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Rescued by Classmates



Left to Right: Alen Joseph, Akash Saji Thomas, Sanal Saji Chacko, Karanvir Singh Matharoo, Ruchika Carlton Missing is Nisheet Nanda

Their classmate Ankush Abraham would not be alive today without their quick response and life-saving skills. After completing their exams, around 30 first-year students were celebrating and enjoying being together at Rakh Bagh Park about a half mile from campus.

Suddenly they found Ankush lying on the track of the toy train that circles the park. Someone said he had been electrocuted from the track which powers the train. Sanal could see the toy train approaching. After making sure that he would not also be electrocuted he pulled Ankush off the track. He had no pulse and was not breathing. Karanvir started cardiac massage and Sanal started mouth to mouth resuscitation. Gradually there came a weak pulse and an attempt to breathe.

After calling for an ambulance and cab and learning they would take too long to reach them they carried Ankush to a three wheel auto taxi. Two classmates got on their scooters to help clear the way in the crowded traffic. Doing the best they could while riding in the auto Alen, Akash and Nisheet kept administering CPR. Ruchika phoned her father, Dr. Carlton, who is a staff cardiologist



at CMC to tell him what had happened and that they were headed to trauma (emergency room). Again there was no pulse when they arrived but a full team of doctors had already assembled.



They resuscitated him again and put him on a ventilator in the Intensive Care Unit.



After three days Ankush sat up and has since recovered. He is a living testament to the skills already learned during their first year at CMC as well as their quick thinking and actions and concern for their classmate.

Brachytherapy Project—Please Help



Dr. Jeyaraj, Head of the Radiation Oncology Department, tells us that cervical cancer is one of the most common causes of cancer related deaths in India. Unlike the US or UK the majority of carcinoma cervix patients in India present at an advanced stage, stage III or above, when surgery is not feasible. So the majority of patients in India will have to be treated by radiation therapy along with brachytherapy. Brachytherapy forms the most important component to escalate the dose in the region of highest disease burden.

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Dr. Bhagwant Gill Remembered CMC

The Khalsa Law Firm in New York City has informed the Ludhiana CMC US Board that Dr. Bahwant Gill left \$200,000 in her will for a Children's Crisis Fund. Dr. Gill died on January 23, 2014. She graduated from CMC in 1965. She did her FRCS from Edinburgh in 1969. She worked in several hospitals in the UK and then returned to CMC to serve in the department of Paediatric Surgery. Later she went with her husband, Dr. Ashok Sathe, to the USA and served at the Albert Einstein Hospital in New York City. Her husband preceded her in death in 2002. We are thankful to Dr. Gill for remembering CMC in her will.

Maxine Burch Estate Gift

Maxine Burch, who served as Head of the Department of Dietetics at CMC 1959-60 and 1962-64 and then later on the CMC Board US for many years, left the Ludhiana CMC Board \$13,735 in her will for use at CMC.

Parents Honored with Gift to CMC

Nandi Chhabra and his wife Lindsay Calderone have honored Nandi's parents, Drs. Anil and Neera Chhabra (batch 1969), by donating \$2100 in their honor for scholarships for medical students at CMC. The CMC US Board prepared a special gift card for Nandi and Lindsay to deliver the news of this gift. Later when CMC awards the scholarships the Chhabras will receive a picture of the students.

Dr. Thomas, Director, Urges Safeguards

The following day Dr. Abraham Thomas, CMC Director, sent the CMC Civil Engineer to the park to learn what happened. They found that the 12 volts of high amp DC current used to power the train was enough to electrocute the student. To warn the community and keep others from being hurt or killed he informed the authorities in the municipal corporation, the commissioner, the deputy commissioner and the mayor in order that safety provisions can be instituted.



Dr. Thomas praised the students for their competent and quick thinking and recognized them for their heroic actions during the Independence Day celebration.

New Video: Student Rescue

Listen to the students and Dr. Abraham Thomas tell about this rescue in a new video on the website (www.folus.org) or on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/vG2at99SsnI>

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Fellowship Department



Under the leadership of Rev. Alex Peters, the CMC Fellowship Department provides spiritual and emotional growth and healing to students, staff, patients, their families and quite often to people in the community. After a morning meeting in the Fellowship Department they go to the hospital to meet and pray with family members who are found in waiting rooms and in halls. After writing the names of the patients down they pray with the families for the healing they need. In the afternoon they visit patients in the wards. They also organize daily devotions in the various departments and bible studies for students. It was a joy to get them all together for a picture in front of the historic College Chapel.

