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## Celebrating the Life and Service of Dr. Kenneth Scott



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### Tributes from Students

*Dr Scott was a great role model. He joined CMC in 1963, when I was a 3rd year Medical Student. He had a calm and reassuring presence, and dealt fairly with the complex issues of that time. He will be long remembered for leading CMC at a time when overseas Missionaries were transferring Chairs to Indian leaders.*

—Dr. James Cotelingam

*What a rejoicing in Heaven on receiving this true Saint of God!! We knew Dr. Ken Scott personally during our work in CMC, Ludhiana, from 1968 to 1973. We were in Christian Mission hospital service for a few years before that period when we saw his interest in small mission hospital service in India.*

—Dr. Cherian Samuel M.D. & Dr. Molly Cherian M.D.

*I have very fond memories of Dr. Scott from the time when I was a medical student(1965-70) in CMC Ludhiana. He was the Director of CMCL during all of my student days in the medical school. I interacted with him as a member of the Students council. During those meetings I recall him being very polite, a gentlemen's gentleman, always neatly dressed up in Suit and Tie and a very caring leader who wore a big smile when anyone would meet and greet him. We will miss him dearly as he was one of the oldest of my Teachers from CMC Ludhiana. He lived a great life. May the Heavens rest his soul in peace forever.*

—Sewa S. Legha, MD

*I interacted with Dr. Scott as an Intern at CMC and he was a kind and superb human being.*

—Dr. P.L. Ogra

*After writing about how Dr. Scott had helped him and his wife in personal ways Dr. Zachariah wrote: His gracious and gentle ways and total trust in the Lord, will always be an inspiration to all of us. I spoke to Dr. Scott briefly 5 years ago and thanked him as the Lord used him as a noble vessel to what I could attain and achieve in our lives as we spent 40 plus years in CMCL.* —Dr. Alex Zachariah M.D.

### From the current Director of Ludhiana CMC

*We are sorry to hear about Dr. Scott. He was the Director when I joined CMC in 1968 and I still remember his presence and active participation in the chapel and church including his playing the organ in the Church. We thank God for his great services here at CMC Ludhiana along with his family for a decade.*

—Dr. Abraham Thomas M.D.

## Celebrating Dr. Scott's Life and Service



Max Marble Visits Dr. Kenneth Scott

I had the joy of visiting with Dr. Kenneth Scott in his retirement home apartment in the Spring of 2012. I believe it was my first time ever to meet him. I was in school in India with two of his children, Charles and Betsy. We had a good time visiting about those days at Woodstock School.

I had just read his book *Around the World in Eighty Days* and it was a great experience to visit with him about that, too. As has been mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, he was called to the Ludhiana Christian Medical College to lead the transition from leadership by foreign missionaries to Indian leadership. During his 11

year tenure he accomplished this very successfully. When he arrived all heads of departments were foreign missionaries. When he left all departments were led by Indians. With joy and satisfaction one of his final acts was to hand over overall leadership of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College to the very able Dr. K. N. Nambudripad, the first Indian director of the institution.

If you would like to hear the entire 45 minute recorded discussion of his experiences at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College, contact me and I will be happy to send you a DVD of it all. I have posted the part of our conversation where Dr. Scott talks about the transition to Indian leadership online at our website at [folus.org](http://folus.org).

### Ventilator Fund

Five new ventilators are needed and have been requested by Dr. Abraham Thomas, Director of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College. Thanks to the generosity of many we have received close to \$30,000 which will pay for the first ventilator. If you would like to help with this project please make a donation online at [folus.org/donate](http://folus.org/donate) or send your tax deductible donation to Ludhiana CMC, P.O. Box 1327, Columbia, MO 65205.

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<http://folus.org> (Friends Of Ludhiana US)

Dr. Kenneth Scott, who served for eleven years as the Director of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College (1963-1974) in Ludhiana, India, passed away at the age of 98 while living at the Givens Highland Farms Retirement Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

The youngest of five children, he was born in China where his parents served as missionaries for 36 years. After attending schools in China, the Scott family was forced by political events to move to North Korea, where he attended the first years of high school in Pyongyang, Korea, under Japanese colonial occupation, and then graduated from The Stony Brook School in Long Island, New York.

In 1933 Ken began studying music, both piano and organ, at Davidson College in North Carolina. While he ultimately went on to pursue a career in medicine, he continued to be an accomplished pianist and organist, playing in recitals, in church sanctuaries and for the Black Mountain Rotary Club until he was 97 years old. He graduated from Davidson Summa Cum Laude in June 1937 and was accepted at the Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania. During his residency at the Presbyterian Hospital in West Philadelphia Ken met Anna Bicksler, the charge nurse and "little general" of the third floor. Their wedding took place on July 11, 1942, and they honeymooned in Western North Carolina.

They did not have long together, though, as Ken entered the U.S. Army as a Captain in the Medical Corps just three weeks after they were married. After training he was shipped out to China via India, to serve as an advisor to the Third Chinese Army in Burma and China, because of his fluency in Chinese. He returned to the United States in 1945, much thinner after the rigors of jungle life, but ecstatic to be reunited with Ann.

