

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2007 – 2008

Honourable Chairman , Members of the WUGMC , Invitees and Friends ,

It gives me immense pride to present the annual report of Christian Hospital Diptipur. First of all I would like to thank God for His guidance and blessings which He has showered upon us. Also I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been encouraging and supporting us in our work.

We are thankful to God for using us and giving us the opportunity to do His work among the sick and poor people of the region . Where the majority of people come from a low standard of living and several from below the poverty line category , many poor patients have received uncompromised health care in the hospital . That many a patient has had miraculous recovery from serious illness has made us experience the healing power of God and also taught us that He is supreme and that we are merely His instruments .

At the outset , we also remember our friends , well wishers and relatives all over the world who have always supported us through their encouragement , prayers and financial help without which we would not have been able to carry on with our work .

Very importantly we want to thank all the patients who have visited the hospital and have given us the opportunity to serve and care for them . We have tried our best in reaching out to them and helping them in times of distress , helplessness and pain .

GOLDEN JUBILEE

The hospital celebrated its Golden Jubilee on the 5th of December 2007. We were honoured to have as chief guest the Rt.Rev. Dr.P.P. Marandih , Chairman SBHS and Bishop of Patna Diocese and as guests of honour Ms. Aileen Hagen and Ms.Heather Payne. It was also our honour to have Rt.Rev. Dr. C.K.Das , Rt.Rev. Dr. Samson Das and Rt.Rev. Dr. R. Senapati in our midst.We were also privileged to have Dr. Samuel Kishan, Chief functionary and Secretary , SBHS , Dr. V.K. Henry , Chairman ,ERBHS and Mr.S.K.Masih ,Secretary , ERBHS to grace the occasion. Amidst prayer and thanksgiving it was also a time to remember the contributions of the founders

Rev . L.F.White and Rev.Eric Payne and Ms Betty Payne. The life , sacrifices and work of former missionaries like Rev.Geoffrey Hagen , Rev.J.M.Blackmore , Ray and Margaret Whitfield , Dorothy and Lew Davis , Dr.Paul Deitweiler , Rt.Rev.Lingaraj Tandy were remembered and honoured. It was a memorable time to hear to the rich experiences of Dr. Sukant Singh when he spoke about those times when he and Dr.Shirin started their medical career here as the first Indian doctors. It was also the time to remember and acknowledge the tireless efforts and contributions of Dr. Dalaganjan Suna who had led the hospital to be one of the state's renowned Ophthalmic Centres.

The hospital would like to thank everyone who contributed and supported us in making the Jubilee a memorable occasion.

WORK DURING 2007 – 2008

Work during the year has been very hectic . We continue to attract a large number of new patients , who come to the hospital from as far as Bargarh , Bolangir and beyond Padampur . We should reach out more to the community through outreach programs as there are still many regions where healthcare is not accessible due to inaccessible roads. We continue to reach out to the Leprosy colony in partnership with the Self Help Groups managed by the Catholic Church.

This region still abounds with Malaria , Tuberculosis , Sickle cell anemia and Gastroenteritis. Patients with these diseases still form the load of medical patients visiting the hospital.

There has been a worrisome drop in the number of patients coming to the hospital. The lack of doctors in this rural setting is the most concerning thought. The hospital very very badly needs the services of a Surgeon and an Ophthalmologist.

We also thank Dr V.K . Henry and Mrs .Nancy Henry who have always been there to guide us in our work and also raise the level of nursing care in the hospital.

OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

Second Sight UK has chosen Diptipur as partners in eradication of cataract blindness in the region. We thank the efforts of Dr.Lucy Mathen , Ms.Linda Brown and the Sawitri Waney Charitable Trust in this venture. We thank Dr.Ashwini Meherda and Dr.Jacob Koshy who have come down to Diptipur to hold several camps. We also thank Second Sight for their financial support and their resources , and also for helping the hospital acquire a vehicle which is being used for screening and patient services during the camps. We hope to have several camps this year covering the neighbouring districts of Bolangir and Nuapada.

STAFF

We were very happy to have Dr.Oliver Austin Paul join as the residential ophthalmologist. The department was gathering pace . With mixed feelings we had to bid him goodbye after he completed his contract.

We welcome the following staff who have joined the hospital in the past year :--

Ms.Padmalya Naidu , GNM – { service year } from Zenana , Berhampur.

The following staff have left the hospital in the past year :--

After superannuation :

Mr.Nabin Banchor , Community Health Worker , after 32 yrs of service ,

Mr.Pandaba Nag , Class IV worker , 13 years of service ,

Ms.Mukhi Dip , Ward aid , 24 yrs of service , and

Mr Nayan Dip , Cashier cum Clerk , 30 yrs of service.

We thank them for their contribution to the hospital and wish them a happy and blessed retired life.

The following staff left the hospital for better prospects :

Ms.Anita Bishoyi , GNM .

Ms.Samikhya Rani Kumar , GNM .

Ms. Minu Dash , GNM .

Mr.Pramod Sagar .

We acknowledge and thank them for their work and wish them best for their future.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The hospital would like to thank the CNI Church , Diptipur for welcoming the hospital and allowing us to participate in its activities . On the occasion of the anniversary of the hospital's revival, the staff held a thanksgiving service in the church . Also during the Healing Ministry week of the CMAI , daily meditations on “Let not your heart be troubled – a call to positive living” were held in the hospital and the staff also led the service on the Healing Ministry Sunday .

