



Compassionate care for underprivileged communities

Prem Sewa Hospital at a Turning Point

Prem Sewa Hospital (PSH) staff are thrilled to be experiencing a fresh start. With two ophthalmic surgeons, a new OB/GYN, and a new junior doctor, the hospital has reopened the inpatient department, renewed its eye surgeries, and resumed delivering babies and performing needed C-sections. Having both departments functioning again is critical to keeping the doors open at Prem Sewa.



Dr. Versha, Dr. Jeena, Dr. Jennifer, Dr. Paominlien

PSH was founded in 1966 by the Central India Christian Mission, and **the staff were grateful to celebrate the hospital's 60th anniversary this year.** What began as a small clinic with 12 beds has grown into a facility with 35 beds, three doctors, one junior doctor, and 15 nurses.

Much of the hospital's infrastructure is designed for eye services and OB/GYN care. For three and a half years, its obstetric and gynecologic services were shut down due to the absence of an OB/GYN. A lone surgeon managed the inpatient department (IPD) for two of those years, but after he left, the department remained closed for nearly two years.

Unfortunately, during those difficult years, staff members often went without a salary. The hospital's buildings are quite old, and the roof of the outpatient department is falling in.

In addition, two key pieces of eye equipment would significantly support the ophthalmic surgeons in their work. These challenges are why we are reaching out to you for help. Prem Sewa Hospital is at a turning point with new staff, and they need support and financial assistance to move forward. **Will you join us in supporting them?**

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Building a New Foundation

New Doctor Shares Her Story

by Dr. Jeena

In June, I joined Prem Sewa Hospital in Utraula. The first few weeks were some of the toughest of my professional life.

Walking into a hospital that had been struggling for years was overwhelming. Introducing change often met with resistance, and there were days when I found myself asking, **"Why did I come here?"** The pressure has been immense.

Our inpatient services had been closed for almost three years. Today, we are slowly rebuilding them. We have restarted normal deliveries and emergency cesarean sections, taking one step at a time. Every woman who comes into labour reminds me that **I carry the responsibility for two lives**—the mother and her baby—with no immediate specialist backup.

One experience, in particular, will stay with me forever. A young mother who had suffered three heartbreaking miscarriages came to us. During her evaluation at our hospital, she was diagnosed with a complicated condition. Later, she underwent an emergency caesarean section here in Utraula and delivered a healthy baby boy. When his family heard his first cry, they broke down in tears.

They had watched us care for her before the surgery, in the labour room, and again inside the operating theatre. Afterwards, the mother said something I will carry with me for the rest of my life: **"We found hope in the midst of hopelessness through this hospital."**



Dr. Versha and Dr. Jeena with the newborn

Those words made every difficult day worthwhile.

That little boy is my miracle baby. Every time I see him, I am reminded that hope is already at work in this hospital. **We don't wait for perfect infrastructure, abundant resources, or ideal circumstances. We work through ordinary people who are willing to serve faithfully.**

These first months have exhausted me, challenged me, humbled me, and stretched my faith in ways I never expected.

Yet they have also reminded me that miracles happen. **Sometimes the restoration of a place begins with a single life that changes everyone's perspective.**

I don't know what lies ahead for Prem Sewa Hospital. There is still so much to rebuild, so much to improve, and many more challenges to face. But today, I have hope.

Years from now, when this hospital is full of life again, I hope to look back on these difficult first months and remember them not for the exhaustion or the obstacles, but for the way **they became the foundation of something far greater than any of us could see.**



The Gift of Sight

Cataract Surgery Brings Sight to the Blind

Munni's vision began to fade so gradually she barely noticed it. Like many thousands of older adults living in remote villages around Utraula, she did nothing at first. But over time, her cataracts grew so thick and opaque that **she could see light only when it was shined directly into her eyes.**

By the time she came to Prem Sewa Hospital, her condition was quite advanced. The ophthalmic surgeons examined her and prepared for a difficult surgery. All went well, and Munni's sight was



restored. She was deeply grateful for the chance to see again and expressed her appreciation to the surgeons.

Access to this procedure is quite limited in rural India, but EHA hospitals provide cataract surgery for thousands of patients each year. **Supporting Prem Sewa helps restore sight for people like Munni**, giving them the opportunity to live, work, and move through their communities with confidence again.

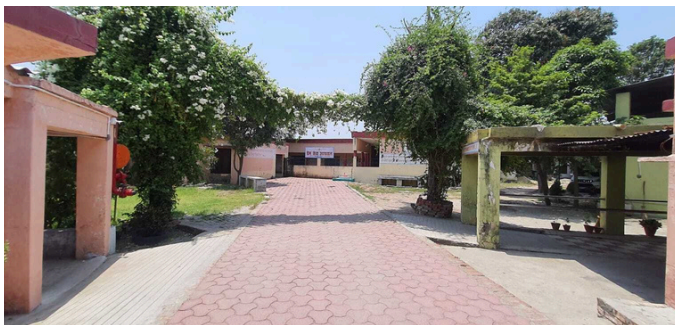


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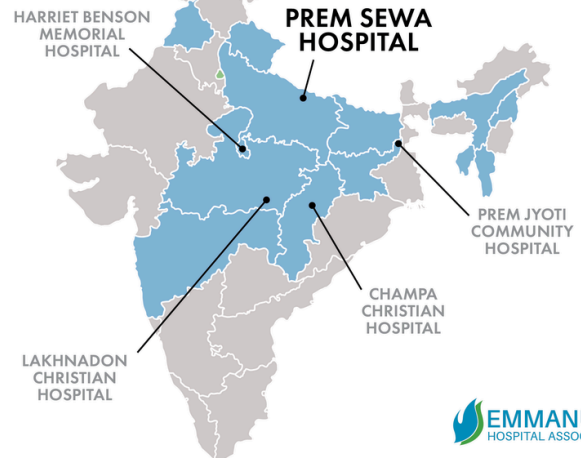
- Medical Staff: 3 doctors, 1 junior doctor, 15 nurses
- Specialties: Ophthalmology, OB/GYN
- Outpatients: 39,000
- Inpatients: 1,100
- Surgeries: 1,100
- Deliveries: 300
- Palliative patients: 153/mo.

Areas of Focus to Renew Hope

- Strength and wisdom for the new OB/GYN doctor as she leads her department
- Additional physicians including an anesthetist, a pediatrician, a general physician, and several nurses
- For palliative services to continue serving those who need care in the community



RENEWING HOPE LOCATIONS



NEEDS AT A GLANCE

- Operating table for general surgeries
- Humphrey Field Analyzer that measures a patient's entire field of vision
- PHACO machine used in cataract surgery
- Additional staff, including an anesthesiologist, a pediatrician, a general physician, and several nurses
- Financial provision for several years of unpaid staff salaries (\$118,000)