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Dr. Ernest Chander, Dr. Pushpa Chander, Dr. Andrew Forbat and Rev. Max Marble attended the Scott memorial service.

### Celebrating Dr. Scott's Life and Service continued

Children soon followed: Ken, Jr. was born in 1946 and Charles in 1950. Ken completed his surgical residency and then served on the staff of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Coatesville, PA. During this time he decided that he was called to serve as a medical missionary. As China was now closed to Americans, Ken accepted a call to serve in the Republic of Korea. October of 1952 found the Scott family on a freighter traveling across the Pacific Ocean to Yokohama, Japan. They lived in Tokyo until it was safe to move to Korea after the Korean War. From April 1954 to the summer of 1957, Ken was director of the Presbyterian Hospital in Taegu and its chief surgeon. A daughter was born in March 1956 – Elisabeth Alden Scott, or Betsy.

After furlough in the US in 1957-58, Ken was assigned to Severance Hospital in Seoul which became part of Yonsei University. He served as professor of surgery at the medical school. While he was very happy to serve in Korea, in 1964 Ken was called to another country – India – to serve as the director of the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Ludhiana, Punjab. This large institution – an 800-bed hospital, 350-student medical college, nursing school, and several subsidiary hospitals – needed calm leadership and a vision for transition to Indian leadership. After ten years Ken achieved his objective and was succeeded by an eminently capable Indian director.

The Scotts returned to Western North Carolina in 1974 and lived in Swannanoa, overlooking Warren Wilson College, for 27 years. The couple happily participated in the life of the Swannanoa Valley and Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. Ken worked at the Black Mountain Center as a physician in the tuberculosis program of the NC Department of Public Health, and retired in 1991. Ken and Ann moved to Black Mountain in 2001 and to Highland Farms in 2010. Ken's beloved Ann passed away in August 2010.

Ken took Proverbs 3:5 as the guideline for his life. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight". He believed this promise implicitly and felt God's guidance through all the decisions and major commitments in his long and productive life.

### A Personal Eulogy by Dr. Ernest Chander

Here are portions of a beautiful eulogy for Dr. Scott written by Dr. Ernest Chander, who attended the memorial service with his wife, Dr. Pushpa Chander. Dr. Chander is author of the book about CMC, Ludhiana, *Trishul to Trinity: An Indo-American Christian Psychiatrist's Account of Heritage, History, Healing, Faith and Dharma*. The full eulogy can be found on our website at <http://folus.org>

*Dr. Scott left for his heavenly abode at 4.00 p.m. on September 15, 2014. He was surrounded by his three children, Ken, Charles and Betsy. Pushpa and I were very fortunate to reach there about 2.00 P.M. Dr. Molly Joshi (Retired Dietitian) and Dr. Joy Joshi (retired founder principal of the dental college) were with us. They were in the USA visiting their friends and students. I had the privilege to pray for and thank God for Dr. Scott's life, for giving him to his family, and to us, his extended family. I asked for God's peace in this time of our sorrow. He was in a coma when Joy and I bade farewell to him. However, when Pushpa and Molly said "goodbye" he opened his eyes a little, looked at Molly and murmured a feeble goodbye response! We left him breathing his last in the company of his loving children. Pushpa and I had visited him about a month ago. He had become very weak after a fall, but his mind was clear till a few weeks before his death. After leaving his bedside we went to spend some time with Dr. Andrew Forbat (formerly anesthesiologist in Vellore and Ludhiana) who is 89 years old and lives in the same assisted living place where Dr. and Mrs. Scott had moved.*

*Before becoming a Christian missionary himself, he had served in the US army as a medical officer in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II. After the army service, he entered surgical residency and served the US Veterans. Before going to Ludhiana, India, he served as a medical missionary in Korea. Though his sister and brother-in-law were beheaded in communist China (December 8, 1934), some Chinese Christians were able to hide their infant daughter and later smuggled her back to the USA. Dr. Scott himself was born in China to American Missionary parents.*

*Dr. Scott writes in his book, "...More and more Christian Koreans with professional and administrative expertise and growing responsibility were arriving on the scene. After all, our missionary goals were to do ourselves out of our jobs by raising the nationals to replace us..." The Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, India needed a committed missionary doctor to encourage this transition to Indian leadership.*

*Here, I am summarizing my own memories and transactions with him. Ann and Ken Scott lived in Ludhiana for ten years (1964-1974). Their children recollect some happy memories of those days. Betsy, in fact, went back to Agra to major in Hindi before she became a nurse. He had not been there too long, when Christmas came. I was the president of the Student Christian Movement (It was later changed to S.C. Fellowship). Along with some staff members, Dr. Constable (British principal) had invited me to the Principal's office to plan the program. I felt rather small and insignificant among the big wigs. Dr. Scott came and sat next to me. He conversed with me and made me feel at ease. I felt important. Next spring we planned a retreat. At the last minute we students found out that the driver who was to drive our van had fallen sick. No one had any idea what to do. I did not want to cancel the retreat. I told the students and our staff guides that I could go and ask Dr. Scott if he would help us. They were flabbergasted at my audacity. But I had been touched by Dr. Scott's humility and the gentle side. I had no hesitation to approach him. He gladly agreed to do so and said, "Just sit behind me and make sure I don't veer to the right side as in America we drive on that side!"*

