RENEWING HOPE

Compassionate care for underprivileged communities

Champa Christian Hospital Fights to Stay Open

In spite of struggling to stay above water for the past three years, Champa Christian Hospital celebrated its 100th anniversary this year. **A lack of medical professionals, financial struggles, and a drastic decline in patient services has brought this hospital to the brink of closure.** But the recent addition of an OB/GYN, a radiologist, and a junior doctor, as well as a seasoned administrator, has infused new hope. Steps are steadily being taken to rebuild connections between the hospital and the community.



Back row: Dr. Jurgen and Dr. Niyah
Middle and front row: Champa nursing team

Over the next three years, **the team plans to rebuild the hospital around core services** such as maternal and child health, emergency care, surgery, and diagnostic testing. They also intend to strengthen their community outreach programs so that healthcare reaches vulnerable populations before illness becomes advanced and untreatable.

Champa's long-term vision is not simply to increase patient numbers, but to ensure that quality healthcare remains accessible regardless of a patient's financial circumstances. They want to **build a hospital where clinical excellence, financial stewardship, and compassionate service work together so that no person is denied timely diagnosis or treatment because of poverty.** Will you join them in working toward this goal?





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The Day Hope Walked In

Difficult TB Case Resolved



by Drs. Jurgen and Niyah

Pooja was far too young to be carrying the weight of the illness that had taken over her life. It began quietly, with persistent abdominal pain and episodes of loose stool. At first, it seemed like something that would pass. But weeks turned into months, and instead of improving, her condition worsened.

Her abdomen began to swell. The pain persisted. Pooja's appetite faded. **Her body, once full of life, began to waste away.** Her family sought help wherever they could—local clinics, hospitals, traditional healers. Test after test was done, treatments were tried. But no one could give them a clear answer. No diagnosis. No hope.

Her husband made a quiet but profound decision—he left his job to care for Pooja full-time. Day after day, he watched as the woman he loved grew weaker. Eventually, they returned home and simply waited—believing that nothing more could be done, preparing themselves for the inevitable.

It was during one of Champa Christian Hospital's village visits that a volunteer first met Pooja. What they saw was a life on the brink—severely emaciated, her abdomen distended with fluid, her strength nearly gone. Pooja was brought to Champa.

Their team reviewed everything—her history, her previous investigations, the test results. Tuberculosis had been considered before, but all tests had been negative.

And yet, something urged the staff to look beyond the reports. **In that moment, they made a choice to take a leap of faith. Pooja began treatment for tuberculosis.**

The days that followed were not easy. Her condition fluctuated. There were moments when she seemed to slip further away. **Pooja's body, already so frail, wrestled to endure the treatment.** Through it all, her sweet smile never faded.

But slowly her pain diminished. The fluid in her abdomen began to dissipate. Her strength, though still fragile, showed signs of returning. Pooja focused on the beautiful hope of returning to her child and watching him grow up. During this time her eyes were opened to something greater than what this world could offer.

What once felt like an ending began to look like a new beginning.

Weeks later, Pooja walked out of the hospital—not fully restored, but alive, hopeful, and on the path to healing. Beside her was her husband, no longer just a caregiver in waiting, but a partner in survival.

This was not just a story of medical treatment. It was a story of persistence—of a family that refused to give up, of a team willing to act despite uncertainty, and of the quiet power of hope.



Nowhere Else to Turn

More Than a Blood Transfusion



by Drs. Jurgen and Niyah

Raha arrived at Champa Christian Hospital barely able to breathe. A young woman, pale and exhausted, she was brought in with severe breathlessness, chest pain, and profound weakness. **Raha's oxygen levels were dangerously low, and one look at her told the medical team she was critically ill.**

For years, she had suffered from severe menstrual bleeding. She had visited numerous healthcare facilities and had received blood transfusions, but no one had determined why the bleeding kept returning. **By the time Raha reached Champa, she had nowhere else to turn.** The doctors knew she needed urgent treatment. Yet Champa did not have the kind of intensive care unit required. What the staff lacked in equipment, however, they made up for with determination.

Over the next several days, Raha received multiple blood transfusions and her hemoglobin began to rise. But despite the transfusions, Raha continued to bleed. Her blood struggled to clot, and her critically low platelet count made every drop precious. Surgery was simply too dangerous. Conventional options were running out.

Faced with no good choices, the team relied on ingenuity and experience. A Foley catheter balloon was used as a uterine dressing material to help control the bleeding. It was a simple solution, but in that moment, it was a lifesaver.

As Raha's condition stabilized, the doctors were able to step back and investigate the cause of her suffering. **For the first time, the pieces of the puzzle began to fit.** Detailed evaluation revealed a large benign uterine tumor—the hidden culprit.

With continued treatment and careful monitoring, Raha's strength gradually returned. The breathlessness eased. **The woman who had arrived fighting for every breath began to smile again.**

Today, Raha is doing well. Her family remains deeply grateful—not only because she survived, but because someone finally found the cause of her suffering and offered a path forward.

This story is not just about blood transfusions, medications, or procedures. It is about a team that chose to act when resources were limited, a family that never lost hope, and a young woman whose life was given another chance.

Sometimes medicine is about having the perfect solution. And sometimes it is about refusing to give up until one is found.

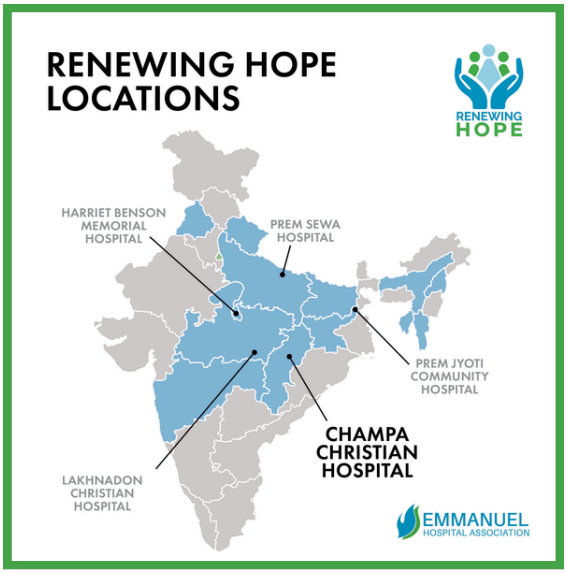
CHAMPA CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

BY THE NUMBERS

- **Medical Staff: 2 doctors, 1 junior doctor, 11 nurses**
- **Specialties: Radiology, OB/GYN**
- **Outpatients: 4,000**
- **Inpatients: 850**
- **Surgeries: 170**
- **Deliveries: 50**
- **Palliative patients: 185/mo.**

Areas of Focus to Renew Hope

- Strength, health, and wisdom for senior staff
- Additional physicians including an anesthetist, a surgeon, a general physician, a pediatrician, and several nurses; paramedical staff including a radiographer, lab technicians, and operating room technicians
- Mental health community project and palliative care work; to be relevant to the needs of Champa's community
- Financial provision for several years of unpaid staff salaries ($126,000)







NEEDS AT A GLANCE

- **Operating table, Allen stirrups, lithotripsy machine, anesthesia work station**
- **OB/GYN hysteroscope, labor room beds**
- **NICU setup including 5 baby cradles, phototherapy/UV lamp units, infant warmers**
- **CT scanner, portable X-ray machine, reusable ultrasound needle guide**
- **2-ton air conditioners**
- **Renovation of old staff housing with cracked walls and leaking roofs**
- **Sufficient electricity and water supply for the hospital**

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