

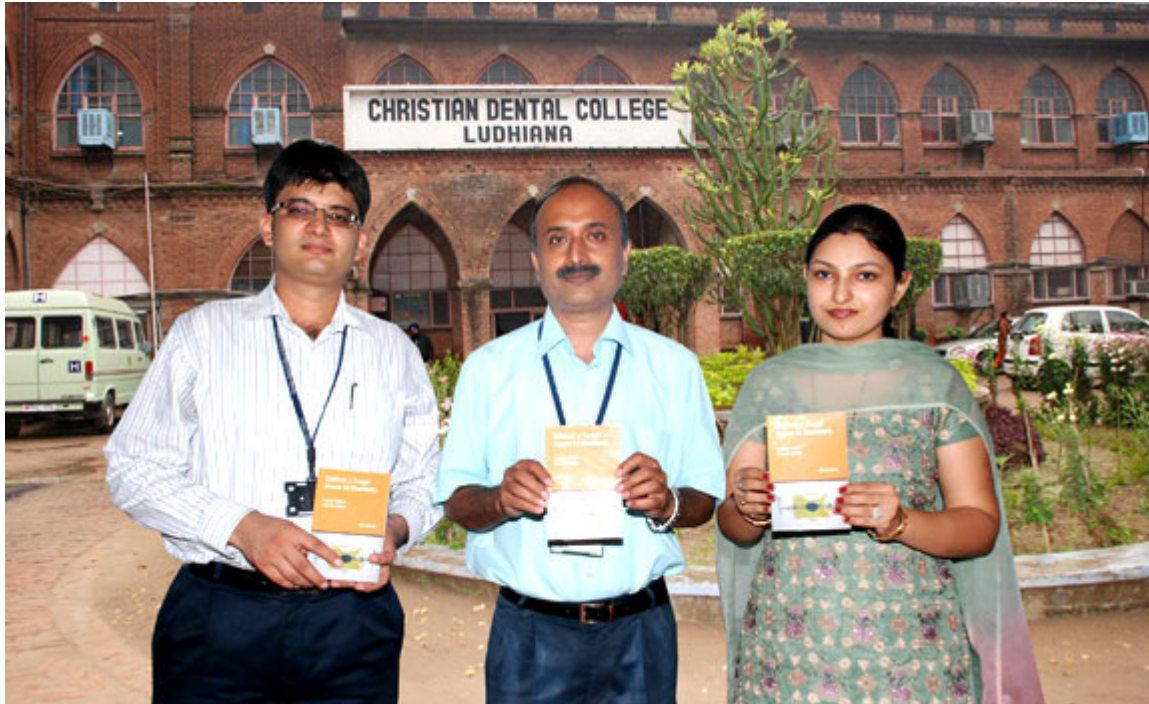
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News from CMCH Ludhiana

Christian Dental College (CDC)



Dr. A. G. Thomas, Principal, recently released a new textbook entitled *Ethical and Legal Issues in Dentistry*, a first for the CDC. The book was written by Dr. Saurab Bither, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dr. Rupika Bither, Postgraduate student, and Dera Bassi. The book addresses the need for ethical and lawful dental practices. A proper understanding of these obligations will assist dental practitioners to better serve the needs of individual patients and the community.

In 2010, the Public Health Dentistry Department of the CDC organized 118 dental camps in the areas surrounding Ludhiana. Over 5,000 adults and 1,000 students were examined and treated with cleaning and fillings. 1,250 dental extractions were done and 250 dentures were provided.

Currently, 55 sponsored students are working with various mission hospitals in India. CDC graduates are serving in villages and cities all across India in Christian hospitals, bringing care to those who would not normally have access to care.

New Samaritan Project

Information is being compiled on patients and their families who need assistance to pay for treatment at the hospital. The information will be incorporated into PowerPoint Presentations that can be made available to churches or mission groups. Each profile will include details of the patient and family circumstances and the type of treatment required. Two examples follow.



Name: Gurmeet **Age:** 6 months **Sex:** Male

Duration of Hospitalization: 29 days

Information on Father and Mother of Child: Farmer and Housewife

Brief history of illness: 6 month old male child, diagnosed case of intestinal malformation – colostomy done on 12/10/10. 2^o suturing done under sedation on 26/03/2011. Patient had an episode of generalized seizures, became short of breath and his oxygen levels dropped. He was intubated and kept on a ventilator for 9 days. He was started on broad spectrum antibiotics and was transfused blood. Now the patient is able to eat, the colostomy is moving and he is being discharged in a satisfactory condition.

How did parents raise money to pay the bill? Partial payment was borrowed from relatives.

