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*The way of the Lord is a refuge for the righteous, but it is the ruin of those who do evil.*

*Proverbs 10:29*



## CMC Provides : Expanding the Footprint

### *Receiving the gift of hearing: The story of two brothers*

Born two years apart, **Hasan and Ayan** aged 5 and 3 years respectively belong to a poverty stricken family in Bihar. Their parents Mrs. and Mr. Babudin Ansar, began to notice that both the little brothers were not responding to noise and were showing signs of delayed speech at the age of 8 to 9 months.

Difficult financial conditions and an opportunity to work as a daily wage labourer relocated the family to Bangalore. The father, now, manages to earn Rs 15000, per month, which is a meagre sum, for a family of five staying in a rented house.

The condition of the children did not show improvement, they still failed to respond to any auditory stimuli. The parents took them for an evaluation in Bangalore and the boys were diagnosed with **bilateral profound hearing loss. Their only resort to gain hearing will be Cochlear implants.**

Cochlear implants can amount up to 7.8 to 15 lakhs. They were able to raise one or two lakhs through the Bihar Chief Minister Scheme. With no source for money and the boys getting older slowly, the family rushed to CMC, as their last resort. Little did they know, that all their problems were going to be solved, here within the humble walls of CMC.



It was 2017, the time when CMC, got chartered under the TN's CM Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme for Cochlear implant. **This liaison enabled the Department of ENT to help 40 children thus far; full charges covered.** Around the same timeline, the **Graeme Clark Foundation from Melbourne, Australia**, announced to provide 12000 AUD (nearly six lakhs), for implanting one deserving child with profound hearing loss. Graeme Clark Foundation is a charity organisation named to honour Professor Graeme Clark who was the Chair of Otolaryngology at the University of Melbourne. He had led the group that worked for nearly thirty years in developing the first multi channel Cochlear implant in the world. They were able to raise enough money for two Cochlear implants, which came to around Rs.16.5 lakhs. The Foundation specially acknowledges the Simone Jeha family for their contribution.

Hasan and Ayan were implanted on 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2019

#### **Special Prayers: July 28 - August 03, 2019**

**ENT :** Dr. Rita Ruby Anbuselvi A. and Staff  
Dr. Regi Thomas and Staff  
Dr. Ajoy Mathew Varghese and Staff  
Dr. Reji Kurien and Staff  
Dr. Anjali Lepcha and Staff  
Dr. Suma Susan Mathews and Staff  
Dr. Balaseetharaman and Staff

#### **ENT Head & Neck Surgery - I:**

Dr. Rajiv C. Michael and Staff

#### **American Leprosy Mission, USA**

Council Member: Dr. Jerry Joshua

Hospital: SLR & TC, Karigiri and others

#### **Sunday Services : August 04, 2019**

6.00 pm : **Scudder Auditorium**

Rev. Dr. Arul Dhas T.

6.30 pm : **Hospital Chapel**

Rev. Raja L.

5.00 pm : **Friendship Chapel, KPTR Campus**

Rev. Lalbiaksanga Pachau

4.30 pm : **Chittoor Chapel**

Rev. Mani Bhushan Das

#### **Memoranda :**

- The Department of Anaesthesia has been functioning as five units since August 2011. The third unit which was functioning as the unit of Neuroanaesthesia has been renamed as **Department of Neuroanaesthesia.**

- **Dr. Georgene Singh**, Professor is appointed as Acting Head of this Department with effect from 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 until further notice.

- **Dr. Rebekha Dass Zechariah**, Assistant Physician, is appointed as Acting Head of Distance Education Unit with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 until further notice.

- **Dr. Geeta Chacko**, Professor is appointed as Head of the Department of General Pathology with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 for a four year term.

respectively and the 'switch on' was done on 6<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Both the brothers were able to hear for the first time in their lives through the holistic care of CMC and the generous contribution from Graeme Clark Foundation.**

The family is ever grateful, along with the Paediatric ENT team for this life altering donation.

## Course on Neurological Infectious Diseases

The Department of Infectious Diseases, in collaboration with the University of Liverpool conducted the **First Neurological Infectious Disease Course in the Country on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019**. The welcome note was given by Professor Tom Solomon, UK and Dr. Priscilla Rupali. The 2-day Neurological



Infectious Diseases Course (Neuro-ID) provided updates to clinicians of all grades (including medical students) working in Adult and Paediatric Neurology, Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Acute Medicine, Emergency Medicine and Medical Microbiology. The course covered all common and important neurological infections, as well as some rarer conditions, with emphasis on practical approaches to the problems encountered on wards and in the clinic. The Keynote lecture was given by distinguished Emeritus Professor Jacob T. John on “**Outbreaks of Non-infectious Encephalopathy Misclassified as Infectious Encephalitis**”.