*Recent generations of CMC staff, students and alumni may not know much about him. During his time there the Ross hostel for men medical students, Mitchel hostel for technicians, hostels for nurses, the large hospital chapel and the private patients block were built. Nursing college was started and many departments were upgraded to the post-graduation level. He was well known and appreciated for playing the piano during the Sunday services in the nearby Calvary Church of Ludhiana.*

(Find Dr. Chander's entire eulogy on the website at [www.folus.org](http://www.folus.org))

### Memorial Gifts Honoring Dr. Kenneth Scott

You may make memorial gift donations to the Ludhiana Christian Medical College in honor of Dr. Scott's life and service. The CMC US office will send a special memorial card to the Scott family from you and will send you a copy as well. Send your tax deductible gifts in memory of Dr. Scott to Ludhiana CMC, PO Box 1327, Columbia, MO 65203 or give online at [folus.org/donate](http://folus.org/donate). If you send a personal picture and/or a personal message, we will print the same inside your card.



### Note from Dr. Bedi (Gift of Life)

Young Joban Singh, a 4-year-old cherubic boy with Down's syndrome and a combination of heart defects (a large hole in heart (ASD) + a PDA) successfully underwent a major open heart surgery to repair both defects. Both defects were causing blood to just keep looping in the heart (left to right shunt) resulting in inadequate flow to the rest of the body and damage to the heart. He also has a h/o epilepsy for which he is being medically treated by Dr Jugesh Chattwal. By the Grace of God he is doing well. Thanks to all for their hard work, constant encouragement and best wishes. A \$5,000 donation will enable another child to receive open heart surgery.

### President Arun Adlakha Announces Reunion Dates

The 2015 CMC Alumni Reunion will be held from Thursday, August 13 to Saturday, August 15, 2015, at the Downtown Westin Hotel, in Cleveland, Ohio. Please block off these dates and plan on attending. Local hosts are Dr. Krishan Chandar and Drs. Tejbir & Rani Sidhu. Registration information and more details will be forthcoming.

A promotional video showing the highlights of the 2014 alumni reunion in Los Angeles is available on DVD. Just call or email the office and we will drop a free DVD in the mail to you. It is also available on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/LphsR74wr1U>

### 2016 Ludhiana CMC/India Tour



During two weeks in March 2016, 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.

The tour group will arrive in Delhi, the capital of India, where tour members will experience urban India, shop, attend church, and see some sights like the Qutab Minar, Humayan's Tomb and Gandhi Samadhi. The group will spend four days learning about the urban and rural educational and healing ministry of the Christian Medical College and Hospital and before returning home will visit the Taj Mahal in Agra.

Exact dates will be determined in December 2014. The cost of \$3,500 will include all meals, lodging, transportation to and from India as well as in India, and all tourist activities. To receive further information call or email the CMC US Board Office at MarbleLCMC@gmail.com / 573-777-2924.

### Vacation Bible School Highlights CMC



Mother with Child Patient

In August the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church shared the Ludhiana Christian Medical College story with their children during their annual Vacation Bible School. Each day they showed the children a picture from the website ([folus.org](http://folus.org)) and told about it. Each day they received an offering for the educational and healing ministry in northwest India. At the end of the week the children had raised \$1,500 which will be used for scholarships to enable students who come from families unable to pay for the full costs of education to attend. The church's mission leader shares what they did in a 3 minute video available from the Ludhiana CMC US office. It is also viewable on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/s9sKM21dMPg>

### Condolences to the Nallathambis.



Dr. Helga N. (Ram) Nallathambi, M. D., passed peacefully on May 18, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Hospice, Cabot, PA. She graduated from the Ludhiana Christian Medical College in 1960 and did her residency at Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh. She then worked as a Pathologist at Bashline Hospital and later the United Community Hospital in Grove City, PA, and retired in 2000. She had deep concern for lonely, home confined people, and was active in the Stephen Ministry through her church in Butler, PA, and was awarded the "Good Samaritan" of the year for Butler County for 2003. Dr. Nallathambi will be always dearly missed.

She and her husband established the Nallathambi Endowment Fund with the US CMC Board years ago and every year income from that fund is sent to support the Ludhiana Christian Medical College. You may send memorial gifts for either the Nallathambi Fund for CMC or for the Indo-American Home for Children: Nallathambi Education and Health Foundation, which was also established by the Nallathambis. Please email our office for that fund's brochure.

You may send memorial donations for the Indo-American Home of Children –Nallathambi Endowment Fund to our office at the address below or donate online at <http://folus.org/donate>

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