

## Health News



Some of you have asked me to share our health news with our CMC US community. Sally and I were in India during September and October last year. We started on campus in Ludhiana where I attended the Governing Body meeting. From there we went to Mussoorie where I was born, attended school through high school, and graduated 50 years ago. Our reunion started in Mussoorie. For the next three weeks we traveled with classmates to the Ellora and Ajanta Caves, the Ahilia Fort, and Darjeeling, where one of my classmates owns Glenburn Tea Estate. Sally was not well on the trip but we kept on going. A week after returning home we ended up in the ER of the University of Missouri Medical Center. It was in the ER where we received the diagnosis of stage 4 colon-rectal cancer that had spread to the liver and lymph nodes. Since then we have been spending much of our time at the hospital with chemotherapy treatments, hospital stays and surgery for a colostomy. I was not able to travel to Ludhiana for my usual trip in March but hope to travel there in September. For being on chemotherapy we are doing OK and have wonderful support from family and the community where we live in Columbia, Missouri. We also value the support of our CMC US community. Thanks for letting me share this health news with you and thanks for your support. Thanks also for your commitment to health care for others, made possible through the Ludhiana Christian Medical College.

—Max Marble

## Alumni Reunion (From Dr. George Simon)

Along with Dr. Sewa Legha and Dr. Harvinder Bedi, I have the distinct honor and privilege of seeking the grace of your presence with family for the 2018 Alumni meeting to be held at Houston from October 4th to the 7th.

We were able to secure, arguably the best venue in Houston, the recently upgraded Marriott Marquis hotel in downtown Houston for this event, with easy access to all the downtown restaurants, events and amenities.

Additionally we have also planned for a vibrant and stimulating CME event which includes lectures about topics of contemporary interest delivered by some of the most illustrious among us. Details of this event will follow in future mailings.

Last, but not the least, we have also planned a trip to the Galveston Bay, where we can visit with each other and reminisce about our shared heritage with our beloved Alma mater, CMC, while we dine on a boat on the bay while we watch what could be, weather permitting, a gorgeous sunset.

Look forward to seeing you in Houston.  
(Host Committee: Dr. George Simon, Dr. Sewa Legha & Dr. Harvinder Bedi)

To make easy online reservations go to:  
<https://book.passkey.com/e/49525805>  
Or to go through an operator call: 888-236-2427 and ask for rates for the Oct 4-7 Alumni Meeting rate.

## Bhatti Installed as New CMC Director



Dr. William Bhatti was installed as the new Director of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College. His predecessor Dr. Abraham Thomas, completed his maximum term as Director.

Bhatti was born and raised in Ludhiana where he attended Ewing Christian High School. After graduation he was admitted to the Ludhiana Christian Medical College where he earned his MBBS degree in 1984. After his internship he served along with his new wife, Dr. Kavita Mandrelle Bhatti, in two rural mission hospitals. They served in Frances Newton Hospital Ferozpur in Punjab and in Methodist Hospital Mathura in the state of Uttar Pradesh. He returned to Ludhiana CMC where he completed his MS in General Surgery in 1996 and worked in the Department of General Surgery up to the level of Associate Professor.

In 2006 he completed his MCh Paediatric Surgery training in the Vellore Christian Medical College. Again returning to Ludhiana CMC he joined the Department of Paediatric Surgery and served as Professor and Head of the Department of Paediatric Surgery from 2009 until being installed as Director. During this time he developed an interest in Paediatric Endoscopic Surgery and in April 2013 performed thoracoscopic esophageal atresia repair, the first of its kind in North India. He also started the course in MCh Paediatric Surgery which has been recognized by the Medical Council of India. During this time he also held posts as Deputy Director and later Medical Superintendent.

Dr. Kavita Mandrelle Bhatti is Professor and Unit Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology with fellowship training in reproductive medicine from the Vellore Christian Medical College.

