

## 15000 BLS Training programme with Kristu Jayanti College



BBH and Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore, have partnered to train 15,000 college students in Basic Life Support (BLS) skills, ensuring that the community is equipped with essential life-saving skills. Through this extensive collaboration, BBH and KJC aim to equip students from across India with vital skills such as CPR and other BLS techniques.

At the launch of this significant initiative on August 23, Fr. Dr. Augustine George, the principal, remarked, "We have found a partner in BBH to extend life-saving skills to the community. This is a pioneering approach being implemented on such a large scale among college students in India." The event was marked by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Dr. Spurgeon, Dr. Roopa, Mr. Sunny, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Uday, symbolizing the beginning of a great endeavor.



### World Breastfeeding Week

The Paediatric Department of Bangalore Baptist Hospital celebrated World Breastfeeding Week on the 1st of August. The event emphasized the importance of breastfeeding for both mothers and infants, highlighting its numerous health benefits. Through various activities and educational sessions, the department aimed to raise awareness and encourage the practice of breastfeeding among new mothers and the broader community.



### BBH Joined IMA's Nation wide Protest

In solidarity with the nationwide protest against the horrific rape and murder of a doctor in Kolkata, Bangalore Baptist Hospital (BBH) closed its outpatient services on Saturday, August 17th. BBH expressed deep concern over the safety of doctors and the increasing instances of violence against healthcare professionals. This action aligns with the broader movement led by the Indian Medical Association (IMA), which has seen widespread participation from medical institutions nationwide, demanding justice and improved safety measures for doctors. The Times of India wrote "... about 300 doctors protested in silence inside the hospital precincts. They held up placards, one of which read, 'She Saved Lives, Who Protected Her? Similarly, resident doctors and staff of Baptist Hospital in Hebbal....held silent protests on their campus."



### Fight Childhood Cancer

"Lighting Hope," a special fundraising event, was held on June 29th, 2024, to support children battling cancer. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with exceptional and encouraging support received from the community.

### Women Deaddiction Camp



A 10 day, women alcohol de-addiction camp was conducted by Community Health Department at Devanahalli campus in partnership with Alcoholic Anonymous. With medical therapy, psychological counselling, psychiatric consultation, family counselling services 11 Women came out of alcohol addiction. They also received life skill sessions, financial literacy sessions and

learned to care for self. Though the participants were trying to escape the camp in the first few days, they did not want to leave the camp at the end of 10 days. On the valedictory day, our director, Dr Spurgeon spent time with all the participants and wished them Gods blessings to continue on their journey of reformation.

# Janapriya Opens Information Centre in Hindupur



The primary goal of Janapriya Healthcare is to expand access to healthcare for marginalized communities and those in need. We want everyone to feel comfortable reaching out to BBH healthcare outlets, whether located on the BBH campus or in the rural and urban peripheries of Bangalore. In addition to our doctors and nurses, clinical chaplains play a crucial role in guiding patients to the appropriate specialties at BBH, ensuring they receive the right care and support.

One of the hallmarks of our clinic is that anyone can consult a doctor for a nominal fee of Rs. 30. Further treatment, if required, is provided with an appropriate subsidy based on the patient's ability to pay. Currently, we operate a daily clinic on the BBH campus and hold periodic clinics in Lazar Layout, Chikkajala, Boopsandra, and Hindupur.

The Janapriya Clinic on the BBH campus currently serves about 40 to 50 patients daily. We have noticed a steady increase in the number of patients coming from Hindupur, Andhra Pradesh. In response, we have opened an Information Centre there, led by a local social worker, to help guide patients and facilitate their transportation to BBH for treatment.



## Family matters!

This year, the BBH Family Week centered around the theme: "Nanna Kutumba: My Strength." The Patient Counseling Department organized various events for staff and students, including skits and an extempore competition, all aimed at celebrating the institution of family. Through these activities, the teams highlighted both the challenges and brokenness that families can face, as well as the healing that godliness can bring to our homes. Additionally, a special Family Enrichment Seminar was held on July 26th, featuring Mr. Brighton Anbu, Director of Urban India Ministries, as the resource person. He spoke on the theme: "Building Trust in the Family."



## Partnering in the Healing Mission

"We are truly appreciative of the leadership team's commitment at BBH to support the rural mission hospitals. We are grateful for this support and collaboration between our institutions and we look forward to continuing this partnership in the future" remarked the Director of Christian Hospital Chattarpur. MP.

