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Mission Support to Self-Sufficiency



In her comment about Dr. Eggleston, Dr. Elizabeth Paul wrote that his departure brought closure to one of the big chapters in the Christian Medical College's history.

The Ludhiana Christian Medical College was started by missionary nurses and doctors over one hundred years ago. This missionary chapter of CMC's history was accomplished during the tenure of Dr. and Mrs. Eggleston's 32 years of service.

In the last chapter of his autobiography, Dr. Eggleston reflects: "In 1955 two thirds of the teaching staff were foreigners; when we retired at the end of 1986, all but four of the ninety-six faculty were Indian. A calculated plan to nationalize the institution had succeeded."

He goes on to write: "In 1953 the financial position was tenuous at best. The institution depended on donations from churches and individuals from abroad just to keep open. As one American colleague phrased it, we lived from crisis to crisis." Dr. Eggleston was pleased to see that since his departure, except for one time when CMC alumni stepped in to help keep the institution solvent, CMC has been self-supporting.

Donations from abroad are greatly appreciated but these funds are a drop in the bucket of the institution's budget.

As the son of missionaries who served in India for 36 years and who turned the two institutions they served over to their Indian colleagues, I feel really good about what CMC is accomplishing against great odds. While countless schools, hospitals and clinics started by missionaries have fallen away it is great to see CMC continuing to serve people from all rungs of life. The concern for the poor is strong as CMC provides over a million dollars in subsidies from their own budget for health care that the poor can not afford.

As the executive director of the CMC US Board I hope we will continue always to raise funds for projects that enhance the health of people in northwest India as well as provide rich training opportunities for students.

A few of the projects we have under taken in the past few years have been: a laproscopic set (2013), 5 ventilators (2014), 5 anesthesia machines and heart monitors (2015), and this past year, brachytherapy equipment and an eye bank.

The new project for 2017 is FISH equipment for the pathology depart which will greatly enhance the detection and treatment of various kinds of cancer.

—Max Marble, LCMC US Board Executive Director

Head of Surgery Fondly Remembered



In December 1953 Dr. and Mrs. Forrest Eggleston with their two children Carol (6yrs) and Robert (3 yrs) arrived in India as Presbyterian missionaries from the United States. His first assignment was to head up the TB Sanatorium at Jubar in the Kasauli Hills 180 kl from Ludhiana. While there he also started doing surgery in Ludhiana.

In 1955 when the TB Sanatorium closed he became Head of the Surgery Department at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College. He pioneered the residential form of post graduate training where the post graduate candidates received the most practical training in surgery. He introduced vascular surgery and thoracic surgery in the region. He trained more than 100 post graduates who are currently working in India and around the world. The department of surgery at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College was one of the best in the region due to the untiring effort of Dr. Eggleston. From 1982 to 1986 he also served as the Director of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College. His skills and compassionate profile won the hearts of many of the citizens of the Punjab and India.

Dr. and Mrs. Eggleston retired in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He passed away on November 7, 2016 at the age of 96. Mrs. Eggleston passed away 12 years ago. Their daughter, Carol, passed away just last year. They are survived by their son, Robert.



Dr. Forrest and Mrs. Barbara Eggleston

Brachytherapy Unit Funded

Thank you for your support of the urgently needed new brachytherapy unit for the treatment of cancer. The new equipment will bring hope to many cancer patients and will provide training opportunities for medical students and technicians. The funds have been raised and the equipment is due to be purchased and installed shortly.

We want to give special thanks to Dr. Kiran Adlakha who started the donations with a gift of \$5,000 during the Alumni Association meeting in Denver in August. A special thanks goes also to Mrs. Susan Sarin for her donation of \$50,000. And most recently we want to thank Drs. Joseph & Prema Jacobs for their \$10,000 donation given in memory of Dr. Beryl Howie.



Dr. Pamela Jeyaraj

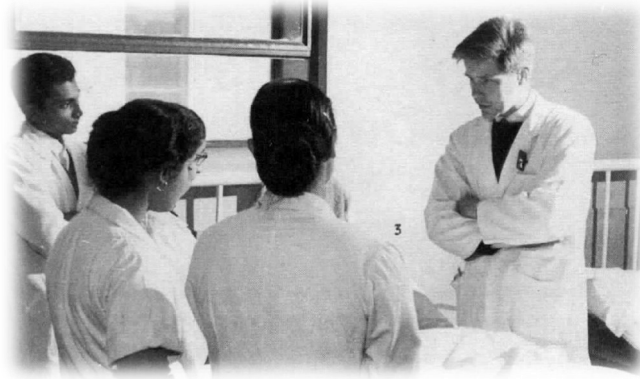
Dr. Thanks also to Dr. Sewa Legha, who researched the brachytherapy project, wrote the fund raising letter and spent considerable personal time with the project.

Dr. Pamela Jeyaraj, Head of the Radiation Oncology Department, will be treating patients with the brachytherapy unit and will be teaching students about its uses.

