



Impacting One Life at a Time



### A Year of Encouragement and Inspiration

Dear Friend,

This year has been one of encouragement and inspiration for the Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA). I am delighted to report that we are healthy, thriving, and in many ways having a greater impact than ever.

Big picture, EHA offers quality medical care and does critical community development work among the poor and marginalized of North India. More than three thousand people are part of the EHA team, and we touch the lives of well over 2 million people each year. Through our 19 hospitals, with 200 doctors and more than 900 nurses, we serve over 958,000 patients, and deliver 21,500 babies.

Year by year we seek to do more. Eighteen of our locations provide support for children and adults with disabilities. We train thousands every year in disaster preparedness, which saves lives. And those suffering with HIV/AIDS or terminal illnesses receive otherwise unavailable palliative care to relieve suffering.

I hope you will retain this booklet and read it over in the coming weeks. We want you to be informed and to know that in India, we are inspired to care for the poor and seek to meet their needs. I would invite you to consider supporting what we do. There are many ways to connect with us. It can begin simply with an email or a phone call. It would be my pleasure to speak with you and tell you more about us.

Yours in service to the poor,

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## India: A Land of Vast Contrasts

#### Dear Friend,

Greetings from Delhi! I am so grateful for the opportunity to share with you the heart our Emmanuel Hospital Association team has for serving the poor and marginalized of North India.

India is a land of vast contrasts. We have bustling cities filled with thriving businesses engaging on the global scene. In many places, and in many ways, we are experiencing increased prosperity. India is often viewed as a rising power on the world stage.

At the same time, across our country, particularly in the states of the north, there is much poverty, despair, and heartache. Too many of the poor and marginalized have no access to medical care, and they lack basic knowledge about wise healthcare habits. The dying suffer when they could receive treatment to ease their pain. The disabled get no help when they could be cared for and live meaningful lives. New mothers do not understand how to provide care for their babies. Families in villages are separated as boys and girls are trafficked into terrible situations in the city.

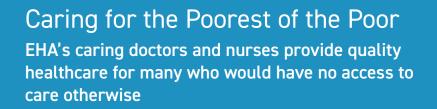
Please pray for us as we serve those who often have so little. And if you can help financially, we would be deeply grateful for your gift.

Dr. Saira Paulose Mathew Executive Director EHA India



## EHA Hospitals

NAME & LOCATION	BEDS
Baptist Christian Hospital	130
TEZPUR, ASSAM	
Broadwell Christian Hospital	40
FATEHPUR, UTTAR PRADESH	
Burrows Memorial Christian Hospital	70
ALIPUR, ASSAM	
Champa Christian Hospital	75
CHAMPA, CHHATTISGARH	
Chhatarpur Christian Hospital	120
CHHATARPUR, MADHYA PRADESH	
Chinchpada Christian Hospital	50
CHINCHPADA, MAHARASHTRA	
Duncan Hospital	200
RAXUAL, BIHAR	
Harriet Benson Memorial Hospital	10
LALTIPUR, UTTAR PRADESH	120
Herbertpur Christian Hospital	120
Jiwan Jyoti Christian Hospital	75
ROBERTSGANJ, UTTAR PRADESH	. / 5
Kachhwa Christian Hospital	20
KACHHWA, UTTAR PRADESH	
Lakhnadon Christian Hospital	20
LAKHNADON, MADHYA PRADESH	
Landour Community Hospital	35
MUSSOORIE, UTTARAKHAND	
Madhipura Christian Hospital	100
MADHEPURA, BIHAR	
Makunda Christian Hospital	205
MAKUNDA, ASSAM	
Nav Jivan Hospital	100
SATBARWA, JHARKHAND	
Prem Jyoti Community Hospital	30
BARHARWA, JHARKHAND	
Prem Sewa Hospital	35
UTRAULA, UTTAR PRADESH	
Sewa Bhawan Hospital	50





## Disability

From loss of hearing to loss of a limb, EHA works with all kinds of people with disabilities. At 18 hospitals, EHA offers disability and learning services, where they assist people in gaining life skills and learning coping techniques.

#### Walking with Joy

For eighteen years Roshan had been unable to walk. He was born with extremely weak quadriceps that left him immobile and frustrated. As a child, Roshan was taken for treatment using the \$600 his parents were able to scrape together, but there was no improvement.

