



# Friends of Ludhiana

Christian Medical College (CMC) Ludhiana  
Punjab, North India

## PRAYER TOPICS

May 2013

## Prayer Topics – May

### Week 19 : 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May



As with any large institution the **FINANCE OFFICER** and **ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT** have a big responsibility handling the large sums of money involved in running the institution and setting realistic budgets. The **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** deals with requests from all departments and is responsible for purchase and freight handling. The Purchase Committee considers and approves requests for major pieces of new equipment having obtained the necessary quotations. The **STORES** need to provide a safe and adequate holding area until such time as items are required.

#### PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the improved financial state in the institution*
- *well qualified senior staff*
- *streamlining of services in purchasing and stores*
- *improved accountability*

#### PRAY FOR

- *daily income sufficient to meet expenditure*
- *the computerisation of the accounting functions*
- *faithfulness, honesty and accuracy in detailed accounts work*
- *the staff of the billing office in their dealings with patients and their relatives*
- *an adequate cash flow to allow the purchase of necessary items*

It will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. ...  
... After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ...  
... "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things."  
Matthew 25 v.14, v.19, v.21

### 11<sup>th</sup> May

The Open Day of Friends of Ludhiana takes place today at St. Andrew's United Reformed Church, Gerrards Cross.

#### PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the visit of CMC Ludhiana's Director, Dr. A.G. Thomas, for the meeting*

#### PRAY FOR

- *all speakers in sharing their experiences of CMC*
- *the smooth running of the day's programme*
- *Dr. Thomas speaking at meetings in Birmingham on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May*

### Week 20 : 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May

As the colleges and hospital are spread over a number of compounds, **SECURITY** gives peace of mind to staff, students and patients, so guards are employed around the clock at each point of entry. The institution has vehicles used for the **TRANSPORT** needs of staff and patients. Indian roads are over-crowded, often in bad condition, and accidents can be a regular occurrence. CMC Ludhiana is



situated in the heart of the city, reached by narrow streets.

#### PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the good safety record of hospital drivers*

#### PRAY FOR

- *security guards that they would carry out their duties with courtesy and with the right degree of firmness*
- *the effective maintenance of hospital vehicles on the campus*
- *the continued safety record of hospital drivers*

I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4 v.8

#### Week 21 : 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May

The **DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSURGERY** is one of the oldest Neurosurgery Departments in the region. It deals with all kinds of complex diseases and injuries of the head and spinal cord and is committed to providing world class patient care at affordable prices. Many patients arrive at CMC as a result of road traffic or industrial accidents; others present with brain or spine tumour, or problems of the spinal cord. There are 20 beds on the ward.

The department has performed pioneering treatments such as complex brain aneurysm surgery. Aneurysm is a common cause of life threatening brain haemorrhage in the young middle age group of the population; most of these patients die because of a delay in diagnosis and treatment, but many lives can be saved with early diagnosis and timely treatment. All complex brain and spine surgeries are routinely performed at CMC and recently epilepsy surgery and functional neurosurgery programmes have been started for the first time in the region.

Education, research and academic excellence are core principles of the department in delivering better patient care

#### PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the work of the department over the past 50 years*
- *successful complex neurosurgical operations performed*

#### PRAY FOR

- *the further development of new treatments offered*

- *the staff in their care of patients and their families following severe trauma*
- *the continued involvement of the department in various international multi-centric trials*

Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men. Proverbs 22 v.29

#### Week 22 : 27<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> June

The **DEPARTMENT OF DIETETICS** has taught medical and nursing students from the 1950s and was the only food service department in Northern India for many years. Its main responsibilities are inpatient food services (normal and therapeutic diets) and diet counselling for both inpatients and outpatients. Diet consultations, ward rounds, nutrition education (including to pregnant and lactating women) are done and exhibitions organised on various occasions, such as World Diabetes Day and World Stroke Day. One dietician is also posted in the Malerkotla outreach clinic once a week. Diet is an important aspect of patient health care, there being a close relationship between dieticians and doctors with the nutrition needs of patients. Outpatient diet clinics run daily in OPD and one dietician is posted there on a regular basis, covering all the specialty clinics, giving diet counselling according to disease. Dieticians are also part of the Juvenile Diabetic Club where the children and their parents are given guidance and nutritional advice. Dieticians are on duty for over 12 hours, seven days a week in the hospital.

A staff and student food service is offered through the hospital canteen, running 24 hours a day, and is much appreciated for its convenience especially by the staff and doctors on call. It also caters for official visitors and guests to CMC.



The Department is recognised by the Indian Dietetic Association to give six months' internship to students preparing for examination, offering quality practical training for students of many universities and colleges. Nutrition and dietetics training is also regularly taught to CMC's medical, dental and nursing students.

#### PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the continued smooth running of the department*
- *new equipment in department to replace very old equipment*

#### PRAY FOR

- *the ongoing smooth running of the department*
- *wisdom in doing quality work to provide the best service possible to patients*
- *the continued development of nutrition education in the community to rural school teachers and children*

- *students at CMC learning the importance of nutrition and diet in health care*
- *more relatives to use the Dietary Department for patients' meals rather than bring food into the hospital*
- *the continued replacement of existing equipment*
- *staff in the kitchen, particularly during the heat of summer, to work in harmony*

"I give you every seed-bearing plant ... and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."

Genesis 1 v.29

Pray for Dr. Abraham Thomas and the administrative team for wisdom to further develop the work of CMC – its pioneering treatments, its care for the poor, its training of doctors, nurses and dentists for the rural hospitals of India - so that it remains a beacon for Christ's grace in the Punjab.

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