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## Dr. Kim Mammen and the Kidney Transplant Gift of Life



**During this season of Advent and Christmas** we give God thanks for the gift of life so freely given. We celebrate the gift of a son born in humble circumstances who grew up to be the bearer of salvation. We receive not only the gift of a son but the gift of an incredible loving and giving son. "We know love in this, that he gave his life for us, therefore we should give our lives for each other." (1 John 3:16)

We celebrate that there are so many at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College and Hospital who make the gift of life possible.

When Sally and I were in Ludhiana in September, Associate Director Dr. Kim Mammen gave us a tour of some of the operating theatres. He also introduced us to their most recent kidney transplant patient. It was a wife who had given her husband one of her kidneys. It was indeed the Gift of Life, which is what Dr. Mammen calls the kidney transplant program at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support of the healing and educational ministry in Ludhiana. We invite you to continue to give the gift of life through this historic ministry which continues to bear much fruit and is always looking to the future as they not only expand the ministry but are involved in cutting edge research to further extend the healing ministry of Christ.

Please send your contributions to: Ludhiana CMC, PO Box 1327, Columbia, MO 65205. Or you can give online at <http://folus.org>. We are a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization and will send you a prompt statement for tax preparation.

—Max Marble

**Dr. Kim Mammen:** In addition to serving as the Ludhiana Christian Medical College Associate Director, Dr. Kim Mammen also serves as Professor and Head of the Department of Urology.

The Department of Urology, upgraded from a Unit to encourage further growth and development of the speciality, remains one of the consistently busy departments. The department has comprehensive diagnostic and therapeutic facilities for urological cancers, renal stones, urinary incontinence, infertility, impotence, urooncology, female urology and other urinary problems. All procedures are carried out in state of the art facilities available in the institution. Part of comprehensive urooncological care includes treatments for renal cell carcinoma, bladder cancers and prostate malignancy. The department operates OPD clinics on three days a week with surgery on intervening alternate days.

Activities also include ongoing clinical trials and training for doctors (DNB) and urological technicians. A paediatric urological subspecialty seeks to create awareness of and help parents to understand the urological diseases that their children might suffer.



## From Alumni President Elizabeth Paul, MD



The CMC North American Alumni held their annual meeting in India during October 6-12. CMC NAA sponsored a luncheon on October 7. It was attended by more than 30 local alumni from and around Kerala, including 4 retired professors, Dr. John Vettath, Dr. Naomi Vettath, Dr. Mary Mathew, and Dr. Joseph Samuel. Dr. Abraham Thomas, the Director, also attended the luncheon and updated the alumni of the froth and status of CMC and CMCH.

The 6-day tour of Kerala convinced the 24 participants that Kerala indeed is "God's Own Country." On October 12, a few of the group flew to Ludhiana to attend Ross Day, a beautiful Sunday morning service in the College Chapel, and the dedication of the Laparoscopic Unit in memory of Dr. Beryl Howie in the OB/GYN department. Afterwards, Onam, a regional festival from Kerala, was celebrated on campus by the students and staff, with traditional Kerala art forms and variety entertainment. Dr. Bedi joined the students and showed that he is not only the best surgeon but the best dancer, too! And of course, the traditional OnaSadya served

on banana leaf, was served. In the evening there was dinner with CMC staff and alumni from around Ludhiana. It was so very gratifying to see professors, friends, and classmates and to meet some new and younger faces and make the connection. And it was great to see the positive changes and growth in CMC, thanks to the team lead by Dr. Abraham Thomas. All those participating in the Ludhiana chapter of the meeting found it memorable.

One humanistic need that was identified, though not yet put out to the general body of alumni, is that of starting a benevolent fund to financially assist retired professors who cannot make ends meet with their meager pension money. Within the executive committee \$6900 was raised and the check was given to Dr. Abraham Thomas during the luncheon in Kerala. This benevolent fund is operated from CMC under the Director as a fixed deposit, the interest of which will be used for the needy family. Anyone can donate to this fund at any time.

Lastly, **SAVE THE DATE** for the Annual Meeting in 2014.  
Venue: Terenea Resort, Palos Verdes, Los Angeles  
Date: July 24 to 27  
Please mark your calendar.

Will see you in LA,  
Elizabeth Paul, M. D., President, CMCNAA



### Our Condolences to the Mathews Family



Raj Mathews, MD, passed away on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Brigham Hospital in Boston from complications of open heart surgery on July 4<sup>th</sup>. She was batch of 1959. She married her fellow graduate Daniel Mathews. They moved to the United States where she became Board Certified and subsequently worked as head injury specialist at Helen Hays, NY and then VA Hospital, at the same time as a clinical instructor at NJ School of Medicine and Dentistry, Newark, till retirement due to disability from a work related injury. In spite of her illness, she had a productive life and successfully raised 3 children, her pride and joy, who are very well placed. They all live in Boston. She is survived by husband, who is still in practice. In her memory her family has set setup funds for educational and medical projects in India. If anyone likes to join in, please contact Rev. Max Marble. (Our thanks to her family for sharing this information. You may find fuller information on our CMC website at <http://folus.org>. Contact information for Dr. Mathews may be found in the new CMC Alumni Directory.)

