

LUDHIANA CMC GOVERING BODY



Governing Body Meeting—September 6 & 7, 2012

The Ludhiana Christian Medical College & Hospital is governed by the Ludhiana CMC Governing Body of about 60 persons, representing most every Christian denomination and agency serving in India as well as representatives from overseas like Max Marble from our US Ludhiana CMC Board. It also includes representatives of the CMC faculty and staff. It meets twice a year in March and September.

TWO NEW HOSPITAL UNITS DEDICATED



Ribbon Cut by Governing Body Chairman Dr. Rajinder Gyani

During the Governing Body Meeting in September two new hospital units were dedicated. The long-awaited new Bone Marrow Transplant Unit was one of them. The new unit includes five patient rooms, two of which are brightly colored to be used when needed for children. It is a state of the art unit which is a great addition for treating patients. The other unit which was dedicated is the new Day Care Unit for administering chemotherapy to outpatients. It is a great improvement to the previous cramped and dismal room where patients used to receive their chemotherapy.



New Child Friendly Bone Marrow Transplant Room



New Outpatient Chemotherapy Room

NEW LUDHIANA CMC WEBSITES

The Ludhiana CMC US Board's new website is found at <http://folus.org> (Friends of Ludhiana US)

The Ludhiana CMC Alumni Association of North America's new website is <http://cmcnaa.org>

NEW DIRECTOR AND NEW OFFICE ADDRESS

Rev. Max Marble is serving as the new Executive Director for the Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board USA. Our US office has moved to Columbia, Missouri.

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The Gift of Life Donation From US

By Max Marble

Sally and I met six year old Pushkar Narayan in Dr. Harinder Bedi's office in September. He had a congenital heart defect which here in North America would have been repaired soon after birth. Dr. Bedi, Head of the CTVS Department, explained that there was a hole in his heart which kept mixing his good blood with his bad blood resulting in poor health and low energy. Because of Ludhiana CMC's new Gift of Life program which Dr. Bedi initiated with the help of Dr. Abraham Thomas and the whole department, Master Pushkar would be the second child to have open heart surgery to close the hole in his heart. In fact, the surgery was to be that next week. What a joy it was to receive an email from Dr. Bedi along with the post operative picture of a very happy Pushkar and his parents.

The Ludhiana CMC US Board sent \$20,000 at the beginning of 2012 to kick off the Gift of Life program. Each child's open heart surgery costs only \$5,000. This is because the surgeons do not charge for their skill and time and because the hospital offers some subsidy. However, each family is requested to pay Rs. 50,000 (about \$900), and Dr. Bedi has discovered that it is simply too much for some families.

Ludhiana CMC hopes this program will continue with funds from overseas. You can help put smiles on chil-

dren's and parents' faces by contributing to the Gift of Life program. Send your tax deductible contributions to: Ludhiana CMC Board US, PO Box 1327, Columbia, MO 65205. Perhaps your congregation, civic organization or other group would like to raise \$5,000 to give the gift of life to one of these children.



Dr. Bedi, Master Pushkar, Parents and Max and Sally Marble



Post Operative Picture

OTHER RECENT DONATIONS

We are grateful for those of you who recently donated funds for the purchase of an LCD projector, computer and digital microscope for the weekly Tumor Board Meetings. This equipment is up and running now. Every Thursday afternoon members of the Surgery Department, Radiation Therapy Department and Medical Oncology Department meet together to review each patient's cancer treatment. They can now review the tumor slides together as they are projected on the conference room screen.

We are grateful to Dr. Cherry Mathew, one of our CMC alums, who donated \$10,000 towards the purchase of a new EMG machine for the Neurology Department. Friends of Ludhiana in the UK had already raised \$22,000 for the equipment, which cost \$32,000. The added \$10,000 from the US made it possible to purchase the much needed equipment which is now up and running and helping patients.

DONATIONS MADE EASY

We have provided a self-addressed return envelope to make it easy for you to send a donation for the Ludhiana Christian Medical College & Hospital. You may also donate online at www.folus.org (Friends Of Ludhiana US). We will send you an official thank you and acknowledgement for you to use for your tax deduction. You may designate your gift if you wish for scholarships, equipment, research or treating poor patients, or you may leave your gift undesignated.