FISH for Ludhiana

During 2017 we will be seeking funding for FISH which stand for Fluorescence in situ hybridization. That is quite a mouth full. This addition to the Pathology Department at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College will greatly help in the treatment of cancer and will be valuable for teaching students. The equipment will cost around \$90,000. Donations can be sent to Ludhiana CMC Board USA, PO Box 1327, Columbia, MO 65203. Send questions to MarbleLCMC@gmail.com.

Professor Eggleston



Dr. Eggleston enjoyed teaching and being with his students. When he was asked to serve as the Director of the institution his main regret was that it might mean less time with students. On the students' part they deeply respected and appreciated the concern Dr. Eggleston showed them in and out of class.

Since his passing many students have shared their comments. Dr. Sargit Gill, one of his early students, is working with other alumni to organize a time for the alumni in the US to share their memories and celebrate his life and what he meant to the Ludhiana Christian Medical College.

Here are some of the comments that have been shared already:

We collectively thank God for his dedicated services to this institution and for having trained all the doctors for Mission Hospitals and placing the Institution as a center of Excellence in Surgery.

—Dr. Abraham Thomas, LCMC Director

Surgical House Staff in Mid-Sixties



Back Row: Preetam Gideon, Lath, Frank, Inder Shaw, Joy Paul; Seated: Sarjit Gill, Dr. Eggleston, K S Duleep, C M Singh; Front: Singh, Prem Mahajan, Parvez Bazial, A B C Noronha

There is no question that Dr Forrest Eggleston was a very important cog that ran the wheel of CMC Ludhiana. He was respected not only in Ludhiana but also in the Academia in India. He was friendly and very likable. I have very pleasant and vivid memories of my interactions with him as a student. I also knew Mrs Barbara Eggleston well. She was a very soft spoken and kind lady. I pray that Dr Eggleston's soul rests in peace.

—Dr. Pyara Chauhan

The institution is indebted for his long and meaningful services in developing the department of general surgery and training postgraduate surgeons in CMC LUDHIANA. I have had the privilege of being his undergraduate student, and later associated in the administration as the medical superintendent during his tenure as the Director., May God grant his peace to his dear son Bobby and his family

—Dr. Richard Daniel



Dr. Sewa Legha Visits with Dr. Eggleston (2012)

It is a very sad piece of news about the loss of a great soul. I had the pleasure of knowing 'Boss' for 50 years and saw him in so many roles that he played to sustain CMC Ludhiana. I have always held the belief that Dr Eggleston sacrificed the most and gave the best years of his life to CMC Ludhiana. God will surely give him a very special place where his soul can rest in eternal peace!

My condolences to his family,

—Dr. Sewa Legha

We mourn the loss of a beloved icon, who played a distinguished and major role at a crucial period in the life and history of CMC. I personally have very fond memories of our extended dinner conversation in Cleveland, several years ago, when his wife Barbara had cardiac surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. When Barbara was stable a few days after surgery, Dr. Eggleston accepted my invitation for dinner. He did most of the talking while I listened. Dr. Eggleston related his entire journey starting from his arrival at CMC till the day of his departure. What an evening it was. I was simply mesmerized and in awe of how much he had contributed to the success of CMC and his service to India. I shall cherish those memories forever.

—Dr. Krishan Chandar

Chaplains



Rev. Alex Peter (third from the left) heads up the very active Fellowship Department (Chaplains Department) of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College. He came to Ludhiana after having served on staff of the Mar Thoma Church in Chicago. Once a month he drove to St. Louis, Missouri where he worked with youth in the church there. The Mar Thoma church was established in India by Jesus' disciple Thomas who traveled to India shortly after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. He brings a wealth of experience of working with young people and has fit in perfectly on the Ludhiana CMC campus.

Every Sunday packed services are held in the historic College Chapel pictured above. The chaplains regularly visit with patients and their families in the hospital. Every morning they gather family members, take the



names of their sick relatives and pray for them by name. Most of the family members are from other faiths but are all appreciative of the prayer support of the chaplains. The chaplains organize devotions for every department in the hospital and meet regularly with students for devotions, Bible study and support.

2017 Republic Day Celebrations



The 68th Republic Day was celebrated at Christian Medical College & Hospital (CMC), Ludhiana with Patriotic spirit. The Program started with thanks giving service for the country at college chapel, followed by Flag hoisting, March past and cultural events. The Chief Guest, Indian industrialist and the Chairman of the Vardhman Group of Companies, Shiri S.P Oswal was welcomed & introduced by Dr. Abraham G. Thomas, Director, CMC Ludhiana.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest Shiri S.P Oswal shared the importance of Republic Day and said that everyone citizen of India should play their role responsibly so that together we can be a part of developing our country.

The presence of the Administrative team, staff and students marked the occasion. At this occasion CMC staff members who had completed 35 years of dedicated service were honored. The Program was organized by College of Physiotherapy. Patriotic songs and dances were presented by the students of five colleges of CMC i.e. Medical, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy & Institute of Allied Health Sciences (IAHS). The Acting Principal of College of Physiotherapy Dr.Sandeep Saini thanked everyone for the help extended.

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