Their son Dr. Sahir Bhatti is currently working at Frances Newton Mission Hospital, Ferozpur, toward the fulfilment of this service agreement after MBBS training. Younger son Vaibhav is in 12<sup>th</sup> standard in school.



New Neuro Sciences Wing Dedicated (March 2018)

## 2018 Graduates Processional



Those graduating and receiving degrees in this year's convocation were 75 Medical College students. 41 Dental College students and 59 Nursing College Students.



Medical Students Graduates with Administrative Staff

Upon graduation graduates head out to serve in hospitals and clinics throughout India and around the world. Many serve in rural and urban mission hospitals where health needs are great and where equipment, supplies and salaries are limited. These challenges are faced by graduates with special dedication, high intelligence, creative resourcefulness and reliance on God for direction. In this way the Ludhiana Christian Medical College fulfills its mission to serve the poor and underserved in India.

## New Administrative Team Members



New Administrative Team Members Bow During Prayer of Consecration: Left to Right: Ms. Kamlesh Gill (Nursing Superintendent), Mrs. Reena Jairus (Nursing College Principal), Dr. Ghruv Ghosh (Associate Director), Dr. William Bhatti (Director), Dr. Jeyaraj Pandian (Medical College Principal), Also new to the administrative team but not pictured is Dr. Anil Luther (Medical Superintendent)

## Sarai (Rest House) for Patient's Relatives Donated by the MBBS Class of 1968



### Giving Back After 50 Years

The Class of 1968 decided that the best way to celebrate their 50th year reunion was to give back to their alma mater by giving a gift that will keep on giving. A great need for poor patient families has been a place close to campus where they could stay while waiting for their family member to be treated at the hospital. The Class of 1968 undertook the raising of funds to renovate an abandoned and crumbling building on campus just behind the hospital into first class living quarters. The new Sarai has ten such quarters. Each has a bedroom/living room, kitchen, pantry, bathroom and small patio. They raised \$74,413. Most of the funds have been used for renovation. However, the class has also set up an endowment fund for the project. The income from the endowment fund will be sent to CMC to pay for administration and upkeep.



Thirty-one members of the class of 1968 returned to campus in March for their 50th year reunion. They cut the ribbon for the Sarai and dedicated the building during their reunion. The class members crowded into one of the Sarai rooms for a group picture.

Dr. Gurpal Bhuller, a CMC US Board member, coordinated the project and let the members of his class know about it. During the dedication he spoke about their class and this lasting gift to their alma mater.



### New FISH Lab Dedicated (\$75,000)



A big thanks to all of our generous donors who made this \$75,000 donation to the Ludhiana Christian Medical College possible. The new FISH Lab is the only such lab in Ludhiana and, indeed, the whole of Northwest India except for one located in Chandigarh, the capital of the state of Punjab.

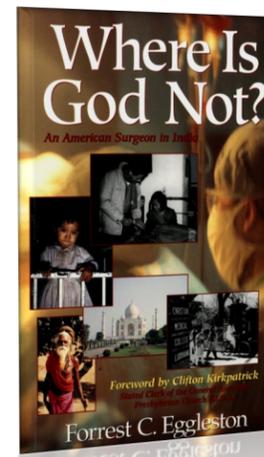
Molecular pathology techniques like FISH (Fluorescent in situ hybridization) and PCR (polymerase chain reaction) in the present time are indispensable for accurate diagnosis of malignancies. Besides helping with precise diagnosis, these techniques provide vital information on prognosis and guide therapeutic decision making in relation to oncology. Some of the common malignancies/conditions where FISH testing are utilized are: leukemias, lymphomas, bone marrow transplants, breast cancers, lung cancers, soft tissue tumors and antenatal genetic testing.



Dr. Kanwardeep Kwatra Explains FISH During Dedication Service

## Dr. Forrest Eggleston's Autobiography

We are delighted to be able to offer "Where Is God Not" as an audio book. Just go to [www.folus.org](http://www.folus.org) and starting listening.