EQUIPMENT , RENOVATION AND GIFTS

The Eric Payne Fund : The hospital acquired one SIEMENS Mobile Xray , the Oxygen Concentrator , Electrocautery , Suction apparatus , and 2 patient beds from this fund received from the Payne family. These were inaugurated by Ms. Heather Payne and dedicated by the Bishop Rt.Rev. Dr. C.K. Das.

Common Global Ministries, Ms. Dorothy and Mr.Lew Davis : For their continual and valuable support to the hospital we thank CGM and the Davises for their contributions in rebuilding the hospital. By this we have begun the much needed renovations of the Eye Department , the Laboratories , and the Operation Theatres. Work is on progress in acquiring the transformer for the hospital.

Mrs. Sunithy and Mr. Victor Jayakaran of Chennai : The hospital is indebted to them for their contribution , this helped the hospital when it was in a situation of debts and liabilities. We are very grateful to them for encouraging us and supporting us in our work.

Ms.Aileen Hagen and Ms. Linda Atkinson : The hospital is obliged and grateful to them for their contributions and would also like to thank the Marshalswick Baptist Free Church and the Wantage Evangelical Church for their support and encouragement. We would also like to thank **Dr.Mathews Mathai , Dr.Roopa Kurien and Ms.Sunita Balakumar** who have contributed towards the work in the hospital.

At this point I would like to repeat some of the hospital demands still need to be met with :--

- (1) The laundry has to be repaired – at present we are managing with a firewood lit stove and manually washed linen. We need to change to a fully mechanised laundry .
- (2) Construction of toilets and bathrooms for the General private rooms and repairs of all the bathrooms & toilets.
- (3) Repair, renovation and painting of the staff houses, Director's Bungalow and Doctors' house complex.
- (4) An ambulance for patients' services and outreach programmes.
- (5) A new generator as replacement for the old ones.
- (6) The hospital premises are still insecure as we have not been able to repair the broken boundary wall.
- (7) A Photocopier cum scanner for the office.

VISITORS

The following people visited the hospital in the past year .

- 1) The hospital was privileged to have as visitors **Dr.Richard Bird , Mr. Paul Thirer , Ms. Dru Ridley , and Mr Luke Bird** from **St.James Church , London** and **Mr. Manjit Joseph** from **Delhi** as volunteers. We are very thankful to them for their visit and were very enriched and influenced by their lives and their work.

2) It was a memorable time to have **Ms.Elizabeth Hicks ne Payne** and **Dr. Colin Hicks** visiting Diptipur. During the time of sharing we were all touched by the narrative of Ms. Elizabeth who remembered the work done by her parents in establishing the hospital and the sacrifices the family had to bear for it. It was a pleasure to have Ms. Heather Payne accompanying them to Diptipur and along with the Bishop were able to join for the Christmas fellowship at the hospital.

3) **Ms.Aileen Hagen and Ms. Linda Atkinson.**

4) **Dr .Lucy Mathen , CEO and Founder , Second Sight and Ms.Linda Rosie Brown.**

OUR THANKS

A special thanks to Mr. Pradip Kumar Das , Mr Uday Puri and all the staff at Evangel Printers , Cuttack . We thank them for supporting us with the hospital stationary. We also thank them for making the Souvenir of the Golden Jubilee a success story and for providing it to us in a very short time.

CONCLUSION

As I come to the conclusion of this report I want to thank all the staff of the hospital and Dr.Ipsita Deep who have helped me with the smooth functioning of the hospital .

I also thank those people who are far away and unknown to us , but always support and pray for the work being done in the hospital .

I also thank my family who have supported me in my work and have always been there at tough times .

Finally , I thank God Almighty for His immense grace and blessings without which I would not have been able to accomplish .

I would like to conclude my report with the following lines by **Thomas O. Chisholm...**

**“Great is Thy faithfulness ,
Morning by morning new mercies I see ,
All I have needed ,
Thy hand hath provided ,
Great is Thy faithfulness ,
Lord , Unto me ...”**

Sincerely Yours ,
Dr . Rajnish Samal . MD.
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Christian Hospital , Diptipur .

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**CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL , DIPTIPUR.
ANNUAL STATISTICS -- 2006 ,2007 & 2008 .**

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>2005 - 2006</u>	<u>2006 - 2007</u>	<u>2007- 2008</u>
OUTDOOR			
Total Attendance	9415	9953	8283
Male	3734	4312	3466
Female	4456	4306	3757
Children	1225	1335	1060
Old Patients	5771	5887	4702
New Patients	3644	4066	3581
Daily Average	30.6	32.3	26.9
INDOOR			
Admission	1133	1236	956
Male	390	463	286
Female	500	529	458
Children	243	244	217
Expired	24	47	24
Total Inpatient days	5812	5765	4462
Daily Average	3.1	3.4	2.6
Average Stay	5.1	4.7	4.7
DPA	15.75	15.4	12.5
OPERATIONS			
General	340	295	200
Major	117	130	88
Minor	223	165	112
Eye			
Base Hospital	132	141	407
Camp	--	--	--
DIAGNOSTICS			
X—Ray	495	580	410
Ultrasound	174	113	207
ECG	--	95	24
Laboratory	5525	7459	5926
MATERNITY			
Deliveries	174	156	155
STAFF			
Doctors	2	2	2
Nursing Supervisor	1	1	1
Nurses	5	5	4
ANM	3	3	3
Lab. Technician	2	2	2
Ophthalmic Asst.	5	5	5
Ophthalmic Worker	4	4	3
Administ. Staff	4	4	4
Others	18	18	16
TOTAL	44	44	40