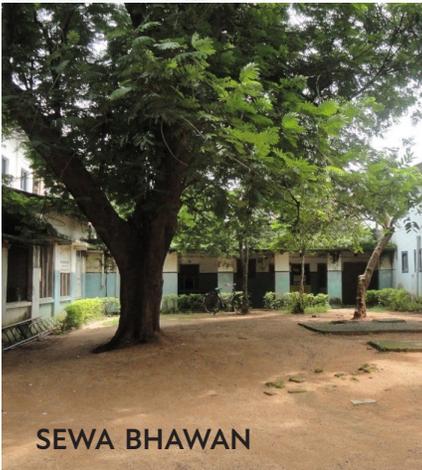
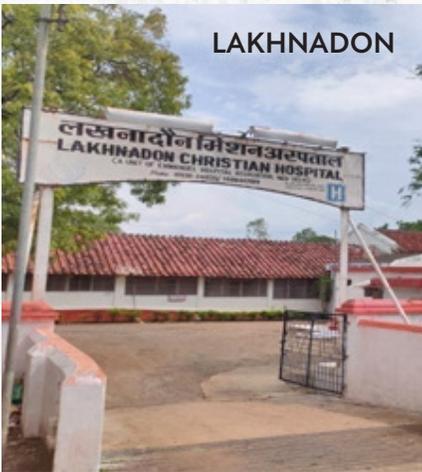


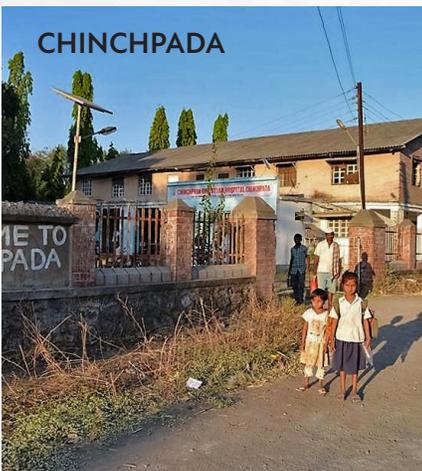
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Focus on the CENTRAL REGION

SERVING THE MARGINALIZED

This issue of our newsletter focuses on the four EHA hospitals in the Central Region of India: **Champa Christian Hospital** and **Sewa Bhawan Hospital** in the state of Chhattisgarh, **Lakhnadon Christian Hospital** in Madhya Pradesh, and **Chinchpada Christian Hospital** in Maharashtra.

These four hospitals are located in the tropical savannah of India, with long, dry periods during winter and spring. In the heat of the summer, they suffer through temperatures up to 120, but in the winter they enjoy 70-degree days. They experience a rainy season from June to September.

In all four of these locations, EHA's hospital staff and community health teams serve people in the surrounding areas faithfully. We hope these stories encourage and educate you about this part of India.





a heart for **WOMEN** *supporting families*

Khushlata is a 35-year-old widow with two children. When her husband died in a car accident, she began working on the cleaning staff at Champa Christian Hospital. Khushlata is the sole supporter of her family, so she hoped for a miracle in her life.

One day she received a call offering her the opportunity to train for six months at Bangalore Baptist Hospital (BBH) to become a home healthcare aide. The staff at Champa offered to continue paying Khushlata's salary during this time. It was an amazing opportunity for the young widow and her family, and at the urging of Champa staff, she agreed to go for the training. Through the coursework she learned English in addition to her healthcare subjects.

Khushlata is now completing an internship at BBH and is working happily. She is so thankful to the Champa staff who encouraged her to pursue this training, as well as for the new opportunities that will now open up in her life. Without Champa's help, she would never have had the chance to better her family's circumstances through this training. Khushlata's story shows just one way EHA is looking out for those who are struggling in their communities, including women who are the sole supporters for their families.

Khushlata is thankful to the Champa staff for this training that changed her life.

BLESSED *with a baby*

Rajan and Laxshmi were married in 2020, and after several years of being unable to conceive, Laxshmi grew depressed. As is typical in India, they first sought help through witchcraft and Hindu worship rituals.

But when they told a coworker about their struggles to have a child, he urged them to come to Champa Christian Hospital for treatment. They took his advice and soon began treatment at the hospital. Champa also has a counseling center where patients and their families can discuss their worries and concerns, so each time the couple came for treatment, they would seek counsel too.

