



Friends of Ludhiana

Christian Medical College (CMC) Ludhiana
Punjab, North India

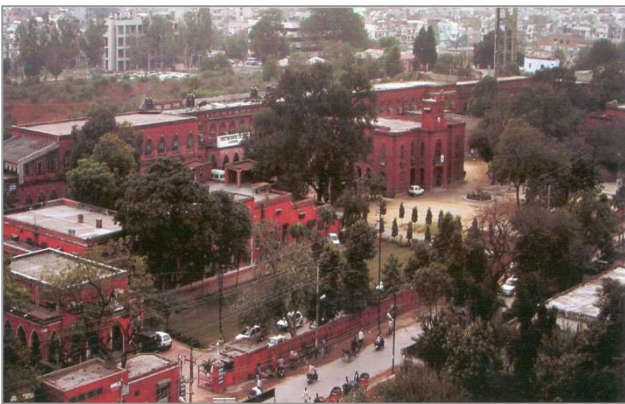
PRAYER TOPICS

January 2014

Prayer Topics – January

NEW YEAR'S DAY

At the beginning of a new year, we recognise again the faithfulness of God to CMC Ludhiana for nearly 120 years.



PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the witness of CMC Ludhiana in caring service for more than a century.*

PRAY FOR

- *a sensitivity to the needs presented by changing situations*
- *wisdom in prioritising projects*
- *adequate resources to provide the services needed*

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

Psalm 11 v.7-8

WEEK 1 : 2nd – 5th January

The **DIRECTOR** carries overall responsibility and has an important role in leading and guiding the institution. He has an administrative team to help him – Associate Director, Deputy Director, Medical Superintendent, General Superintendent – who are involved in various aspects of CMC's work; many of them also

have clinical responsibilities alongside their administrative work.

The Director also works closely with the Chairman of the Governing Body in implementing the decisions of the Board and upholding the mandate and vision of the whole institution. He therefore has an important role in bringing together the community of CMC in all its diversity to a unity of purpose and witness.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- *a well qualified and experienced Director*
- *the team of administrators supporting him*

PRAY FOR

- *wisdom and discernment for the administrative team*
- *the balance needed between clinical and administrative work*
- *the building of trust in relationships with staff at all levels*

Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2 v.5-7

Week 2 : 6th to 12th January

The **MEDICAL COLLEGE** started in 1894 to train Indian women to serve in the field of



medical education and health services, emphasising the integration of training and health care. The College became co-educational in 1953 and upgraded to the MBBS course. In 2011 it was permitted to increase admissions from 50 to 75 students each year to the under-graduate MBBS course.

The college has been a pioneer in initiating changes in medical education. The Medical Education Unit was created in 1987. The **FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (FAIMER), USA** has recognised the activities of the institution by creating one of three Regional Institutes for faculty development at the college. The FAIMER regional institute hold its sessions in February each year, enrolling 16 Fellows for intensive training in educational methods and leadership. Similarly, the Medical Council of India (MCI) has recognised the institution as one of eighteen Regional Centres for faculty



development. More than 1,000 teachers from various medical colleges from India and abroad have so far been trained through these initiatives. The medical education team of CMC has received national and international awards for their work.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- *CMC pioneering changes in medical education*
- *recognition by national and international organisations for excellence in medical education*

PRAY FOR

- *ongoing relationships with MCI and FAIMER*
- *continued growth in infrastructure and faculty numbers to support the increase in the number of students*

Therefore ... stand firm. Let nothing move you.

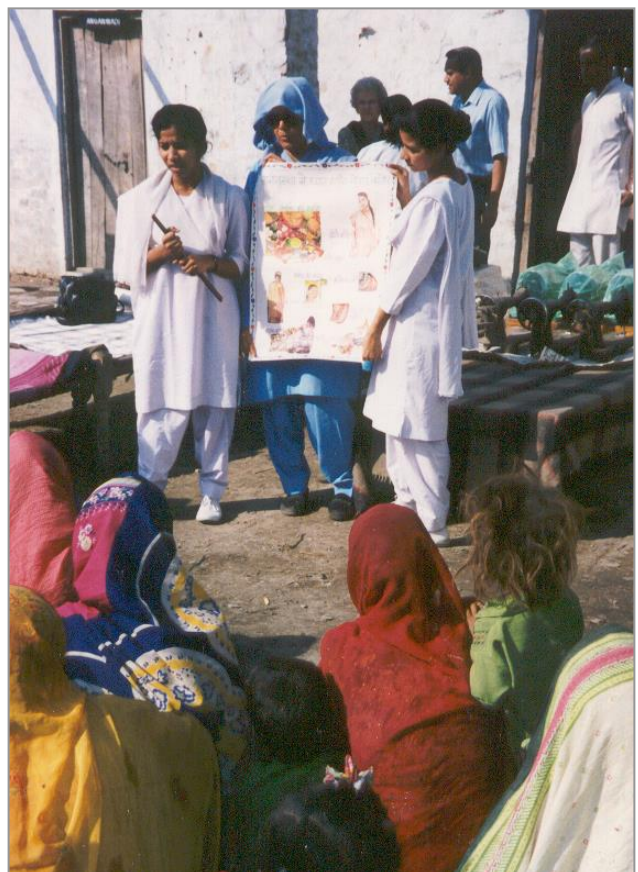
Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15 v.58