Dental College Ranked 7th in India



The Ludhiana Christian Dental College is currently ranked 7th in the country. It is a matter of pride that Dental College graduate Dr. Sucratha Susie John placed 2nd in the All India Post Graduate Examinations. Fifty-nine of the Dental College graduates are serving in mission hospitals all over India and one continues to serve in Liberia, at the Ganta Methodist Hospital. The Dental College admitted its first students in 1992 after the old Medical College building was renovated to house the new Dental College. Currently the building is badly in need of repair or demolition for a new building. Funding remains the big challenge.

Mary Lou Duerksen Memorial Scholarship



Mary Lou Duerksen passed quietly away Wednesday, March 4, 2015 with her husband, Joseph Duerksen, M. D. and daughter Mary Jara at her side. Mary Lou received a BA in Home Economics from Bethel College in Kansas. She married Joseph Duerksen on May 29, 1952.

In 1956 they were appointed under the General Conference Mennonite Church to the Sewa Bhawan Hospital in Jugeeshpur, CG, an isolated village. Both of their children were born in Jugeeshpur. In 1962 they returned to Kansas City where Joe did further training at Kansas University Medical Center. They returned to India in 1963 and were appointed to serve in the Christian Hospital in Champa.

Joseph and Mary Lou faithfully attended the Ludhiana Christian Medical College US Board meetings. Joe has served on the board for many years and continues to do so. With both of their hearts remaining tied to mission hospitals in India, May Lou's family decided to use memorial gifts received for a Pediatric Surgery Training Scholarship for someone planning to serve in mission hospitals. The Ludhiana Christian Medical College has awarded the \$3,800 scholarship to Dr. Vishual Michael.

Vice-Principal Receives BC Roy Award

Dr. Tejinder Singh, Vice-Principal, Christian Medical College and Hospital (CMCH), received the prestigious BC Roy Award on Doctor's Day in recognition of his role as an eminent medical teacher. The award was given by the President of India Pranab Mukherjee to Dr. Singh and other medical professionals for their contribution to medical science at a ceremony that took place at the Presidential Palace in Delhi.



Dr Tejinder Singh, Professor of Paediatrics and Medical Education, CMCH, has been very active in the field of medical education and is credited with three books, 225 papers and 45 chapters in various journals and books. He has also been instrumental in establishing a FAIMER regional institute at CMC, Ludhiana.

CMC's New Eye Bank Dedicated

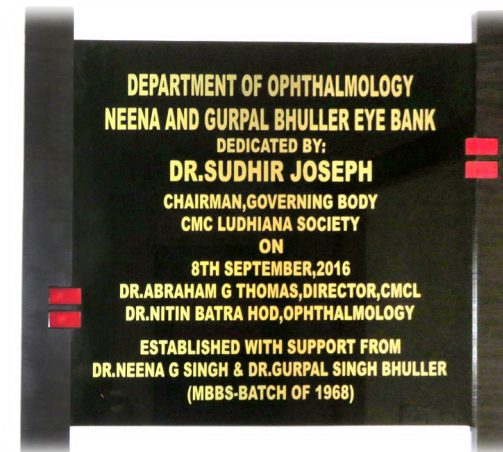


CMC's new eye bank was dedicated at the September Governing Body meeting. Funds for the eye bank were donated by Drs. Neena and Gural Bhuller through the CMC US

Board. The board was able to sell stock worth close to \$50,000 that they donated. Funds remaining after purchasing the equipment for the eye bank are now a part of a permanent endowment in the Bhuller's name. Every year income from the endowment fund will be use by the Ophthalmology Department for caring for poor patients or for other needs of the department.



Two essential pieces of equipment are the Specular Microscope and Laminar Plow pictured here. The actual eye bank is in the room just behind.



This marble plaque has been embedded in the wall outside the eye bank.

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Projects Nearing Completion



The Ross Hostel addition provides 81 new rooms for students. It will help accommodate the increase in medical students from 50 to 75 in each batch.



Nearing completion also is the new building which will provide 4 new operating theatres and administrative office.

Bone Marrow Transplants at CMC



Left to Right: Mrs. Sangeetha C. Samuel, Dr. Amrith Mathew, Dr. Chepsy C Philip, Dr. Joseph John

We are thankful to Director, Dr. Abraham Thomas and the CMC Governing Body for the large commitment of funds for the New Bone Marrow Transplant program at CMC. Dr. Joseph John and his team have performed over 100 life saving bone marrow transplants. To view a short video on the work of this team go to our website at www.folus.org or to this link on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/mna2Q7uIewU>