

AGAINST THE PROGNOSIS: THE STORY OF MR. PIUS TOPNO

In February 2023, a 27-year-old young man named Mr. Pius Topno was admitted to the Baptist Christian Hospital, Tezpur. His condition was critical. After a series of tests and investigations, the doctors diagnosed him with Disseminated Tuberculosis with Paraparesis—a life-threatening infection that had already weakened his body. He was shifted to the High Dependency Unit, where his condition deteriorated rapidly. One night, he went into respiratory arrest, and the medical team had to act swiftly. He was intubated and put on a ventilator. For days, his life hung by a thread. His family waited anxiously outside, praying for a miracle.



Weeks passed, and by the grace of God, Pius began to improve. Gradually, his body responded to treatment. He was taken off the ventilator, and slowly, a faint smile returned to his face. After more than a month in the hospital, he was finally discharged. But the ordeal had left the family financially drained and emotionally exhausted. With little resources left, they took him home, hoping to continue his care.



At home, Pius developed severe bed sores and his condition worsened

His family, worried and helpless, brought him back to the hospital. This time, the Palliative Care Team stepped in. They tended to his wounds, offered counselling, and prayed with the family. Despite their compassionate care, financial constraints forced them to take him home again after a few days.

The palliative team, however, did not stop there. They continued to visit him regularly at his home, deep in a remote area where even wild elephants roamed.



At times, the team took great risks to reach him—but their hearts were steadfast, moved by compassion and faith. They ensured that Pius received regular wound care, encouragement, and that he continued his TB medications faithfully.

Over time, the small signs of healing began to show. His bed sores started to close. His strength slowly returned. He began to sit up, then stand, and eventually he walked again, with support.

After nearly two years of dedicated care, prayer, and perseverance, Pius experienced a transformation nothing short of miraculous. Today, he is earning a living, has been elected as a Panchayat member in his village, and is preparing for his wedding.



On 11th October 2025, during the celebration of World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, Pius visited Baptist Christian Hospital once again, this time not as a patient, but as a living testimony of faith, resilience, and love. With tears in his eyes, he shared his journey, saying softly,

"I never thought I will see this day."

His words moved everyone present. His family stood beside him, including his fiancée, their faces glowing with gratitude. The Chaplain offered prayers of blessing, thanking God for His mercy and grace.

Truly, as the Scripture says: "Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere." — 2 Corinthians 2:14



Mr. Pius Topno's story reminds us that even in the valley of suffering, hope can bloom, and with compassion, faith, and perseverance, life can be restored. Beyond medical treatment, the palliative team offered holistic support and walking alongside his family in their time of distress. Their continued home visits brought healing, dignity, and hope, turning what seemed like a hopeless situation into a story of restoration and new life.