Roshan lived with his widowed mother and six older brothers near Chhatarpur Christian Hospital. He went to school through eighth grade but was unable to participate in normal activities and was often left home alone, his depression deepening.

In May, the Chhatarpur community health team learned about Roshan.

They counseled him about self-respect, resilience, and life goals, and they placed him in a Disabled People's Group (DPG). A physiotherapist gave him mobility exercises to do daily. The staff followed up with him weekly, and he tentatively began to walk.

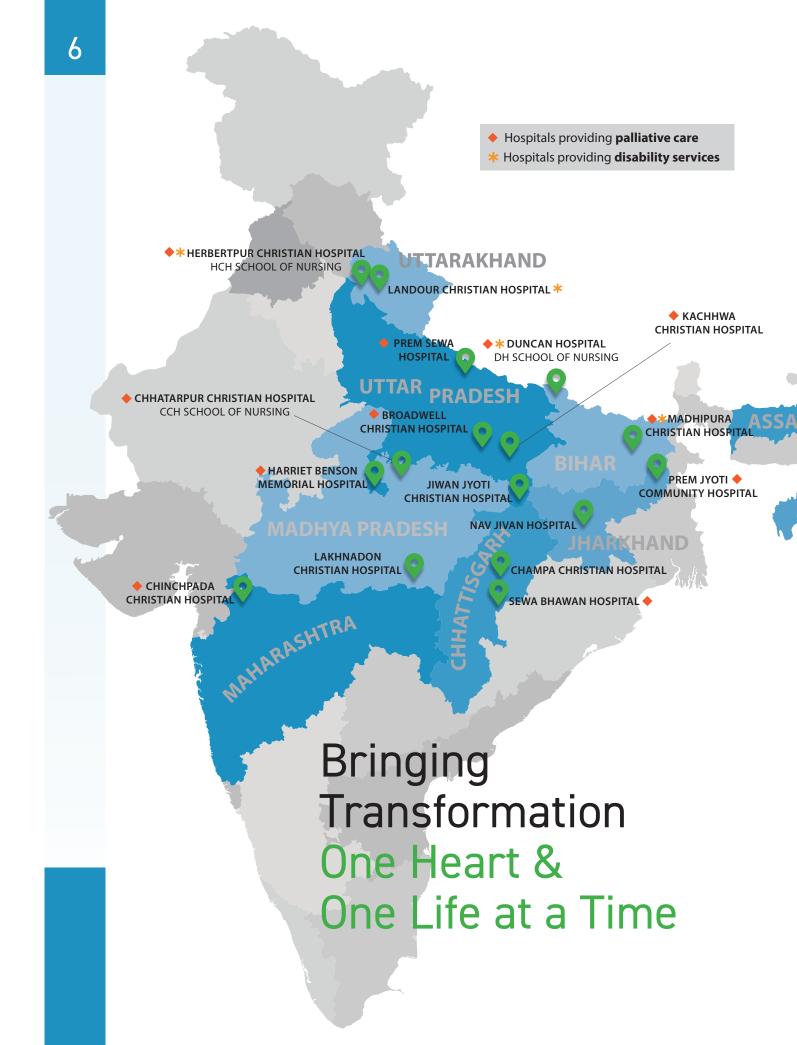
At the end of June, Roshan surprised his family by dancing at his brother's wedding. He was thrilled to be a real part of this social gathering and has left his depression behind.

The DPG gives him good support, and the community staff have helped him apply for disability benefits. Opportunities have opened for Roshan due to the care that EHA staff provided.