Ninety participants attended the two day course which offered lectures, clinical bedside session and practical laboratory sessions in bacteriology, virology, Paediatrics and Neurology. Expertise was offered by international faculty from UK, Brazil, Malawi and also National Faculty from outside the institution. The Best case presentation was awarded to Dr. Balram Rathish (Internal Medicine), Kerala and the winner of the quiz was Dr. Surendran. R and Dr. Veeren Ganta from Apollo Chennai.

## Sports News

### Football Tournament 2018-19

On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019, the prizes were awarded to the winner of the Tournament by the Chief Guest Dr. Reginald George Alex, Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine.

#### Results :

Winners : Department of Pharmacy  
Runners up : Department of Medical Engineering



## Obituaries

- **Mr. Henry J.**, father of Ms. Rexline Jayapriya, MRT Gr.I in Medical Records Department on July 25, 2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time of sorrow and loss.
- **Dr. Annie Mathai** (nee Jacob), batch of 1979-80 after a brief illness on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019. Dr. Annie is the wife of Dr. Varughese Mathai (batch of 1977), and the youngest daughter of late Rev K. V. Jacob and daughter-in-law of Drs. Rachel and KV Mathai. Annie joined CMC in 1979 after finishing her pre-degree in All Saints College, Trivandrum. Tall, slim and with a wonderful sense of humour, Annie had an indomitable spirit. She was well known for her witty banter and wry, hilarious comments, which brightened the lives of the batchmates and all who knew her. Annie excelled at her studies, had good clinical acumen and was a champion table tennis player. She was kindhearted, straightforward and meticulous. She had the courage and determination to stand up for what was right, and she always had time for those who needed her. She was a gentle and warm-hearted person, a loving wife and devoted mother to her two children. She never missed a reunion and there was fun and laughter when she was around. After finishing her MBBS, Annie went on to complete her MS Ophthalmology and a fellowship in medical and surgical retina at the reputed Sydney Eye Hospital in Australia. She spent several years as a senior surgeon, professor and faculty for Retina at the Christian Medical College, Vellore. She then moved to Hyderabad and joined the Retina Vitreous Services at LV Prasad Eye Institute in Hyderabad. Her areas of interest were vitreoretinal diseases, diabetic retinopathy and uveitis. Annie was an exemplary teacher.

Her professionalism always inspired her students, whether they were undergraduates, postgraduates or fellows. She would teach at every opportunity, be it when caring for the outpatient, teaching surgery in theatre or academic discussions on grand rounds. Whether she was a senior colleague or co-registrar she would always be a trusted friend, there for you, to cheer or correct as appropriate and take over from where you left off without reservations. She was a role model for all her colleagues and as she passes on, she leaves a void in the ophthalmology fraternity that no one else can fill. The funeral was held in Hyderabad on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2.00 pm at St. Andrews Marthoma Syrian Church, Secunderabad.



Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Dr. Varughese Mathai, children - Rohit and Manisha, and all the members of the family. Condolences can be mailed to [drvmathai@yahoo.co.in](mailto:drvmathai@yahoo.co.in)

**Alumni Reunion 2019 - Programme**

The Alumni Reunion will be held on August 8 to 10, 2019. This year, the special batches are 1949, 1954, 1959 - 60, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1984, 1989, 1994. The schedule for the reunion is as follows:

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 - Entire day for special batches to have their own programme**

<b>Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2019</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Programme</b>
1.45 pm	Scudder Auditorium	Meet the Students
3.30 pm	"	Tea
4.00 – 5.30 pm	"	CME
6.00 – 7.00 pm	"	Dr. Ida S Scudder Humanitarian Oration

<b>Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2019</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Programme</b>
8.00 am	Scudder Auditorium	Tree Planting & Registration
9.00 – 9.45 am	"	Open Meeting
9.45 – 10.15 am	"	Refreshments
10.15 – 11.15 am	"	General Body Meeting
11.15 am – 12.45 pm	"	Introduction & Photographs
1.00 pm	Men's & Women's Hostels	Lunch for all visiting alumni and special reunion batches
5.30 pm	Scudder Auditorium	Thanksgiving and Dedication Service
7.00 pm	Scudder Hall	Alumni Dinner for all Alumni
8.00 pm onwards	Scudder Auditorium	College Motto Award & Entertainment by Special Batches

