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# LUDHIANA CMC US REVIEW

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## 1965 Batch Returns for Founders Day



Front Row: Alexander Paul (Kerala, India), Usha Pupta-Singhal (Detroit, MI), Suneet Khurana Anand (Panipat, India), Sewa Singh Legha (Houston, TX). Back Row: Subhash Khanna (UK), Madhu John (Los Angeles, CA), Narjeet Sodhi (Punjab, India), Thomas Jacob (Great Falls, VA).

Last year the 1965 batch held a 50 reunion in Chicago; however, some of our US alumni made it back to Ludhiana to celebrate their 50 years since starting their studies at CMC. Together they attended the Founder's Day Convocation and festivities.

## Twenty Years Ago



Twenty years ago the leadership of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board USA was handed from Rev. Charles Reynolds to Rev. Roberta Jones. We celebrate the 17 years that Roberta served as Executive Director of the US Board. She took over as CMC continued to transition from foreign missionary leadership to Indian national leadership. In the past there were between 20 to 30 missionaries serving on campus at a time. During the later part of Roberta's tenure, Dr. Betty Cowan, the last remaining missionary, retired and returned to her home country. Roberta also served during the years when CMC was in crisis mode when the US CMC Alumni stepped up to help their alma mater survive. Over three years the US Alumni contributed half a million dollars. Along with church funds and money raised through efforts of other overseas partners, the institution survived and has become strong again. Today, out of the 400 medical colleges in India it is rated among the top 15. Roberta also saw to the completion of the main hospital building paid for with funds from ASHA (American Schools and Hospitals Abroad). The plaque at the front door of the main entrance to the hospital reads, "The people of American have given to the people of India for the glory of God, this building. Inaugurated on October 28, 1999. ASHA Grant 712" Now in retirement Roberta continues to serve as a consultant on the US CMC Board. Thank you, Roberta, for your many years of faithful service.

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**Calling all CMC Alumni to Denver**  
**2016 Alumni Association Reunion and Meeting**  
**August 4-6, 2016 — Downtown Denver Westin Hotel**  
**Dr. Satish Garg — 2016 Coordinator**

## CMC Reaches Out to Nepal



On April 25th, 2015, a devastating earthquake measuring 8.1 on the Richter scale struck Nepal. The epicenter was 90 miles from the capital city of Kathmandu in the small town of Gorkha. The loss of lives, homes and livelihood was great. The approximate numbers were 8000 killed and over 20,000 injured.

On April 27th Dr. Abraham Thomas, Director of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College, assembled an emergency medical team. The next morning after prayers and blessings were offered, the CMC team departed on their 800 mile trip to Nepal.

Dr. Samuel, an orthopedic surgeon, served as the team leader. Rounding out the team was Dr. Abhishek Sebastian, anesthesiologist, Dr. Ashwin Sakharia, maxillofacial surgeon, and Dr. Ajay Alex, resident, orthopedics.



With major highways in Nepal destroyed, their main obstacle was getting to the people who needed them. By operating in several different locations they were able to perform the needed surgeries and give earthquake survivors hope for the future.

The CMC doctors noted how the news spread rapidly that a team from the Ludhiana Christian Medical College had come to serve. Patients expressed their deep appreciation through their big smiles and words of gratitude.

Max Marble, Executive Director of the US Ludhiana CMC Board, sat down with two of the team members and recorded their conversation.



A video has been produced about the Nepal out reach team. The video may be viewed on the website at <http://folus.org>. The website also includes the team's full written report.



It is easy to be proud of the outreach services provided by our Ludhiana Christian Medical College.

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## Help Us Reach the Goal — \$223,000

\$230,000

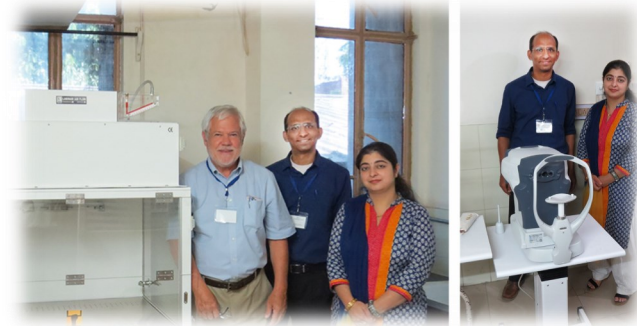
\$48,000



CMC is blessed by your generous donations for the 2015 urgent project of providing 10 new anesthesia machines and cardiac monitors for the hospital. Thanks to Joy and Elizabeth Paul for currently leading the way by already donating \$23,000 for the purchase of one whole unit.

Thanks to others who have donated anywhere from \$25 to \$10,000 for this project. An anesthesia machine costs \$15,900. A cardiac monitor costs \$6,400. Four of the units will be for the new operating theater currently being built. Six will replace old unrepairable machines from the past. Send donations to Ludhiana CMC, PO Box 1327, Columbia, MO 65205 or give on line at [folus.org/donate](http://folus.org/donate). Thanks so very much.