### \$55,000 Raised for Dr. Howie Memorial

Our thanks to the many supporters of the Ludhiana Medical College for their contributions to the laparoscopic set for the OB Department in memory of beloved physician and professor Dr. Beryl Howie. The laparoscopic set is in use.

### St. Stephen's UM Church Fundraiser

Our thanks to the St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, and especially to organizer Jane Layton. After setting a goal of \$5,000, they raised \$11,407 for the Ludhiana Christian Medical College ministry. That Joy!

### Student Choir



During the September Governing Body meeting this choir of medical students sang gospel songs for those attending.

### Dr. Sandeep Franklin Arrives In Liberia

Dr. Sandeep Franklin is the fourth missionary dentist from Ludhiana CMC in a row to serve at the Ganta Methodist Hospital in Liberia. With only 6 dentists in the entire country CMC answered an appeal for help and has been sending a steady supply of dentists for the past four years. The picture above shows Max Marble, Executive Director of the Ludhiana CMC US Board, Dr. Sandeep Franklin, and Dr. Abi Thomas, Principal of the Ludhiana Christian Dental College.



Rev. Marble, Dr. Franklin & Dr. Thomas

### Address Corrections Please

We are working on getting everyone's names and addresses correct. Please send corrections to [marblelcmc@gmail.com](mailto:marblelcmc@gmail.com) or PO Box 1327, Columbia, MO 65205.

### 2014 Alumni Reunion

Mark your calendars for the next Alumni Reunion, which will be held in Los Angeles, July 24-27, 2014. Further details will be in the Spring newsletter, but for now, save the date.

### Fellowship Department (Chaplaincy)



Rev. Max Marble (6th from left) joins Head Chaplain Rev. Rogers (7th from left) and the rest of the Fellowship Department staff (Chaplains) for a picture. The chaplains make daily rounds to pray with patients and their family members and organize daily devotions for students and staff.

### Cutting Edge Research

The Betty Cowan Research and Innovation Center (BCRIC) at CMC Ludhiana recently acquired a SpectraView Hyperspectral Imaging System. The system is a product of Applied Spectral Imaging, a company based in Israel, and is capable of performing spectral imaging in ranges from visible to near-infrared wavelengths. Among its many potential re-



Dr. Neeta Kang

search applications are fingerprinting blood smears, wound healing, identifying oxygenation of blood vessels in the eye, and identifying microorganisms such as viruses and bacteria.

In October

2013, BCRIC organized the 1st International Symposium and Workshop on Spectral Imaging: Applications in Basic Sciences and Biomedical Research, with the aim of teaching delegates about the potential for hyperspectral imaging and providing them with hands-on experience.

Funds for the purchase of the imaging system came from the Sir Ratan Tata Trust and Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust in the amount of Rs. 45,87,000, (\$85,000) given in a two-year CMC grant to support the Betty Cowan Research and Innovation Center of Christian Medical College Ludhiana Society. CMC paid the customs clearance. This is one of three research fundings given since 2009.

Our thanks to Dr. Neeta Kang, Director of Innovation, for introducing this technology to the Ludhiana Christian Medical College.

The center is named after Dr. Betty Cowan, a beloved missionary physician and professor at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College.



### India/Ludhiana CMC Mission Tour February 25 – March 9, 2015

Consider joining Max Marble, Executive Director of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College USA Board, on a tour to experience India and visit the Ludhiana Christian Medical College and Hospital. Founded by missionary doctor Edith Brown in the 1890s to provide medical care for women, the institution has grown to providing an education to men and women through colleges of medicine, dentistry, nursing, physical therapy and allied health. Operating out of a large urban city, the college provides community health services to rural areas through four rural clinics, frequent mobile clinics, and home health visits by nursing students. The college and hospital is affiliated with almost every church denomination found in India. It is our hope that upon returning home participants will share their experience of visiting Ludhiana with family, friends and congregations. Video clips and photos from the mission trip and other resources will be provided for this purpose.

The mission team will arrive in Delhi, the capital of India, where it will experience urban India, shop, attend church, and see some sights like the Qutab Minar, Humayan's Tomb, the Gandhi Samadhi and Akshardham. Later on, the team will also visit Fatehpur Sikri and the Taj Mahal in Agra.

Max Marble was born and raised in India and is fluent in everyday Hindi. Max has visited Ludhiana 7 times in the past four years as a member of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College and Hospital US Board. The total cost, including travel to India, travel within India, lodging and food will be \$3,200. To register for the mission tour go to the website (<http://folus.org>) and fill out the registration form. Your registration will be confirmed when a \$200 deposit is received. Send your check to: Ludhiana CMC, PO Box 1327, Columbia, MO 65205. A payment of \$1800 will be due on May 1, 2014, and a final payment of \$1200 will be due on July 15, 2014. Applicants will need to apply for a visa and will need to consult their physician about health precautions for traveling in India. May 1, 2014 will be the deadline for applying. You may email Max Marble with questions at [marblelcmc@gmail.com](mailto:marblelcmc@gmail.com) or call him at 573-777-2924.

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