- **Recipient of the Alumni Award 2019 - Mrs. Anu Mammen**
- **Recipient of the College Motto Award 2019 - Dr. Helen Samuel (1994)**

**Notice: American Heart Association – International Training Centre**

• **American Heart Association – Basic Life Support Course (AHA-BLS) provider level course**  
 American Heart Association -Basic Life Support (AHA-BLS) provider level course will be held on the **26<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at the Paul Brand Building, CMC, Vellore**. This one day course is designed for healthcare providers (doctors, nurses, paramedics) and the curriculum consists of video based, interactive lectures and skills training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation(CPR), use of Automated External Defibrillator and relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective manner to all ages – Adult, Paediatric and Infants. The number of participants is strictly restricted to **18** as per AHA guidelines. **The registration fee is Rs.2,500/-** (cost of study materials included) and the last date for registration is **6<sup>th</sup> August 2019**. For registrations, Please contact Ms. Nitha Cathuan , Paediatric ICU (Phone No.0416-228-3366).

• **American Heart Association –Paediatric Advanced Life Support (AHA PALS) course**

The AHA-PALS course will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at the Paul Brand Building, CMC. This well known Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course, accredited by the American Heart Association and American Academy of Paediatrics, is valid internationally. The number of participants is strictly restricted to 18 as per AHA guidelines. **The registration fee is Rs.6,500/-** (cost of study materials included). The last date for registration is **6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**. This two day course is designed for healthcare providers (doctors, nurses, paramedics) who initiate advanced life care in acutely ill children, beyond basic life support, through the stabilization or transport phases of a paediatric emergency. The course consists of lectures, videos, discussions and hands - on sessions based on simulated case scenarios and aims to train the participants in early recognition and emergency management of critically ill children with an emphasis on team concept. For enquiries and registration, please contact Ms. Nitha Cathuan or Dr. Ebor Jacob, Paediatric ICU (Phone No.0416-228-3366).

## Situations Vacant

**1. Senior Resident with M.D. (PMR) for the Department of P.M.R. (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation)**  
Salary scale : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly furnished, depending on availability).

**2. Registrar (Non PG) / Senior Resident Gr.III with MBBS / MD for the Department of Cardiology**  
Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

Apply with bio-data, certificates and testimonial copies with contact phone number, e-mail ID and address to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002 or by e-mail: [princi@cmcvellore.ac.in](mailto:princi@cmcvellore.ac.in) on or before **August 10, 2019** for items 1 and 2.

**3. Centre for Stem Cell Research (a unit of inStem, Bengaluru) & Christian Medical College, Vellore** in collaboration with National Health Mission, Odisha invite applications on purely temporary basis for the following posts to work under the project titled '**Control of Sickle Cell Disease and Thalassemia in Odisha**'. The posts of different categories of staff are : **Job Code : 1296**

**3(a) Technical Officer (Communication)**

Qualification : MPH, PG Mass communications, MSW-Community Development / Medical Social Work, Any PG with 2 years experience at district level with IEC / BCC programme, MA Health Education.

**3(b) Technical Officer (Lab)**

Qualification : DMLT with 10 years experience / Sr. Technologist (B.Sc.) with 5 to 10 years experience Desirable.

**3(c) Data Analyst**

Qualification : M.Sc. Statistics / M.Sc. Biostatistics with 1 year experience.

Mode of Appointment : Project mode.

Accommodation not provided.

For more details of the positions and the application forms visit <http://www.cscr.in/research-opportunities/> Please send us the duly filled application mentioning the job code either by soft copy to: [cscrcedu@cmcvellore.ac.in](mailto:cscrcedu@cmcvellore.ac.in) or by hard copy address to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore-632 002, Tamil Nadu on or before **August 12, 2019** for Items 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c).

**4. Staff II Cardiac Technician for the Department of Cardiology**

Qualifications : B.Sc. in Cardiac Technology or B.Sc.(Sciences Subject) with PG Diploma in Cardiac Technology.

Age limit : 35 years. Salary scale : As per institutional rules.

Job description : To assist in Cath Lab, Echo Cardiology, ECG, Treadmil and Holter.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

Link: "Vacancies". **Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.**

Applications will close on **August 12, 2019** for Item 4.