## Eye Bank Donation



With the help of the CMC Board USA, Drs. Gurpal Bhuller & Neena Singh donated stock worth \$36,718 in order to purchase equipment for an eye bank at CMC. In September Dr. Satish Thomas, Head of Ophthalmology, and Dr. Gurvinder Kaur, Professor of Ophthalmology, showed Max Marble the Laminar Flow Hood (left) and the Specular Microscope that were purchased. With the reminder of the funds a permanent endowment has been established for the Department. The endowment document reads: "In gratitude to the Christian Medical College for imparting to them the values and knowledge of the field of medicine, and to support the work of CMC Ludhiana, they wish to set up a permanent and lasting legacy at their alma mater." Dr. Bhuller emphasizes that their gift is to benefit the poor and needy.

## Golden Jubilee Celebration



The Department of Ophthalmology celebrated the Golden Jubilee of its Post Graduate program in March. Missionaries Dr. Simon Franken and Dr. Victor C. Rambo were the pioneers instrumental in getting the Post Graduate program started in the Department in 1965. Since then, the Department has continued to provide eye care to the people of Punjab and the neighboring states through its mobile eye services and base hospital, providing quality care at affordable costs.

The Golden Jubilee Celebration started with a service in the College Chapel, followed by a continuing medical education session in the hospital auditorium. Highlighting the meeting were presentations by the stalwarts in Ophthalmology like Dr. S.K. Chopra, Dr. Richard Daniel and Dr. Arin Chatterjee.

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## 2015 Cleveland Alumni Reunion & Meeting



The 2015 Ludhiana CMC Alumni Reunion was held in Cleveland, Ohio, at the Downtown Westin Hotel in August. Coming from across the country, CMC graduates, spouses and in some cases children, started visiting and catching up with each other as soon as they met.

One of the highlights of the weekend was a dinner cruise on the Nautica Queen. Once the ship got underway dinner was served and visiting continued as the sun set on the Lake Erie horizon. Later, with some dancing on the second deck, others visited on the top deck as they watched the city lights pass by.

Saturday was the day to get down to business. It was packed with activity. During the morning Continuing Medical Education time, 5 lectures were presented on the latest medical practices and research by experts in their fields of medicine.

Dr. Meenakshi Singh from CMC batch 1975 shared research on "Biomarkers of Endometrial Cancer." Dr. Asok Antony, batch of 1969, presented findings about anemia in resource limited settings in his lecture entitled "Mothers and Babies Walking the Razor's Edge." Dr. Samita Garg's lecture dealt with the management of chronic constipation. Dr. Pearey Lal Ogra, batch of 1956 presented a lecture entitled "Gut Feeling" in which he dealt with immunity



and bacteria in the history of human development. Dr. Avindra Nath, batch of 1976, presented his lecture on Challenges in Diagnosis and Management of Neuroinflammatory Diseases. The CME lectures were presented to a full house and comments were heard widely that it was one of the best they had attended.

Following lunch a business meeting was called to order by President Dr. Arun Adlakha. Max Marble, Executive Director of the Ludhiana CMC Board USA, prepared a map showing where every-

one lived and served. He also shared information about the 2015 project of providing 10 new anesthesia machines and cardiac monitors for CMC. The meeting closed with a time of remembering and celebrating the lives of those who had passed on since the last alumni reunion in Los Angeles. People left looking forward to next year's alumni meeting in Denver, August 4-6, 2016.



A video showing and telling about the highlights of the weekend may be found on the website at [folus.org](http://folus.org).

## New Ross (Men's) Hostel Construction



Construction on the new Ross Hostel is well underway. The construction was necessary to ease the overcrowding of the men's hostel since admissions to the Medical College have increased from 50 to 75 students per year. The original Ross Hostel has received improvements as well.

## The Edith Brown Women's Hostel Renovated



Women vacated the Edith Brown Hostel for a month so that badly needed improvements could be made. Each of the three medical college women's hostels are named after women missionaries who served at CMC. Dr. Edith Brown, of course, was the founder of the college.

## Gift of the Bilga Hospital to CMC

There is much excitement about the gift for 99 years of the Bilga Hospital, by a group in the United Kingdom. The hospital sits on 5½ beautiful acres. Only minor renovation was needed in order to open the doors since the building is in very good condition. It has 36 beds and all supporting services. It is located between Ludhiana and Jalandhar and is expected to increase in patients rapidly. Doors opened three months ago with 40 outpatients per day, and that number has already grown to 90 per day. This CMC enterprise is currently self-supporting and will remain so.



## Remembering Jane Addie (Hein) Feierabend

(10/25/1920—6/16/2015)

Jane Feierabend was married to Dr. Theodore Feierabend, and they served as CMC missionaries from the United States from 1967 to 1986. Jane ran an open home to which all strangers to the CMC facilities were welcome,

helped with the guest house and assisted in the Social Work department and in the Dietary department. When the School of Nursing was upgrading to a degree level, she was able to teach until enough local staff became qualified to teach in the new College of Nursing. Her husband started a Plastic Surgery unit under the department of Surgery and began a Burns Unit. Prior to CMC they served in the Evangelical Hospital in Tilda, M.P. In 1986 they were transferred to Kabul, Afghanistan