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## Pennsylvania Taste of India Provides Open Heart Surgery for Five Children



### A Taste of India

The Stewardship Foundation and the Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board USA sponsored a fundraising event called "A Taste of India" which raised \$25,000 to pay for open heart surgery for 5 children born with heart defects. The event, held at the Passage to India Restaurant in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, included a gourmet Indian dinner, classical Indian dances, and a presentation on the Ludhiana Christian Medical College by Max Marble, Executive Director of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board USA.

The impetus for the event was the visit to Ludhiana of Phyllis Bowers, the Stewardship Foundation Executive Director, and Roberta Jones, former Executive Director of the Ludhiana Christian Medical Foundation US Board. On that trip they met some of the children in need of open heart surgery. Pictured below is Phyllis Bowers with one of those children.

One of the special guests attending the Taste of India was Dr. Forrest Eggleston, who served as Director of the

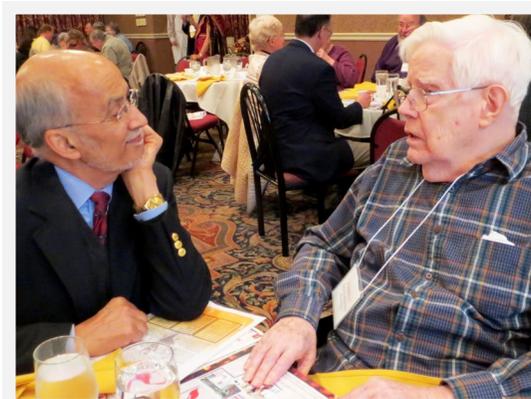


Rev. Phyllis Bowers with Boy Needing Surgery

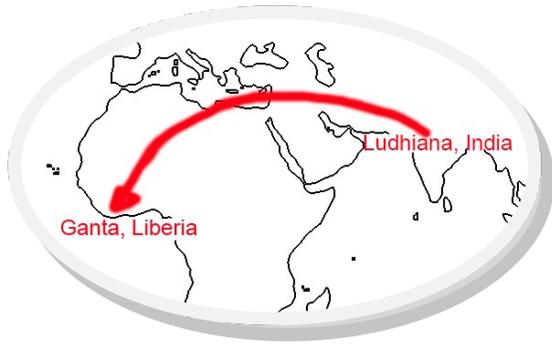
Medical College from 1982 to 1986. He was also the first Head of the Surgery Department. He is pictured below visiting with Dr. Sewa Legha, CMC graduate and retired oncologist from MD Anderson Center in Houston.

The pediatric heart surgeries, which cost over \$90,000 in the US, are performed for \$5,000 and a fee of \$900 charged to the patient families. The program called the "Gift of Life" was started by Dr. Abraham Thomas, Medical College Director, and Dr. Harinder Bedi, Head of the Cardio Thoracic & Vascular Surgery Department.

Individuals, congregations or organizations can make donations for these surgeries through the Ludhiana CMC US Board. For more information contact Max Marble at 573-777-2924 or by email at ([marblelcm@gmail.com](mailto:marblelcm@gmail.com)).



Dr. Sewa Legha Visits with Former Director, Dr. Forrest Eggleston



## Ludhiana CMC Reaches Out To Liberia

Recent civil war in Liberia has left the country with few resources, and one of the great needs is dental care. In 2010 there were only 6 dentists in the country, and 5 of them lived in the capital city of Monrovia, leaving the rural parts of the country without dental care. All six of the dentists were aged 60 or older.

In August 2010 the Ludhiana Christian Medical College reached out to Liberia by sending Dr. Ashwin Sakharia, a dental surgeon, to serve for six months. His mission was to treat patients and to start a program of training dental nurse practitioners. Ludhiana CMC has continued to send a string of dental college graduates to Ganta Methodist Hospital in Liberia to train dental practitioners. The General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church has provided funding for the program, and equipment was provided by the University of Tennessee.



Pictured above is Dr. Renju Kunjumon (center) along with his dental team at the Ganta Methodist Hospital in Liberia. Dr. Kunjumon has just returned from his term of service in Liberia. We want to thank Dr. Abraham Thomas, Director of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College, Dr. Abi Thomas, Principal of the Dental College, Dr. Kunjumon, and all others associated with this international outreach by our Ludhiana Christian Medical College.

## New Digital Microscope, Computer & Projector



The Tumor Board, headed up by Dr. Navneet Chaudhry, Head of Surgery, meets every Friday afternoon to review each cancer patient under treatment. The board includes members from all of the surgical specialties as well as Pathology, Medical Oncology, and Radiation Oncology. They also have input from Radiology which helps with reviewing CT scans and x-rays.

