

NEW VISION CHANGED MY LIFE FROM HELL TO HEAVEN.

One day a local person of Lamahi Mr. Santu Ram Chaudhary saw an old man inside a empty drainage pipe. He was very old with shabby cloth, long hair and nails. When he approached near him he smelled very badly. Mr. Santu Ram Chaudhary soon figured out that he was completely blind with both eyes. Mr. Santu Ram took him to his home, helped him to improve his personal hygiene and asked him about his personal life.



He was Mr. Tulsi Ram Chaudhary. He was born on 1933 in Mohanpur, Kailali district (far western region) in a bonded labour family with two siblings. His parents were died when he was very young. Being born in a bonded labour family he also spent his most of the life as a bonded labour serving other people. He was married but his wife got seriously ill soon after their marriage. He tried to save his wife's life taking Rs, 12.000 loan from his master but unfortunately she died. Later he was migrated from Kailali to another district Lamahi, Dang. Later as he became blind and gradually he became unable to do work, his master refused to keep him in his home. He had no option other than to beg to survive and stay in an empty drainage pipe lying by the road side since he had no family to support and a shelter to live in. Many people started to behave him as an insane.



After getting known the story of Mr. Tulsi Ram Chaudhary, Mr. Santu Ram Chaudhary realized that Mr. Tulsi Ram had to go all these trouble because of his blindness hence he decided to get him checked in the eye hospital. He took him



to Lamahi Eye Hospital. Mr. Lal Bahadur Chaudhary a Ophthalmic Officer of the hospital checked his eyes and found that he was blind due to cataract. Since Mr. Lal

Bahadur was also from Tharu Community, he could communicate with Mr. Tulsi Ram in their native language, this made Mr. Tulsi Ram very comfortable to communicate and tell his problem. Dr. Jenu Sainju, a female Ophthalmologist of the hospital operated his one eye. The operation was successful. After the surgery for the first time after a long time when he saw everything very clearly, he was crying with joy.



There was no bound of happiness seen in his face. He was expressing his gratitude to everybody in the hospital. He told that after the surgery he came out from the hell. Days before surgery he was refused to get shelter in old age home due to blindness. After getting new vision, he got shelter in the old age home. Again his next eye was operated in Rapti at free of cost with the support of NABP-i-care. **“I have got new vision and new home, very thankful to all people who helped me to change my life from hell to heaven”-Said Tulsi Ram Chaudhary.**



There are hundreds of Tulsi Ram Chaudhary in Nepal who have been compelled to spend their life in dark, depriving with a small, costing not very expensive surgery. The Eye Health Programme Dang and Kapilvastu, for a long time is rendering comprehensive eye care services to such patients, through hospitals those who reach to hospitals by any means or getting in their places through free eye camps. International donors, mainly NABP Norway and national donors are contributing Eye care programme Rapti and Kapilvastu for this noble cause.