Week 3 : 13th to 19th January

The **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE** works to improve the attitudes and practices of those living in slum areas of the city and villages. It offers care to those in greatest need – pregnant women, babies, pre-school children – and gives education on nutrition, disease, family planning and sanitation through a number of clinics held in areas of the city. It operates a school health programme where children are given check-ups and health education is given with the active participation of teachers and staff. Other opportunities include the training of mothers to be dais (birth attendants) – to assist deliveries, give care to the newborn and advise mothers on the breast-feeding of babies and solid feeding of toddlers.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the pioneering work of CMC in community health for many years*
- *a decrease in the infant mortality rate*
- *a large percentage of pre-school children having been immunised against killer diseases*
- *opportunities to teach prevention as well as*



cure

- an opportunity to redevelop some village clinics

PRAY FOR

- women to take home to their villages when they return the skills and knowledge they have learnt
- greater acceptance of health care and advice by the urban and village populations
- adequate staffing numbers

Then Jesus went round teaching from village to village. Mark 6 v.6

Week 4 : 20th to 26th January

The BETTY COWAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CENTRE



(BCRIC) was established at CMC in November 2007 as a lasting and appropriate tribute to Dr. Betty Cowan's selfless service and contribution to CMC's life and work. The Centre provides

leadership, direction and guidance on all aspects of research activities across CMC, especially for departments with postgraduate programmes, be it medical, dental, nursing or paramedical. It is under the office of the Principal of Medical College, but independent of any existing department. It has carried out several community based cancer screening activities in rural Punjab with the help of the Department of Community Medicine, and medical doctors and support staff assigned by the office of the Medical Superintendent. In October 2013 Dr. Neeta Kang and her team organized the 1st International Symposium and Workshop on Spectral Imaging: Applications in



Basic Sciences and Biomedical Research which brought people from the academia and private sector together to learn from leading experts in the field from within India and abroad.

BCRIC CORE VALUES

B	Be effective and efficient
C	overcome Challenges
R	discovery through Research
I	Innovate
C	Care for the community

PRAISE GOD FOR

- His presence, grace and protection
- the establishment of the Centre
- two experienced members of staff as Head of Innovation and Head of Research
- the establishment of a Molecular Research Laboratory within BCRIC
- project funding which has allowed further staff to be appointed
- granting wisdom and understanding in carrying out the day-to-day activities
- the approval given to Dr. Neeta Kang to be PhD guide and co-guide from Baba Farid University of Health Sciences
- the Hyperspectral Imaging system funded by Sir Ratan Tata Trust and Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust

PRAY FOR

- further growth in the research culture at CMC
- success in grant applications for research funding
- strength to endure and carry out the purposes of God that has been placed in the hearts of the Heads
- grace (God's favour) for students joining BCRIC to do their PhDs and Short Term project training
- advice given to postgraduate students on research design
- the organisation of CME/Workshops for postgraduate students, faculty and staff from CMC and other institutions

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. Hebrews 11 v.3

26th January

REPUBLIC DAY (26th January) celebrates and commemorates the anniversary of the founding of the constitution of India in 1950.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- *a freedom of operation in the Punjab*

PRAY FOR

- *good relationships with the local community in Ludhiana*
- *helpful and cordial contacts with the local municipal authorities and other official bodies*

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Timothy 2 v.1-2

Week 5 : 27th January to 2nd February

The **OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT (OPD)** building is found immediately behind the front



gate of the hospital and clinics are housed on various floors of the spacious building. The clinical departments operate six days a week and 350,000 patients will visit the OPD in a

year, an average of over 900 each day. The Registration Department is the first point of contact with CMC for many; it can be a daunting experience if the patient and their family have travelled into the bustling city from a remote village. It is important that they feel welcomed and can find the appropriate clinic and help they need; receptionists are encouraged to make CMC patient friendly and comfortable. A new electronic medical record system is working well and OPD cards are now issued to help patients when availing a variety of services. Another centre with six consulting rooms has been started in another area of the city and the number of patients seen there is gradually increasing.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the provision and functioning of the OPD*
- *an increasing number of patients using the outpatient services offered*
- *additional services in OPD*

PRAY FOR

- *the reception staff at the entrance of the OPD*
- *cohesiveness in the staff of the OPD*
- *the patients coming to CMC, particularly for those for whom it is their first visit*

On hearing this, Jesus said "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick." Matthew 9 v.12

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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