

Spasnama
Honorable Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur
Member National Assembly

Honorable Chief Guests Rt. Rev. Kaleem John Bishop of Hyderabad Diocese and Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur Member National Assembly and respectable guests and friends of Kunri Christian Hospital. I welcome you all in this august inauguration ceremony. I am privileged to be on stage on this wonderful day to deliver a spasnama'. First of all, on behalf of each and every member of team of KCH. I would like to thank-you for coming here .

Respected Sir, It is my duty that I should present Kunri Christian Hospital (KCH) history in a lucid manner. How it came into being with what goals and objectives. Kunri Christian Hospital (KCH) has been serving in a rural and tribal desert area, deficient in basic health facilities since 1962. The idea to provide basic health facilities was originally conceived by His Excellency Rt. Rev. Bishop Chandra Roy. He appealed to Girl Guides Britain foundation for assistance for mobile hospital activities in 1960. BMMF (Bible Medical and Missionary Fellowship) provided sufficient qualified medical staff for the same. The areas which were served by mobile hospital were Tajpur/Nasarpur, Jamesabad Umerkot, and Rattanabad. This was a well-known, complete mobile hospital, known as Christian Caravan Hospital.

After 15 years, it was felt that due to harsh climatic conditions equipment of Caravan became inefficient and was difficult to move, and a permanent place should be selected for mobile hospital. The building of what is now known as KCH had been erected at the request of Fatima Mission hospital staff some years previously. BMMF requested his Excellency Rt. Rev. Bishop Bonaventure permission for Christian Caravan Hospital staff to use the said building and for permission to expand it. In this way Rural Health Care Project (RHCP) was initiated. Assistance was provided by ICCO Holland, Christophilus Blind Mission (CBM), Oxfam, Tear Fund, World Vision, Church World Services and Bible Medical and Missionary Fellowship (BMMF). The hospital provided hope for poor patients of area. Many blind people got their vision back after successful eye surgery; many children were born through normal deliveries and c-sections. Many dying patients survived after proper treatment and management by excellent service of doctors and hard work of paramedical staff. The community based health programme of hospital did an excellent service by giving vaccines to children and providing awareness to community concerning serious diseases like hepatitis, polio, malaria and diarrhea.

The first medical director of Rural Health Care Project (RHCP) was Dr. Philip Simms FRCS and first Medical Superintendent (MS) was Dr. W. Ralph Heaton, who was an eye specialist and surgeon. Within a few years hospital became famous not only in Sindh but throughout Pakistan and was a symbol of identification for Kunri and an evidence of Christian faith. Prominent staff members were Dr. Margaret Robson, receiver of pride of performance award from then president of Pakistan General Zia-ul-Haq. Sister Eileen Taylor and Sister Margaret Hobbs also served compassionately with full commitment and dedication.

In 1977 Mr. Uermia became administrator of KCH; after him Dr. Ian Lacy served as Project Director and Dr. Jocelyn Williams as Medical Director; Mr. Stewart and Mr. David Dewan also served as Administrator. Dr. Don Curry served as Medical Director. Dr. Philomena served as Medical Superintendent and Mr. Paul Johnson as Managing Director. Dr. Bill McKelvie served as Medical Superintendent. He later played an important role in establishing TB care centres in far-flung areas of Sindh province. In 1988 hospital was formally named Kunri Christian Hospital. In 2002 Dr. Jacob Zahiruddin was appointed as MS. At the moment the current management is serving with an objective to revive previous glorious status of KCH, a plant grown and nurtured by the above-mentioned dedicated personalities. We need support and guidance from all.

The present staff is comprised of 40 individuals among 2 lady Medical Officers and 1 pediatrician and 1 internal medicine doctor is serving. Since the hospital's inception there has been a Nurse Aide training program at KCH. In 1991 Midwifery School of Nursing was also established. The vaccination department of KCH is providing vaccines to children with an objective to prevent fatal diseases in collaboration with Government of Pakistan Expanded Program for Immunization. Community Based Health Program is being run on self supporting basis. In CBHP free medical camps and awareness-raising events are organized. KCH became an institute which was equipped to deal with all sorts of medical problems.

KCH has been serving humanity since 1962 with an objective to alleviate health- related problems, and assist government of Pakistan in creating a healthier and better environment for people of Pakistan in general and Sindh in particular. The management believe in a policy of self reliance and believes that action speaks louder than words. In 2011 we have received a medical supplies container and purchased an ambulance for KCH

The hospital was previously comprised of more than 100 beds, but has now been reduced to only 20 beds because of the dearth of financial and human resources.

We at KCH recognize importance of establishing long and lasting relationships with the community. We indeed value your contribution, and together with the expertise, commitment and dedication of our employees, we can work in tandem for the general well-being of our community.

We would like to thankyou Mr Zulfiqar Mughal, Mr Ismail and Mr Shafaqat for their support during the renovation work and last but not least all staff members who are spirit and backbone of the institute.

We are thankful to Nawab Muhammad Taimur Talpur for announcing grant for the renovation of the KCH . The management has strived to do the durable work and has performed the work of Rs.1.7 million. Though the grant was of 1 million. It is requested to honourable Nawab Yousaf sahib that if possible keeping in view the quality of work please revise the estimate of the grant.

We would like to bring under your kind notice two issues which are being faced by the management 1) Encroachment around the boundary wall and main gate of KCH and No. 2). Sewerage line issue as we are 5 ft. below the road level.

It is requested that please consider our request. We have a lot of expectations from you sir and we know that you would support health care unit of your constituency and in the long run the poor patients would get benefit.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Naveed Khurram
Administrator
Kunri Christian Hospital

Pictorial View of Visit of Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur to KCH in May 2008