Since January 2024, our Medical Mission has visited several hospitals, including Christian Fellowship Hospital in Oddanchattram, UMRI Christian Hospital, SMH Hospital in Ranipet, Herbertpur Christian Hospital in Uttarakhand, Jeevan Jyothi Christian Hospital in Robertsgunj, UP, Asha Kiran Hospital in Orissa, Lady Wellington Hospital

in Manali, Himachal Pradesh, Mary Lott Lyles Hospital Madanapalle and ETCM Hospital in Kolar. Mary Lott Lyles Hospital, Madanapalli, Christian Hospital Chhatarpur – MP, Subbamma Mission Hospital, AP and Mobile Medical Mission to Burrows Memorial Christian Hospital, Assam.

We are especially grateful to Dr. Alexander Daniel, Dr. Jude, Dr. Joel Chakravarthy, Dr. Janani, Dr. Nalini, Dr. Priyanka, Dr. Anika Sharon, Dr. Nikitha Biju, Dr. Sandra Everest and Dr. Jeffrey Daniel Mathew for their dedicated service to these hospitals. Recently, we have also extended our support to two EHA hospitals, addressing their specific needs.

# Bereavement



**Dr. Robert (Bob) H. Carman**, aged 92, passed away on August 10th, 2024. Dr. Carman was a beloved friend of Bangalore Baptist Hospital, where he served as a Lab Consultant. His passion for music and commitment to service also shone through as he directed the Medichoir, leaving a lasting impact on the hospital's community.



**William Cordell Mason**, the first Hospital Administrator of Bangalore Baptist Hospital from the International Mission Board, passed away on July 2nd, 2024, at the age of 86. Serving from 1974 to 1978, he and his family lived in Bangalore, significantly contributing to the hospital's early development and legacy. His dedication and service to the hospital and community are fondly remembered, leaving a lasting impact on the institution and those he served.



**Mr. Christopher Dhinakar**, former Head of the Laboratory Department at Bangalore Baptist Hospital, passed away on August 10th, 2024, at the age of 82. Mr. Dhinakar served the hospital with dedication from June 1973 until November 2003. He was known for his kindness, gentlemanly demeanor, and unwavering professionalism. His integrity and supportive attitude were hallmarks of his distinguished career, and he was always willing to help others.

## Retirement:

We bid farewell to two valued team members:



**Dr. Jayashree Dhareshwar,**

Senior Consultant in Anesthesia, on July 31st, 2024. Dr. Jayashree joined Bangalore Baptist Hospital in the prime of her career as an anesthesiologist, bringing with her a wealth of experience and dedication.



**Ms. Lydia,** a nursing aide who served in the Medical OPD, providing care and support to countless patients over the years.

We are grateful for their contributions and wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

## Golden Jubilee Block

The much-awaited construction of the Golden Jubilee Building is currently in the planning and approval stage. User input regarding requirements and facility mapping has been completed. We are in the final stages of selecting the right architect, PMC, and cost consultant. Our in-house team is actively engaged in this process. The recently opened project office is now leading the initial phase of the action plan.

## Software Development Update

In our ongoing efforts to develop an in-house software solution, we have been building modules progressively over the years. To ensure a comprehensive and timely completion, we have now partnered with a software agency to independently develop several key modules, which will be integrated into our existing system. This approach will also address critical concerns such as speed, data security, and overall performance.

This year-long project officially began on August 1st. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the IT team and all BBH users for embracing this initiative with such enthusiasm.



## Jana Jyothi

Jyothi, a single mother and domestic worker, faced many challenges, including her daughter's epilepsy and caring for her mentally disabled mother. Recently, she developed severe vision problems, making it hard to work. Diagnosed with cataracts, Jyothi was 75% blind in both eyes, but she couldn't afford surgery.

Janapriya Healthcare at Bangalore Baptist Hospital (BBH) found her and arranged for cataract surgery. After successful operations on both eyes, Jyothi joyfully exclaimed, "My goodness, now I can see everything!"

Inspired by stories like Jyothi's, BBH launched the 'Jana Jyothi' project to help those suffering from cataract blindness. The initiative conducts eye screenings in remote Karnataka, bringing eligible patients for surgery. BBH offers a 90% concession on the surgery cost, but additional expenses for food, transportation, and medical needs still need funding.