The US Ludhiana CMC Board has provided funds for a computerized microscope, computer and LCD projector to be used at these weekly tumor board meetings. The new equipment enables those gathered to view the tumors together and discuss the best treatment for the patient.



Dr. Kunal Jain has been kind enough to discuss on tape the advantages to patients from the tumor board meetings and the new equipment. [Click on the picture](http://youtu.be/X7fN3iKQouA) to view the short 2 minute video of that conversation.  
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## From Dr. Elizabeth Paul, Alumni President

This year has been a productive one thus far for the North American Alumni. We had set some immediate goals and priorities for the term of the current executive committee. The first being to update our North American alumni database to

improve contact and communication, and the second to promote the mission of "giving back to the Alma Mater."

Thanks to the hard work of Reverend Max Marble and Dr. Sewa Singh, we have successfully compiled a more complete and accurate alumni database, although it continues to be a work in progress. With respect to the second goal, the Alumni and the CMC board have raised \$55,000 to establish a laparoscopic surgical unit for the OB & GYN department in memory and honor of Dr. Beryl Howie, one of our beloved mentors and teachers, who herself established the department as it is today. I applaud and thank each of the donors for their generosity and philanthropic spirit.

The Annual meeting of CMCNAA is going to be from October 6<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in India. The meeting details are available on the web at <http://www.CMCNAA.org>

Based on information collected through the updated alumni database, we now know that we have more than 400 alumni here in North America. We have the potential for being a very strong organization, but it is somewhat disheartening that so few alumni are actively involved in or even members of the CMCNAA. My request to all the alumni is to take a moment and reminisce on the time we spent in CMC. It is this institution that shaped us to be who and what we are today. Please make an effort to "belong" to that old CMC family and together we can do a lot of good for ourselves and our institution.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Paul M.D, Alumni Association President

## \$55,000 Raised for Laparoscopic Set

The North American Alumni Association and the Ludhiana Board USA has raised \$55,000 in memory of Dr. Beryl Howie for a laparoscopic set for the OB & Gyne Department at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College, which Dr. Howie started. The next edition of the review will feature a full article about this generous gift to the Medical College by supporters in the United States.

## Missouri Sponsors 11 Nursing Students for Fourth Year



Anita



Namita Titus

Congregations and individuals in Missouri have provided scholarships for 11 nursing students for the past three years running. Two of the 11 students are pictured above. The generous \$5,000 offering for next year's 11 nursing students received at the United Methodist Missouri Annual Conference fell short of the \$11,000 needed. Hearing about the shortfall one of the retired Missouri Conference pastors wrote out a personal check for the remaining \$6,000, guaranteeing a year of study for 11 students. PRAISE GOD! Missouri supporters provide the funds and the Nursing College selects the students who will receive the scholarships.

## Visiting Professor from Ludhiana CMC



Dr. Vijay Obed, Professor and Head of the Department of Plastic, Cosmetic, Hand and Microsurgery and Burns, was invited by the American Burn Association to speak at their annual meeting in Palm Springs, California. While in the US he also was invited to be a Visiting Professor to burn centers in Salt Lake City, Washington, DC, and Boston.

Ludhiana Christian Medical College faculty are routinely invited to speak and serve as visiting professors in the United States, which speaks well of our institution.

## Donations

Donations to support the Ludhiana Christian Medical College may be sent to:

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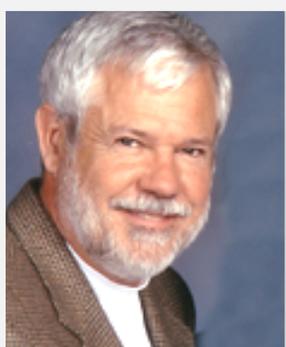
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## Independence Day Celebrations at CMC



**Click on the picture for the video of Dr. Bedi with student dancers at the Independence Day Celebrations**



### From Max Marble

Serving as Executive Director of the Ludhiana CMC Board USA, Inc. continues to be an honor and a joy. Because I grew up in India, reconnecting to India in retirement has been a dream come true. My visits with Dr. Abraham Thomas, Director of the Ludhiana Christian Medical Col-

lege, have been high points of each visit. Also on each visit I have been able to take photographs, shoot video, and interview students and faculty. Currently there are about 20 short videos about Ludhiana CMC available on YouTube. They are easy to find. Just go to the YouTube website (<http://youtube.com>) and enter "LudhianaMax" in the search window. It will bring up all of the videos which I have produced about the ministry at Ludhiana CMC.

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