ALUMNI NEWS

Dr. Thomas' Achievement Recognized



The American College of Surgeons, a non-profit professional association of over 78,000 surgeons, is developing an interactive online timetable highlighting the milestones in surgery during the past 100 years. In August they contacted Dr. Abraham Thomas and requested permission to

place him and the Ludhiana Christian Medical College on this timeline to mark the first ever face and scalp replant which he successfully performed on the 9-year-old girl whose face and scalp was torn off in a farming accident. We congratulate Dr. Thomas and the Ludhiana Christian Medical College on this very high honor, and believe it to be the only milestone entered from India. Sandeep Kaur, the girl he operated on, has completed her education and currently serves as a staff nurse at Ludhiana CMC. Dr. Abraham Thomas serves as the Director of CMC and graduated in the batch of 68.

Dr. Elizabeth Paul, New Alumni President for NA



Dr. Elizabeth Paul (batch of 64) was recently elected to serve as the new president of the Ludhiana CMC Alumni Association of North America. An important announcement she has made is about next year's annual Alumni October reunion. "Next year's annual alumni meeting and reunion will be held in India, with a 6 to 7 day tour

of Kerala (God's own Country) and a three-day trip down memory lane at CMC Ludhiana. The program is open to all CMC graduates and their guests. The details of the trip and program will be posted on the web." Read Dr. Paul's entire letter on the web at: <http://cmcnaa.org>

VISITS TO DR. SCOTT AND DR. EGGLESTON

Missionaries Dr. Kenneth Scott and Dr. Forrest Eggleston have both served as Directors of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College. Dr. Scott was the Director of CMC from 1963 to 1974. Dr. Eggleston served as Head of Surgery from 1953 and as Director from 1982 to 1986. I (Max Marble) had the joy of meeting Dr. Scott for the first time last Spring in his apartment in the Black Mountain, North Carolina. We had a delightful visit about his time at CMC. He wishes to convey his greetings to all of you who support the work in Ludhiana.



Dr. Kenneth Scott and Max Marble

Dr. Navneet Chaudhry, current Head of Surgery at CMC, and board member Phyllis Bowers recently visited with Dr. Forrest Eggleston where he lives in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. In our office we have books authored by both of these missionaries. We will send both of them to you for a donation of \$25 or either one of them for \$15. Dr. Scott's book is called "Around the World in Eighty Years" and Dr. Eggleston's book is "Where Is God Not?"



Dr Navneet Chaudhry and Dr. Forrest Eggleston

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2012 CMC /India Mission Study Tour



Home Health Visits With Nursing Students

Opinion was unanimous that the best part of the recent Ludhiana Mission Study Tour was pairing up with nursing students for rural home health visits. During the visits the nursing students used flip charts to convey information about healthy diets, disease prevention and what to do when family members become ill. Equally enjoyable aspects of the study tour were worshipping with students and staff on Sunday morning in the College Chapel, learning about the chaplaincy program, visiting with Director Dr. Abraham Thomas in his office, listening to Dr. Harinder Bedi tell about his Sikh faith and hearing from the Principal and Vice Principals of the Dental College about the impressive rural outreach ministry of the Dental College. Their mobile dental clinic leaves the campus 15 times a month to serve the needs of village people.



Tour Members Visit with Director Dr. Thomas

There is no denying that they also enjoyed the opportunities to shop for Punjabi clothing and gifts to take home to family and friends. They also enjoyed learning about Punjabi

culture at Haveli in Jalandhar, about four hours from Ludhiana. An amazing opportunity fell their way when Dr. Kunal Jain invited them to attend his cousin's wedding. They even were invited to join the groom's extended family procession as they arrived with the groom on a white horse to meet the bride's family at the wedding palace. The final leg of their tour took them to Agra where they saw the Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world. Upon arriving home tour members have been sharing what they learned with their congregations, families and friends. Through a silent auction in their church Debbie and Jane from Albuquerque have raised over \$4,000 for CMC.

To enjoy a ten minute video showing highlights of the study



tour [click here](#) if you are reading the electronic edition of this newsletter. Otherwise, you may view it by going to <http://youtu.be/I7RzVQ2Vdus> on the internet.



Sporting Their New Tailor Made Clothes Which Chaplain Renuka Helped Them Purchase