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## Life journey of Hamid Bhatti Sahib

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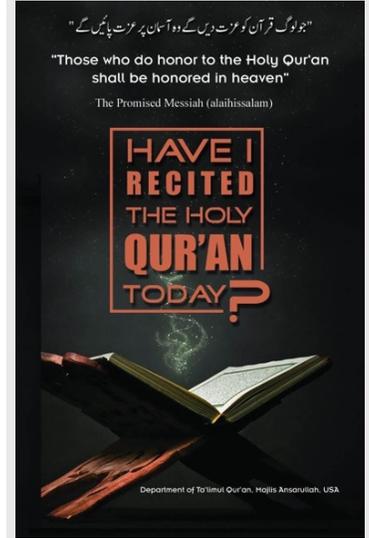
My father, Hamid Bhatti Sahib, was born in Qadian in 1934. He is a descendant of Hazrat Qazi Ziauddin (ra) Sahabi 313, a companion of the Promised Messiah (as). His son, Hazrat Qazi Abdur Rahim had four sons; one of them was Bashir Ahmad Bhatti. He was the oldest; the others were Qazi Abdus Salaam, Mubarak and Mansoor Bhatti.

Bashir Ahmad Bhatti had 5 sons and 5 daughters. He was a scribe, gifted in the art of Urdu and English calligraphy learning it from the author of Qaida Yassarnal Quran, Peer Manzoor Muhammad sahib (ra). Up until the election of Khalifatul Masih the IV (ra), Bashir Bhatti sahib was a member of the Electoral College.

My father migrated to Nairobi, Kenya around 1954, after completing his education in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. He was in the caravan that left Qadian in 1947 during the partition of India. In Nairobi, he married Mumtaz Bhatti sahiba, daughter of Qazi Abdus Salaam. He found work as a stenographer/typist, taking notes in shorthand as directed by the British government officials. His service for the Nairobi Jamaat was as their Secretary Maal. He served in this capacity for 20 years.

In 1974, he migrated to the United States with his family and three sons to settle in Harrisburg, PA. He found work for the State Government as a typist from where he eventually retired. Here again, he took on the role of Secretary Maal for the fledgling Jamaat of 3 families. 40 years went by in this role, until his vision weakened. By then membership had grown to around 300. Another essential role he took on was translating the Urdu Khutbas into English after listening intently to Khalifatul Masih Rabay (ra) each Friday, and then lead Jumma salat at the local level. Many appreciated the accuracy of these translations. His recitation of the Quran was accurate as well and after his retirement, one would see him relaxing to Tilawat recitations on TV.

He is also gifted with a good singing voice and would often find himself on stage reciting the poems of Hazrat Masih Maud (ra) during the Jalsa and Jamaat meetings of the early days. Hamid Bhatti sahib, son of Bashir



Ahmad Bhatti, was one of 5 brothers and 5 sisters. Today, surviving are one brother, Rashid Bhatti sahib of Philadelphia, and one sister. Their great grandfather was the head of the construction department in Anjuman Ahmadiyya Qadian overseeing the construction of Minaratul Masih. He also designed a technique to stabilize the tomb of the Promised Messiah's grave, to prevent it from sinking, as the ground was prone to shifting.

Hamid Bhatti sahib is now over 89 years old and currently resides in Harrisburg, PA with his wife. Both are doing well by the grace of Allah. They behold 14 grand children and 10 great grand children; several are serving the Jamaat in various roles. Alhamdulillah.

## Grand opening – First American Specialist Medical Centre in Ghana

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OCTOBER 11 2023, marked an important day in the medical history of Ghana. This was the day of the Grand Opening of The First American Specialist Medical Centre. This was a beautiful event and was graced by friends, well-wishers, Ghanaian Jamaat Ahmadiyya, many dignitaries, friends and families locally and who traveled long distances and across the ocean.

This event was the culmination of many years of effort and sacrifice. A great deal of investment of funds and time went into it. The whole project started as a humble effort of desire to give back for the countless blessings of Almighty over the years on me and my family. As we ask Allah to show us the straight path and this was the path I was shown. Along the way I received an amazing amount of support and help from friends, family and people I barely knew.

I started this journey in 1999 and this year makes 23 years of love with Ghana.

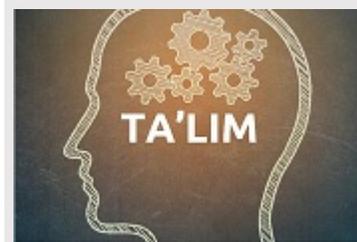
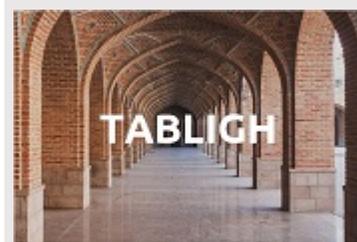


I had been doing medical missions to Ghana once or twice a year. I trained doctors, nurses and traveled the country for the same. About 12 years ago I decided to make a permanent mark on the medical landscape by building a high standard specialty center bringing the latest technology to the country and stopping the drain of talent and revenue out of

the country.

We have had to deal with all the possible challenges with regulations, laws and money. We now have a beautiful State of the Art facility merely by the grace and mercy of Allah.

The hospital is in the heart of the city of Accra, about six miles from the city center and the same distance from the airport. We are about three miles from the beach and bordering the Cantonment in an affluent neighborhood. It is esthetically, structurally and professionally a five-star facility and is fully equipped with the latest technology. We are hoping this will help raise





the standards and delivery of practice of medicine in Ghana and West Africa.

The hospital is unique in that it is a product of a vision of gratitude and is all funded without debt from a single source. It is a true labor of love and prayers that may Almighty makes it a blessing for the people. We request prayers for the blessings and prosperity of everyone who helped during this process.

The next step in this journey is opening of a training school for which the grounds are being prepared for. May Allah enable us to serve those in need in the best of the ways we can (Ameen).

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