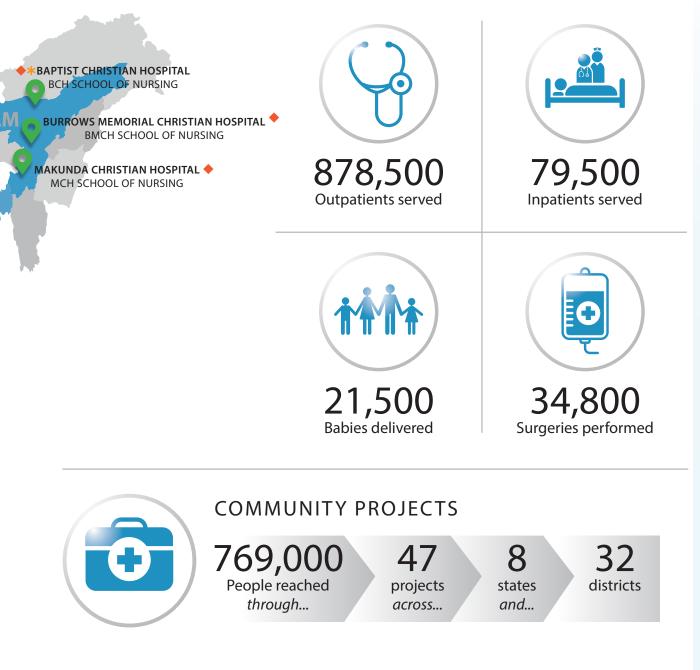








#### SERVICES PERFORMED 2022-2023



#### Human Trafficking Prevention

It's not unusual for villagers to be taken in by men offering faraway jobs to their sons or marriage to their daughters, only to unwittingly deliver them into slave labor or sex work. EHA fights this by educating villagers against these schemes and also works to rescue children in bondage.



#### The Rescue of Kunal and Mohit

During the pandemic, Suraj was unable to find the daily work he usually did, and he struggled to provide for his family. His sons Kunal, 11, and Mohit, 12, had stopped going to school during COVID-19, and in desperation, Suraj insisted that they get jobs.

They began working at a motorcycle garage, but because they had no skills or work experience, they were paid only 20 rupees (24 cents!) for a 10- to 12hour workday.

The staff of EHA's Nyay Kendra ("Justice Hub") Project discovered the boys' situation and filed a report. With the help of government officials, the boys were rescued from this untenable employment.

The staff aftercare team did home visits and submitted a home investigation report. They also secured a bank account for the boys and applied to the Child Labor Tracking System for compensation on their behalf. Each boy got 3,000 rupees (\$36) in immediate relief, and later also received 25,000 rupees (\$300) each.

EHA's team advised the father to send them back to school. They also helped Suraj apply for work with the Bihar construction project, so he can now support his family.



## **Nursing Schools**

EHA also runs 6 nursing schools (some of which are in the process of upgrading to colleges) that offer a pathway out of poverty to young men and women who have few educational options. These schools provide an excellent career path and also bring a fresh supply of nurses into EHA hospitals.





# Mental Illness and Suicide Prevention

Mental illness is vastly undiagnosed and untreated in rural India. Often, providing evaluation and medication can transform a life. Those in desperate straits will sometimes drink pesticides in an attempt to end their life. EHA nurses these patients back to life and strives to educate villagers in better life solutions.

#### Saved from Suicide

Rameshwar had given up. Just 28 years old, he became intoxicated and attempted suicide by drinking a pesticide. His loved ones rushed him to Champa Christian Hospital, where he was placed on ventilation because his respiratory muscles were too weak to allow him to breathe. He spent 25 days on the ventilator, during which time he battled pneumonia and other complications. The staff cared for his needs faithfully every step of the way.

Eventually, Rameshwar was able to

be weaned off the ventilator. Gently, the staff probed into why he had attempted suicide, and a counselor met with him a number of times to help him work through his difficulties.

After his discharge, the staff continued to care for Rameshwar through the outpatient department, supporting him both physically and emotionally. Rameshwar is now better able to deal with life's challenges, and he is thankful for the loving care he received at Champa.



## Palliative/Hospice Care

Another area of focus is palliative care for terminally ill patients or those with long-term illnesses, which is not a common practice in India. Often, these people are ignored and neglected by their own families, and EHA Palliative Care staff not only provide care but also instruct family members in how to minister to the patient.



#### Until His Last Breath

Kab was a poor Muslim man who lived with his wife and three children in Chhatarpur. He worked for a trucking company for a very small wage.

Two years ago he discovered a blister in his mouth. A clinic referred him to a cancer hospital, but he had no money, so the sore went untreated. When he could no longer work, his wife did daily jobs so they could eat.

When Kab heard about Chhatarpur Christian Hospital's palliative care services, the team helped him get a government benefits card. They sent him for treatment six hours away, but he could not be treated because of a low hemoglobin level. A member of the palliative care team donated blood so Kab could start chemotherapy.

