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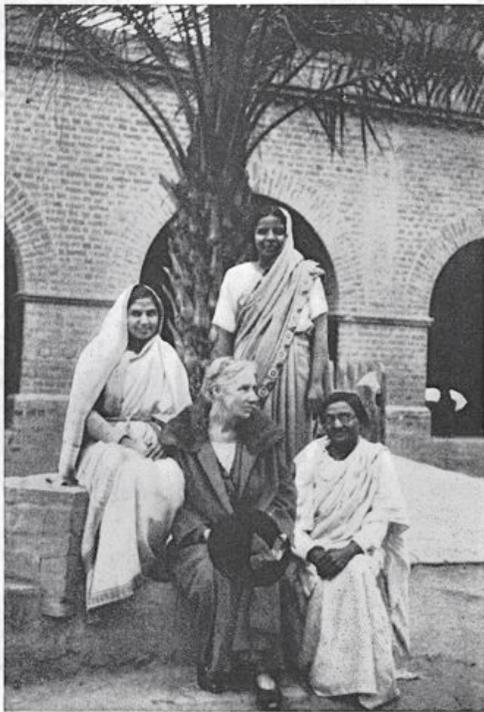
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### Historic Excellence in Medical Education

The two institutions we support in their ongoing efforts to bring compassionate medical care to those in need in India have not only been models of excellence in treatment and training but they have provided the best possible care for more than 100 years. Humble beginnings with primitive facilities and tools were no barrier to the founding workers who were inspired by their love for God and their fellow men.

### CMCH Ludhiana – founded in 1894 by Dr. Edith Brown



There are four distinct colleges operating within CMCH Ludhiana: Medical, Nursing, Dental and Physiotherapy Colleges. The four colleges are affiliated with the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences in Faridkot, Punjab. The institution is ranked in the top 20 of 280 medical colleges in India. Many graduates from the four colleges serve in remote places of need and small Christian hospitals throughout the country.

The School of Nursing commenced training in 1889 as part of a small medical clinic. In 1973, it was upgraded to the College of Nursing and is recognized by the Indian Nursing Council (INC). About 120 students enroll annually in the Bachelor of Science degree program and the General Nursing and Midwifery program. Both programs offer a three-year course of study. The BScN course has an additional internship year. Twenty-four students are admitted to the Masters degree program in five areas. Short certificate courses in special nursing practices are also offered.

## Ambulance Services – Then & Now



The Medical College has just completed 115 years of training medical students. The Medical Council of India recognizes it. Last year, about 5,000 applicants took entrance exams at different centers across India. From these, 50 students were selected on merit, 26 men and 24 women for the MBBS degree course, a four and a half - year program, plus one-year internship. The students come from across the country and included seven Non-Resident Indian students. Postgraduate students were also admitted to a number of specialties such as plastic surgery, neurosurgery, and cardiology.



The Dental College, established in 1997, admits 40 students annually to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) course, a four-year degree program plus 1 year of paid, mandatory internship in a dental institute. Four students annually are admitted to the Masters of Dental Surgery Course (MDS). A Dental Mechanic course is also offered, admitting 20 students each year. A Dental Mechanic makes or repairs dental appliances and dentures including inlay, crown and bridge work. This course is a two-year certificate program.

The College of Physiotherapy opened in the early 1960s, offering a diploma program. In 2006, the degree (BPT) program was started. Twenty students are admitted annually.



## CMCH Vellore – founded in 1900 by Dr Ida Scudder

The college is currently ranked second in the top 10 Indian medical colleges. It is affiliated with the Dr. MGR Medical University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu offering degree courses in Medicine (MBBS), Nursing (BScN), Physiotherapy (BPT), Occupational Therapy (BOT), and Medical Laboratory Technology (BSc). All admissions are determined by examination and interviews and only on the basis of merit. The student body comes from across India and from different socioeconomic strata, making a very diverse student body.

Vellore has been training nurses since 1904 and medical doctors since 1918. Today, CMC trains about twice as many postgraduates as undergraduates, covering almost every specialty and subspecialty. The Continuing Medical Education program helps doctors in peripheral hospitals to improve their professional competency through ongoing education.

### **College of Nursing**

In the early years, local women were trained on site to assist foreign trained nursing staff. By 1909 the Nursing School was established, offering a nursing diploma program. A degree program was initiated in 1946, the very first College of Nursing in India. Eighty general nursing students are admitted annually. Fifty BSc students enroll and 30 general staff nurses take the BSc upgrade program. MSc and PhD nursing programs are offered and post diploma specialty programs as well.

### **Medical College**

The MBBS medical degree course is four and a half years, followed by one year of compulsory rotating residential internship. Sixty students are admitted annually. Most of the students give an undertaking to serve for at least two years after graduation in hospitals run by churches or sponsoring organizations.

## Postgraduate and Higher Specialty Courses

Applications are invited in October of the year for these courses with study beginning the following March. For the 2007-2008 academic year, 455 students were enrolled.

Dear Friends:

This newsletter reports on the history of excellence in education for more than 100 years in both institutions. The Christ centred training of compassionate, caring professional staff equips men and women to relieve suffering and promote the health of mind, body and spirit throughout India with particular concern for the disabled and the needy.

The recent Oscar-winning movie, *Slumdog Millionaire*, told the story of an orphaned boy from the slums of Mumbai. It portrayed the harsh reality of poverty in India made worse by violence and official corruption. However, another part of the story is that churches and partners abroad have helped many young people to rise above poverty and train in these two colleges as medical personnel. As a Committee, we will continue in this partnership.

I am pleased to announce that a nursing scholarship the “Annama Mathews Gupta Family Scholarship” is being established at the College of Nursing at CMCH Vellore. The scholarship will be based on both merit and need. Anna Gupta has made the initial investment for the scholarship and the Committee will add funds in honour of her many years of dedicated service to excellence in nursing in both Vellore and Canada.

Your generous gifts give hope through education, health care and service to those in need.

Sincerely,

Helen Flanagan  
Chair

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