When surgeon Forrest Eggleston and his wife, Barbara, arrived in India in 1953, their two children in tow, the impoverished country had only been independent for six and half years. The family's destination as Presbyterian medical missionaries was the Lady Irwin Tuberculosis Sanatorium in the tiny village of Jubar high in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains. There, surrounded by breathtaking views, cultural mores often inimical to healing, and mind numbing primitive conditions, Eggleston served as the medical superintendent with skill and compassion. During this period of time, he also developed a general surgical residency program at the Christian Medical College in Ludhiana, on the plains of the state of Punjab, which allowed him the particularly satisfying activity of teaching. In a voice still filled with a sense of wonder and gratitude for the incredible adventure in which he and his family too part. Eggleston reflects on his medical mission. Although as he describes it, "We wept for the poor of India and felt helpless," he and his dedicated staff made a vast difference in the quality of health care available on the plains and in the mountains of North India. They offered all their patients loving Christian care, curing those who could be cured and not being afraid to be with the incurable as they died. Eggleston recalls the story behind the simple but profound words that sustained his faith—"Where is God not?"—spoken by Rev. John Lowrie the first Presbyterian missionary to India, in response to a Sikh ruler' challenging question, "Where is God?" Through vignettes of village life and individuals, he gives a human face to India's epic political, religious, and social upheavals as it struggled to become a self-sufficient and peaceful democracy.

(From the back cover of the book) Providence House Publishers, 1999 (All profits were used to benefit medical missions in the developing world.)



Forrest and Barbara Eggleston Serving In India

## Read by Rick Dreyer



We are thankful to Rick Dreyer for taking the time to help us digitize Dr. Eggleston's book so that all might listen to it.

Rick is a mechanical engineer working for companies specializing in crushing equipment for mines, power plants and industrial minerals. For the last sixteen years he has served out of St. Louis as Director of International Sales which has taken him to 35 different countries. He loves traveling and experiencing other cultures. India is a particular favorite. While in India Rick and Eileen, his wife of 43 years, especially enjoyed attending the wedding of one of his associates in Rourkela. He and Eileen attend Concord Trinity United Methodist Church in St. Louis.

He has six rules for travel. 1. Be a student and feel and absorb the rich history of other cultures. 2. Look for beauty. 3. Be adventurous. 4. Respect and celebrate our differences. 5. Talk to local people. 6. Be prepared for ANYTHING!

Rick responded to an appeal in our Ludhiana CMC US Review (newsletter) and has devoted many weeks of spare time with this project. We are pleased and proud of the final product.

### Eggleston Trust

The Eggleston Trust made possible by generous donations has been established. Following the death of Dr. Eggleston last year, the Ludhiana CMC US Board decided to raise funds for a lasting memorial to the Forest and Barbara Eggleston for their many years of service in Ludhiana, India. With a goal of raising at least \$50,000 the fund drive was led by Dr. Sarjit Gill, one of Dr. Eggleston's students from Shreveport, Louisiana. Soon the fund had received over \$65,000 and funds are still being received. Income from this endowment fund will provide annual lectures on the Ludhiana CMC campus by highly respected experts from India and around the world.

### Eggleston Tribute

An interesting short video about the many years of service at the Ludhiana Christian medical College is posted on YouTube. You can view the video by going on the internet to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and typing "Eggleston Tribute" in the search box at the top of the page.

### CMC US Board Sends \$60,200 to CMC

The Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board US recently sent a grant of \$60,200 to the Ludhiana Christian Medical College at the request of the new administration headed by Dr. William Bhatti. \$45,000 will be used for gaining accreditation by the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals. The two year accreditation process insures that systems are put into place to improve patient care and patient safety. \$15,200 will be used to conduct a forensic audit to assess the current financial management system and give an accurate picture of the finances as the new administration begins its work.