For just Rs. 8,000, you can sponsor a cataract surgery and transform a life. Donations to Jana Jyothi are tax-exempt under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act. To support this cause, call or WhatsApp 9483015616.



## CCTV Room Inauguration

Bangalore Baptist Hospital recently inaugurated an advanced technology CCTV room, enhancing its security infrastructure. The new facility is equipped with state-of-the-art surveillance systems, ensuring comprehensive monitoring and safety across the hospital premises. This upgrade underscores the hospital's commitment to providing a secure environment for patients, staff, and visitors. This facility was inaugurated by Cmdr. Prem Reuben (Retd.), the Administrator of Clarence High School.



## Bagepally one-day clinic

BBH is extending its healthcare outreach to remote areas of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Last month, the Janapriya one-day clinic was held in the village of Bagepalli, where basic medical services are scarce. Hosted in a small church, the villagers warmly received the clinic. The event's success was due to the local church's enthusiastic voluntary leadership, which was crucial in drawing the community together for much-needed medical care.



Bagepally Church



### Dr. Indira Menon - NBE Teacher Par Excellence Award

Bangalore Baptist Hospital (BBH) proudly congratulates Dr. Indira Menon, Senior Consultant in Critical Care Medicine, for being honoured as one of the best doctor-teachers in the state by the Association of National Board Accredited Institutions (ANBAI). This prestigious recognition was bestowed upon her during the Karnataka State Conclave 2024, held at Bangalore Baptist Hospital. Dr. Indira Menon's dedication to excellence in medical education and patient care has made her a beacon of inspiration within the healthcare community. Well done, Dr. Indira!



### The former director's way of giving!

What comes to mind when thinking of giving your best to BBH? Dr. Santosh Benjamin, who once served as the Director and CEO of the hospital, chose to dedicate himself to teaching anatomy to nursing students. Despite being an experienced senior consultant surgeon, he found this lesser-known 'mission' to be even more meaningful. Kudos to this unsung hero!



### BBH Partners with DPDL Super Cup

In August 2024, Bangalore Baptist Hospital (BBH) proudly served as the official healthcare provider for the Double Pass Development League (DPDL) Super Cup. Held at the Dravid Padukone Centre for Sports Excellence, the tournament attracted approximately 3,000 athletes. BBH ensured the athletes' safety and well-being by deploying a dedicated medical team, which included an advanced life support ambulance, a physiotherapist, and a nurse.

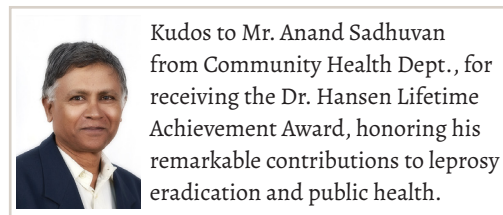


### Admin Committee Retreat

The Admin Committee recently rejuvenated its focus during a retreat on the 17th and 18th August, led by Mr. Mohan Patnaik. The retreat, centered on the theme "Building Each Other to Build Others," emphasized teamwork and mutual support as essential for effectively serving and uplifting others.



Chaplain KK Abraham hoisted the flag on Independence Day 2024




Kudos to Mr. Anand Sadhuvan from Community Health Dept., for receiving the Dr. Hansen Lifetime Achievement Award, honoring his remarkable contributions to leprosy eradication and public health.

### The Fact Corner

President of India, **Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed** visited Bangalore Baptist Hospital in 1976 and commended its dedication and service to humanity.



Staff children were honored with Merit Awards



It is with great joy that I share with you the modest yet significant endeavors that the Lord has entrusted to Bangalore Baptist Hospital. Mother Teresa, often referred to as the "Saint of the Gutters," once said, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can all do small things with great love." At Bangalore Baptist Hospital, we strive to be responsive to the needs of those who seek our care, aiming to demonstrate love and compassion while tending to the needy and the ailing. Your partnership is invaluable to us, and we hope this brief update will encourage you to continue praying for the mission of BBH. Thank you for your unwavering support.

*"Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies" - Psalms 35:6*

**Dr Spurgeon, Director (CEO)**  
Bangalore Baptist Hospital



24 Hour Stadium Run, BBH was the official medical partners of NEB sports



World Environment Day 2024



Dr Ali Khwaja led a special session on Patient Communication