



# Friends of Ludhiana

Christian Medical College (CMC) Ludhiana  
Punjab, North India

## PRAYER TOPICS

March 2013

### Prayer Topics – March

#### Week 10 : 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March

The **GOVERNING BODY**, which consists of representatives of supporting Church bodies, government, Ludhiana city, CMC staff, overseas fellowships and support agencies, meets in March and September and considers matters of policy and makes senior staff appointments. The Executive Committee meets more frequently and its members carry extra responsibility. The Governing Body and Society meetings take place on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

#### PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the vision of Dame Edith Brown over 115 years ago*
- *the wholehearted support of the Governing Body for the Director*
- *the service of members of the Governing Body and Executive Committee*

#### PRAY FOR

- *for all attending for safety in travel*
- *the Governing Body in their discussions and decisions - that they be guided by the Holy Spirit to a unity of purpose and vision that will be for the good of the Institution*

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden.  
Hebrews 13 v.17

#### Week 11 : 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March

**NURSES** form the backbone of the care in the hospital; they are in daily contact with patients and, when the hospital is running at around 90% bed occupancy, can feel overworked and understaffed. Many nurses at junior level trained at CMC and have not had exposure to other nursing practices both within India and overseas. Many activities undertaken by nurse practitioners in UK are performed by doctors in India.

Community health nursing is a vital and major component of nursing education at CMC. The needs of the population in the urban (including slum areas) and rural communities in the



villages around the city are great. Many people have little or no access to health care. Students are exposed to conditions and diseases they will encounter after qualified, when working without the facilities of a large hospital. The College of Nursing takes primary health care services into the less advantaged areas, offering maternal and child health services, family welfare services and health education in schools.

#### PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the faculty and staff who contributed immensely to the progress of the College of Nursing until their retirement*
- *the new staff, faculty and students who joined CMC in 2012-13*

#### PRAY FOR

- *a need of people with vision and dedication*
- *student nurses in their training and professional development*

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed them.

Matthew 14 v.14

## Week 12 :18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March

The **INSTITUTE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES (IAHS)** was established in 2007 to cover paramedical education and training which began in the 1960s with the Medical Laboratory Technology Course. It seeks to meet the demand for paramedical professionals and acts as the umbrella for two-year diploma courses ranging from Operation Theatre Technician to Blood Bank Technician, Community Health Assistant to Medical Laboratory Technician. The IAHS trains and educates through a variety of vocational courses, chosen according to the applicants' aptitude.



IAHS held its first graduation day in 2010 where diplomas were awarded to the first batch of 46 students who had completed courses in eight disciplines in the 2007-2009 session. They will be able to assist doctors and senior staff in a variety of procedures and it is expected they will find placements across the country. In 2011 the IAHS introduced nine new courses (making a total of 24) – the fees have been kept the same for three years, despite increasing input costs, in order to provide affordable training opportunities to those unable to afford the 'mainline' health professional courses.

### PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the establishment of IAHS*
- *the vocational courses offered and the increase in number and scope of them*
- *the completion of training of the first batches of students*

### PRAY FOR

- *students as they learn skills to assist other healthcare professionals*
- *those seeking to find employment opportunities after qualifying*
- *further development of the various courses offered*
- *Dr. Anoop Benjamin, Principal, and all teaching staff*

But each man has his own gift from God: one has this gift, another has that.

1 Corinthians 7 v.7

## 24<sup>th</sup> March

**FOUNDER'S DAY** marks the birthday of CMC's founder, Dame Edith Brown. March sees the



**ANNUAL CONVOCATION** with celebration and special activities. CMC has trained doctors and health professionals from many disciplines since 1894 and **ALUMNI** are now scattered worldwide, bringing healing where it is needed and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Founder's Day is an occasion for them to return to their colleges, to reminisce about the 'old days', to catch up with each others' news and to see the changes and new developments that have taken place at their Alma Mater. In 2013 the batches of 1982 and 1963 celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> reunions (graduation & admission respectively) and the batch of 1953 have a special 60<sup>th</sup> reunion.

### PRAISE GOD FOR

- *those serving in India's Christian mission hospitals or in pioneering situations in India*
- *those in secular employment who visit their alma mater and give professional help*
- *the Mission Office in its support and nurture of newly qualified doctors and those working in Christian hospitals*

### PRAY FOR

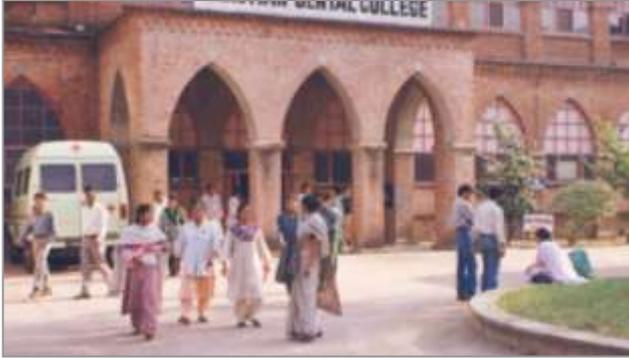
- *the Founder's Day programme and for those travelling from different parts of the world to participate*
- *alumni who loyally serve in the institution or in areas of great need and difficulty*
- *a stronger alumni association with more past students being interested in CMC's current work and wanting to help*
- *the vision for Christian commitment amongst the students and for them to be guided where to serve*
- *newly qualified CMC graduates from all disciplines working in sponsoring hospitals*
- *the ongoing work of the Mission Office*

Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

1 Timothy 4 v.7-8

### Week 13 : 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March

The **DENTAL COLLEGE** started in 1992 to train dentists to serve in a country where there is thought to be only one dentist for each



85,000 people. Forty students are now admitted each year to the BDS course; a dental nurses' course, believed to be the first such training in India, is also available. The College hopes to offer additional MDS postgraduate courses soon. There can, at times, be a rapid turnover in the faculty of the College.

The **DEPARTMENT OF DENTISTRY** offers routine and specialty treatments in clinics at the hospital. It began its community health services around 30 years ago and a modern fully equipped dental bus, able to perform routine operations like scaling and extraction, travels to villages with diagnostic, preventive and curative services alongside education on dental disease and its causes. The screening of school children is routine and provision of dentures to senior citizens has been well received.



#### PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the excellent academic records in University exams*
- *the upgrading of classrooms and other facilities in the college*
- *many being seen through the rural programme*

#### PRAY FOR

- *more Christian staff in the dental faculty*
- *an increase in the number of patients receiving help in the villages*
- *Dr. Abi Thomas, Principal, Dental College*

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved.

Romans 10 v.9

### EASTER

**EASTER** is a special time at CMC, particularly with the gathering of staff and students on Easter Sunday early in the morning for the **SUNRISE SERVICE**, followed by refreshments.

#### PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the Christian foundation of CMC*

#### PRAY FOR

- *all those preaching in services in college and hospital chapels*
- *services taking place in the week before Easter*
- *the Sunrise Service on Easter Day*
- *those of other faiths working at CMC*



"He is not here: he has risen!"

Luke 24 v.6

Pray for Dr. Abraham Thomas and the administrative team for wisdom to further develop the work of CMC – its pioneering treatments, its care for the poor, its training of doctors, nurses and dentists for the rural hospitals of India - so that it remains a beacon for Christ's grace in the Punjab.

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