

# Vellore Ludhiana Committee of Canada

*Ministering God's love through medical training & care at CMC Vellore & CMC Ludhiana since 1913*

## Committee News

Dear Friends & Supporters,

Here are some highlights of what has been happening since our last newsletter.

### Visit to Saskatoon & Vancouver

In late June/early July, Doug (Chair) and Val (Committee Member) were able to meet with VLCC members and supporters living in both the Saskatoon and Vancouver areas.



*In Vancouver*

Our goal was to encourage our friends in these localities to see themselves as cell

groups who could meet periodically and work

together in supporting the CMC's. A possible example: a local cell group could decide to adopt a specific project of particular interest to them and raise funds for it.



*In Saskatoon*

### Meanwhile, back in the Toronto area ...

In August, VLCC were doubly privileged to have two events for which we were asked to present our work. In each case, funds were raised for our projects with the CMC's.

#### CMC Toronto Reunion

On August 5<sup>th</sup> a CMC Reunion dinner was organized and staged by a number of CMC alumni. The expectation was that 100-130 would attend; you can imagine the surprise when more and more kept arriving that evening! More and more tables had to be set up – the final number of attendees was over 200!

*So many came...so many stories shared!*



*"My work is for a King." Dame Edith Brown, founder of CMC Ludhiana*

*"Not to be ministered unto but to minister" – Dr. Ida S. Scudder, founder of CMC Vellore*



Not only were donations received after our presentation but the high attendance meant there was a surplus over the cost of staging the dinner and the organizers donated that to the committee work as well. We wish to thank Pushpa and Anwer James and their organizing committee for both asking us to present our work and for their generous donation of the proceeds from the dinner.

*Bill Virgin presenting*



*Some of the organizers*

## Who We Are:

Rev. William D. Virgin, Member at Large:

He is just Bill to us! Born in Landour, Mussoorie, he attended Woodstock School and lived in India



*Bill & Barb Virgin*

until his mid teens. After completing high school in Canada and spending a few years in the working world, Bill felt called to pastoral work. He graduated from Ontario Bible College, Toronto with his Bachelor of Theology degree and through the following years served as a pastor in a number of churches in northern and southern Ontario. His passion and love for India has never waned and led to his involvement with the Vellore Ludhiana Committee of Canada in the 1970's, founding the South Asian Welcome Centre in 2002 and regular visits to CMC Ludhiana. While visiting, Bill has drawn from his expertise and experience, in counseling, to lead workshops for students and

staff in: anger management, domestic abuse, substance abuse, healthy communications, healthy relationships, stress management, marriage, family and forgiveness.

## Ludhiana News

The Good Samaritan Fund

Our contributions to this fund help to pay for necessary medical treatment that patients and their families cannot afford. Here are some real stories of people who are very grateful for our help.



*Samaritan Fund.*

Sanjeev is 13; his family include his mother, 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Their father left home four years ago and his sister (18) is now the only family wage earner. With coughing spells, difficulty breathing and palpitations, Sanjeev was admitted to CMC in severe respiratory distress with symptoms of right sided heart failure. His diagnosis of a fungal lung infection received a complex regimen of treatments and medications over his 13 days in hospital. There was great improvement but Sanjeev will still need long term antifungal treatment. A portion of his medical costs were paid for by funds we sent to The Good

After delivering her baby, Angel, 24, was suffering from low blood pressure, narrowing of her leg arteries, inflammation of her heart and pneumonia. She had to be transferred to ICU. There, she was treated with a breathing tube, IV meds and mechanical ventilation and after 11 days in hospital, she was discharged in satisfactory condition. Angel will need to return to Outpatients for further assessment and treatment of her narrowing arteries. Again, our contributions helped this grateful mother in her time of need.



Inder, 24, was brought into Emergency following a traffic accident. He had lost consciousness for over 30 minutes, his lungs had collapsed and he appeared to be suffering from internal injuries. His lungs were re-inflated with tubes and in the operating theatre, he underwent surgery for his internal injuries. A repair of his pancreas, removal of his spleen and insertion of a feeding tube were all done under a general anesthetic. After 14 days of recovery in hospital, he is thankful to CMC for his life saving treatment and for his discharge in satisfactory condition.



## Vellore News

### Our 2016 Vellore Ludhiana Committee of Canada Scholarship Nurses



**Ms. Banu**  
Gladys Hamilton  
Nursing Scholarship  
3<sup>rd</sup> year



**Ms. Dhivya**  
Gladys Hamilton  
Nursing Scholarship  
3<sup>rd</sup> year



**Ms. Sharmila**  
VLCC Nursing  
Scholarship  
3<sup>rd</sup> year



**Ms. Simran**  
Annama Gupta  
Nursing Scholarship  
3<sup>rd</sup> year

We are very proud of them, all in their third year now. They are almost ready to go out and serve.

Please keep them in your prayers!

## In Closing

### Cell Groups & Presentations

Back on page one, you read about groups of Vellore/Ludhiana supporters in the Saskatoon and Vancouver areas. In fact, there are little groups like this in many of the cities of Canada. We would like to encourage each of you to seek out each other in the communities you live in. If we can help you with this, please let us know.

You have also read about events where committee members gave presentations about the Vellore Ludhiana Committee of Canada and the projects we have with the two CMC's. If you know of a church or group that would like to hear about what we are doing, we would be happy to either arrange for material that can be used for a presentation (slides, video etc.) or, for someone to come and present the work. Please let us know!

### It's easier to write cheques!

We have now registered our website name as a business name with both the government and our bank. This means you can now write cheques to our shorter name, CMCHOSPITALS.CA. It's easier to remember and much easier to fit into that little space on cheques - we thought you would like this!

### Christmas Wishes

We all experience the distractions of our culture's commercialization of Christmas. Some of it can even be a lot of fun! We at the committee hope you will find time to reflect on the greatest gift of all; that God sent His Son - to make right what is wrong, to bring peace and good will toward men, to demonstrate God's love for each one of us, to show us "the way." Celebrating this "true" Christmas is a celebration that can rise above our circumstances. Many at this time of year experience very difficult times but Christmas is "Emmanuel" – "God with us." If He is with us, we can be comforted, we can know His peace, we can thank Him and quietly celebrate in our hearts, just as "Mary pondered these things in her heart" so many years ago.

From each of us at the committee, we wish each of you "all these things" for a blessed Christmas!

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