With proper fertility treatment, the couple eventually became the proud parents of a baby boy. They are grateful for the help and wise counsel they received through the Champa staff.



critical SURGERY saves young life

Eight-year-old Darshana came to Sewa Bhawan Hospital in critical condition. She had a serious infection in her lower-right leg, which had caused septic shock and acute injury to her kidneys. Darshana had been unconscious for a day, and her leg was badly swollen. Additionally, she was malnourished, weighing only 29 pounds when she should have weighed at least 44.

The pediatrician learned that Darshana had four sisters and her father had died about the time that the youngest was born. The mother was supporting the family by working in a small shop and doing day labor. When Darshana was born, she had a spinal defect that required immediate surgery, but for financial reasons, she didn't have the operation until age two, and no follow-up was done. Consequently, Darshana had some paralysis in her legs and couldn't walk properly.

Darshana had overwhelming needs, but the medical team took her in for surgery, determined to do what they could for her. Unfortunately, they had to amputate her leg above the knee, but afterwards, she miraculously woke up right away and began speaking.

Darshana is in the hospital for a long stay, with only her older sister to look out for her since her mother needs to care for the three younger girls. The hospital staff are working to improve Darshana's nutrition levels and help her gain weight. Eventually, they will fit her with a prosthesis and give her therapy to adjust to it. All of this medical treatment and loving care is being provided at a significantly reduced cost. It is the doctors' desire to all work together for holistic healing to transform this family, who in turn will encourage others in the community to seek the help available at Sewa Bhawan.



SERVING WELL IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGES

This month we are featuring three medium-sized hospitals and a smaller one that recently reopened. Lakhnadon Christian Hospital had to close its doors for two and a half years because they had no senior medical consultant, but they reopened in January 2022. At each of these hospitals you can see how hard the staff works when you look at the number of patients served per doctor or nurse.

The biggest statistical anomaly is that the staff at Lakhnadon are not able to deliver babies or perform surgery. Indian law requires that in order to deliver babies, a hospital must have an OB/GYN on staff, and an anesthesiologist must be on staff in order for surgeries to be performed. They do have the only psychiatrist in town, so they are able to offer treatment for mental illness and addiction.

A CLOSER LOOK: EHA'S CENTRAL REGION 2021-2022

HOSPITAL	CHAMPA CHRISTIAN	CHINCHPADA CHRISTIAN	LAKHNADON CHRISTIAN	SEWA BHAWAN
Year established	1926	1942	1925	1928
Incorporated into EHA	1974	1976	1974	1974
Number of beds	75	50	20	50
Outpatients	14,400	18,000	11,400	15,900
Inpatients	1,890	2,450	80	4,500
Babies delivered	990	75	0	1,740
Surgeries	470	400	0	1,750
Doctors	8	7	6	10
Nurses	25	25	10	36



counseling through **CANCER**

When Juni noticed a lump in her breast, she thought it was no big deal. But the mass increased and began to cause problems. Eventually, Juni was diagnosed with breast cancer, but because her family's only source of income is a small farm with two cows, she delayed treatment.

When Juni met Lakhnadon Christian Hospital's palliative care team, they urged her to go to the government center for cancer treatment. Juni went in for a mastectomy and eight cycles of chemotherapy.

Afterward, the team visited her home and taught her how to care for her wound. They counseled her and gave her practical advice on healthcare. Juni and her family are grateful for their care and concern, and they are happy for the team to continue visiting and helping to improve Juni's quality of life.



CONQUERING *Lupus*

Diya suffered interminably from lupus, an autoimmune disease that causes the body's immune system to attack its own tissues. But in Diya's family, faith meant relying solely on prayers for healing, without seeking medical intervention. But when her condition deteriorated to a critical point, Diya pleaded to be taken to the hospital.

Her family turned to Chinchpada Christian Hospital, where the staff stepped in to provide the specialized lupus treatments Diya urgently needed. Through dedicated care and expertise, they guided Diya on her path to recovery, monitoring her progress and offering support. Today Diya's skin as well as her strength have been restored, and her spirit shines brighter than ever.



THANK YOU *for your support*

EHA staff are touching the lives of many patients in Central India. They not only provide medical care, but also look after other aspects of their patients' well-being. We are so grateful for the support you provide to make this care possible. To help with ongoing needs, go to <https://ehausa.org/donate/> and click Where Most Needed.



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