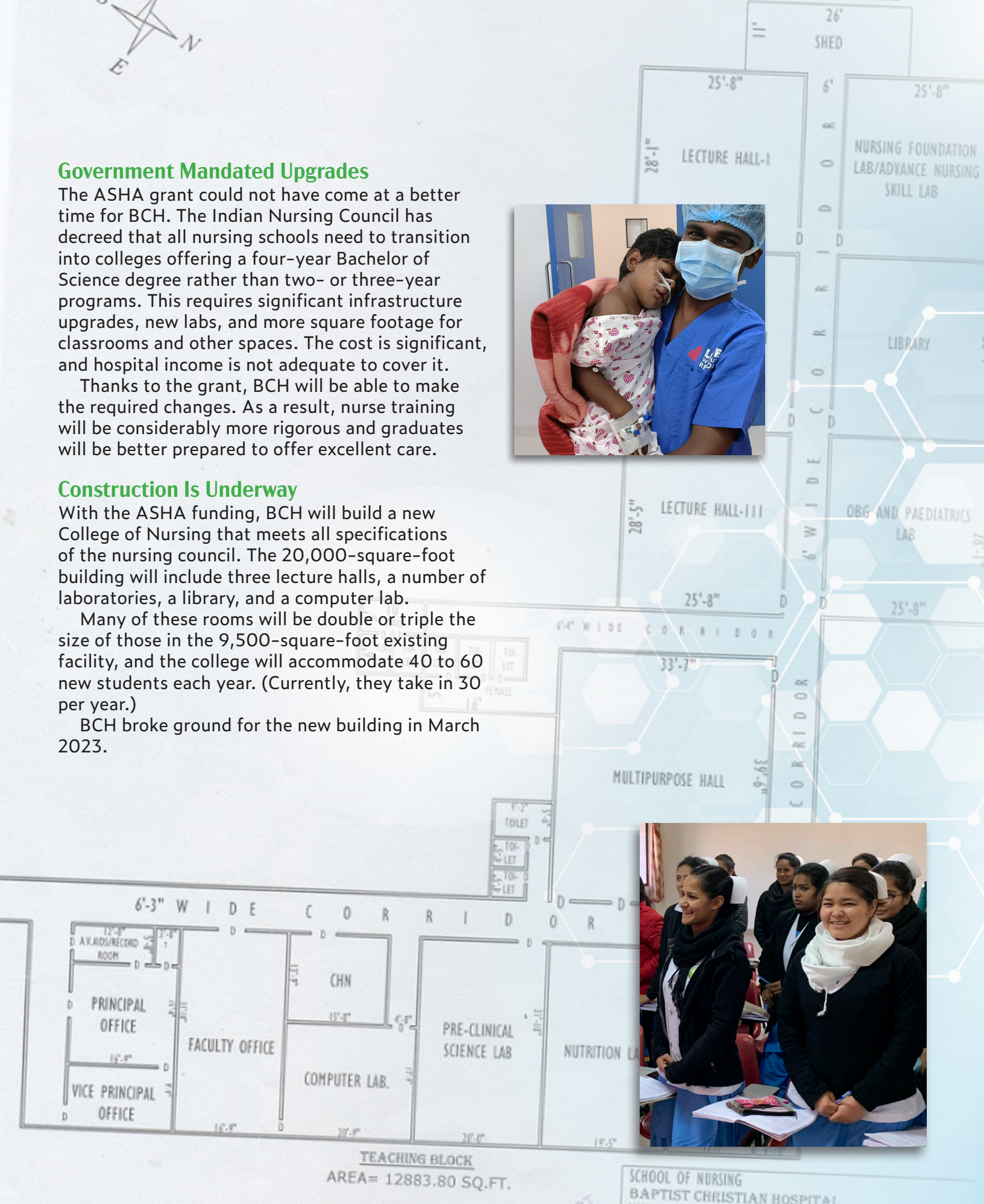


Construction Is Underway

With the ASHA funding, BCH will build a new College of Nursing that meets all specifications of the nursing council. The 20,000-square-foot building will include three lecture halls, a number of laboratories, a library, and a computer lab.

Many of these rooms will be double or triple the size of those in the 9,500-square-foot existing facility, and the college will accommodate 40 to 60 new students each year. (Currently, they take in 30 per year.)

BCH broke ground for the new building in March 2023.



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Robyn Bullock-Hale, PhD, RN EHA Volunteer Nursing Consultant

EHA nurse leadership trainings are overseen by Robyn Bullock-Hale, PhD, RN, who serves as a volunteer nursing consultant with EHA. From 1999 to 2003, Robyn served as EHA's Nurse Facilitator in India and is therefore very familiar with EHA and their nursing program. Currently, Robyn is Clinical Education Program Manager at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ with the organization CommonSpirit. She is passionate about helping nurses implement best practices in nursing and patient care and also mentoring them in evidence-based practice and research projects.

EHA: Healthcare for the Poor and Marginalized

Baptist Christian Hospital is one of 19 hospitals founded across North India in the early 1900s by various mission organizations. These hospitals banded together in 1970 to form the Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA). Today they continue to provide excellent medical care to hundreds of thousands of impoverished Indians who have no other treatment options. EHA's vision is to bring transformation through caring to the poor and marginalized in the rural areas of North and Northeast India.

Here's How YOU Can Help!

The goal of ASHA is to foster mutual understanding between the US and other countries. To this end, three US nurses will travel to India yearly to train nurses. **Could you or someone you know be one of those nurses?**

The training will cover the mutual values of equality and inclusion for all people (gender, caste, race), as well as 15 American Best Practices in Nursing (ABPN).

The result will be improved nursing care for vulnerable populations and increased access for young women to education and jobs. Contact us today to learn more about this exciting opportunity!



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