After chemo, Kab grew weak and was admitted to Chhatarpur Christian Hospital. He was cared for until his last breath, and his financial needs were taken care of by the hospital, the palliative care team, and other palliative patients. Thanks to EHA his children are getting an education and his family is receiving government benefits.

### Primary Healthcare and Surgery

EHA provides primary medical care and surgical interventions to anyone who needs it, regardless of their ability to pay, race, gender, caste, or religion.





### Mother and Child Healthcare

Women and children typically don't receive the best care in Indian society, so EHA advocates for them and works to make sure they have adequate nutrition and prenatal/preventative care.

## **Disaster Relief**

North India often suffers from flooding and sometimes experiences earthquakes. EHA's Disaster Response Team is always at the ready with food, shelter, clean water, and hygiene kits. In addition, the Response Team educates village leaders in how to prepare for and prevent disasters.

#### Displaced by Ethnic Violence

In May, ethnic violence erupted in Manipur in northeast India, causing a serious humanitarian crisis. Over 6,000 people were injured, hundreds killed, and 70,000 displaced from their homes.

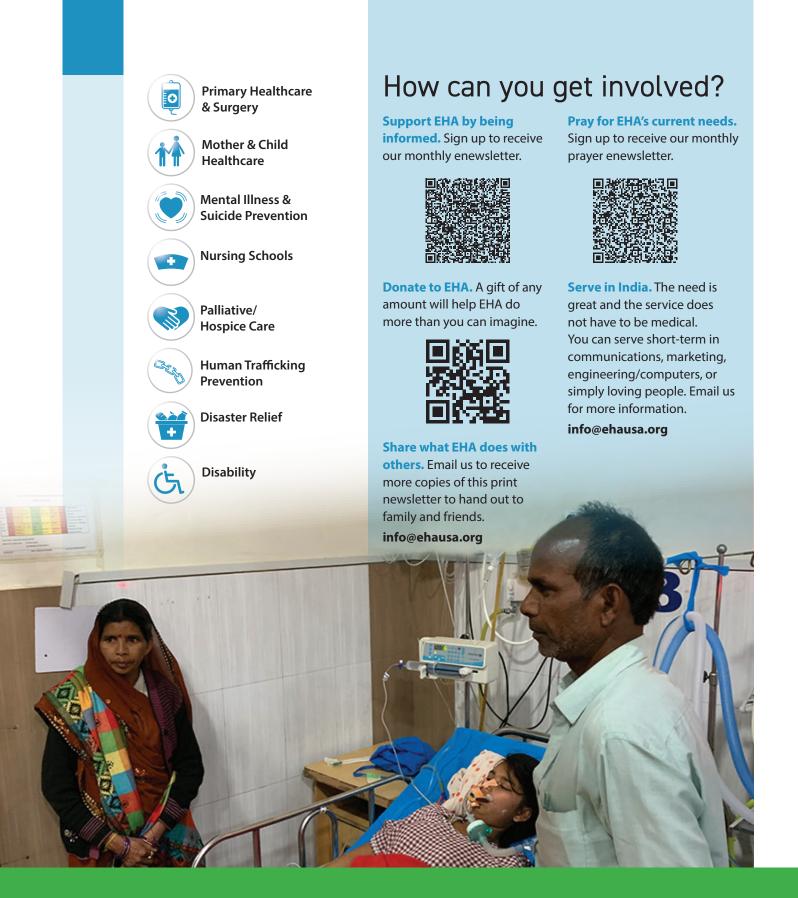
In ensuing months, EHA's disaster team, along with Burrows Memorial Christian Hospital staff, distributed 14,000 pounds of rice, 2,300 pounds of lentils, 3,900 pounds of potatoes, and much more. At least 11,800 people received food, and 10,500 also received health and hygiene kits. Through 20 mobile medical camps, over 2,000 people received treatment.

The situation in Manipur remains tense, and 56,000 people are still in over 360 relief camps. There is an immense need for food, clean water, medical care, medicine, shelter, sanitation, and psychosocial care.

EHA has a six-month plan to work with the government and other agencies to provide medical care and psychosocial support in several larger camps. They are sending teams of doctors for two-week stints to provide healthcare, watch for the spread of disease, train community health workers, and counsel those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods.

This long-term commitment demonstrates EHA's priority to care for those most in need.







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