Profile Two

Name: Sneha **Age:** 8 months **Sex:** Female

Duration of Hospitalization: 17 days

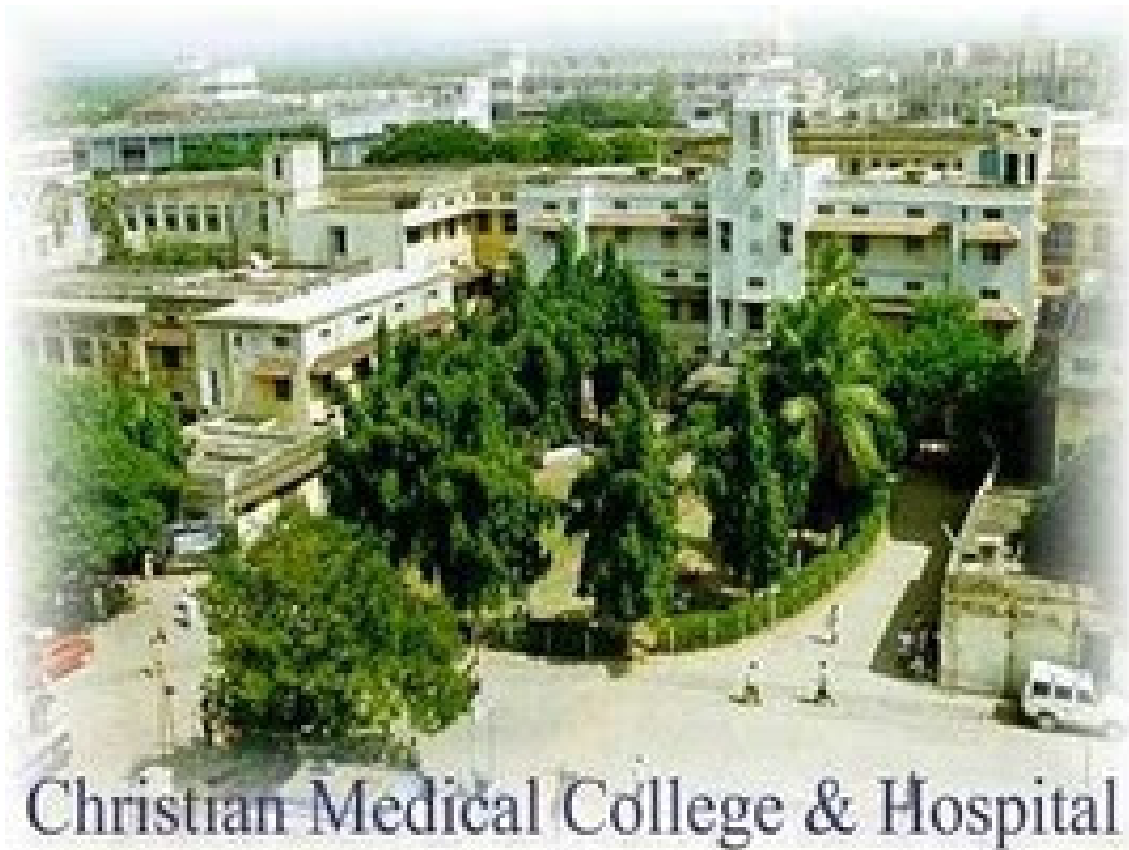
Father and Mother of Child: Labourer and Housewife

Brief history of illness: Eight month old child admitted from casualty with fever, cough and breathing difficulty

Brief account of treatment and course in hospital: Chest surgery was required to drain an accumulation of pus in the lungs. The child was discharged in satisfactory condition with chest tube on drainage.

Hospital Bill: Parents had to borrow from a money lender at 10% interest to pay part of the charges.

News from CMCH Vellore



Vellore Rated as Second Best Medical College in India

India Today has released their newest ranking of academic excellence in India's Medical Colleges. CMC Vellore ranked second best once again. The top five colleges are noted for their contribution to medical research. CMC was complimented for its emphasis on The Community Health and Development Unit which sends new graduates to outlying villages for several weeks' rural experience. CMC Ludhiana was ranked 16th, up from 19th last year.

Vocational Training for Rural Youth

Since 1982, the Rural Unit for Health and Social Affairs (RHUSA) has been providing vocational training courses for youth. The program targets school dropouts and needy unemployed young people. Initially, courses were offered in residential electrical wiring, bicycle maintenance and repairs and tailoring. The training was then expanded to include five main sectors: Auto Mechanics, Communication Equipment Repair & Maintenance, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Electric Motor Rewinding and Household Appliance Repair. The courses were accredited by the Tamil Nadu Open University and the National Institute of Open School.

In 1999, a Community College was introduced to promote job oriented skill-based training which also provides human resource development such as leadership, communication, entrepreneurship and conflict management skills. Over the last 30 years, more than 9,000 rural youth have been trained in the technical courses as well as 155 young men from the tsunami ravaged district. Most students have obtained jobs, 500 were motivated to pursue higher education and the balance are self employed. The Community College collaborates with 15 local industries to secure internship and job placements for the students. RUHSA continues to focus on the socio-economic development of the community as an overall strategy to improve rural health and well being.

Health Opportunities for People Everywhere (HOPE)

Project HOPE was founded in 1958 by Dr. William Walsh. Today, HOPE is a large funding agency which plays a major role in health care support to deprived areas of the world. The current vision of Project HOPE is to have a positive impact on the modern endemic crisis of diabetes. Funds were provided to Vellore's Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism to train 400 counsellors in diabetes education. The training program is certified by the International Diabetes Federation.

The program has been underway for the last 18 months and 75 % of the targets have already been achieved. Nurses, physiotherapists and dieticians receive an intensive six month training program. A Diabetes Foot Care Clinic was recently established in Vellore and foot care camps are being expanded to rural villages.



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