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Healing and Wholeness

"If Jesus is the Healer, why am I not being healed?", "Is my illness a sign of my wrongdoing that God is punishing me for?", "If God heals those who have much faith, is my faith lacking?", "How can I pray to God for health when I have a terminal illness and there is no cure?" Many such questions plague us when we are sick or ill. We and others too, offer prayers for our health in the hope that they will be answered. But sometimes the situation does not change for the better. Then doubts begin to arise. How do we know that God cares for each of His suffering children, for the entire grieving humanity and for the beaten cosmos?

God's desire for humanity is peace, wholeness, health, and well-being. In Genesis, it says that after each step in the process of creation, God paused, looked at what He had made, and pronounced that it was good. St. Thomas Aquinas says that every existence is a certain participation in God's own being. Humans are made in God's image which means sharing in God's own life. The interlude or period in which there is sickness is the aberration, the abnormality, something that is neither normal nor permanent. The Bible looks back to the beginning as a time free from sickness (implying that the troubles of toil and pain came after the fall). And when looking ahead to deliverance, salvation, redemption, the Bible speaks of God as the one who will bring healing. God is the Healer, the one who brings us back to the 'normal' state of health.

The Bible often makes a connection between sickness and sin. Sometimes individuals are mentioned - such as Miriam's leprosy (Num. 12:9-16) or the illness of David and Bathsheba's first child (2 Sam. 12:14-23). At other times people are struck by a disease, which is interpreted as God's judgment (Num. 14, 16; 2 Sam. 24). Deut. 28:27 mentions - "*the boils of Egypt,*" and ulcers and scurvy and "*the itch, of which you cannot be healed*". V. 35 continues "*The Lord will smite you on the knees and on the legs with grievous boils of which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.*" Similarly the Bible makes a connection between forgiveness of sins and healing. Psalm 103:3 puts these two redemptive acts of God in parallel: "[*Bless the Lord] who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.*" Jesus sometimes forgives sins along with, or even prior to, his acts of healing; while healing the paralytic, Jesus says, "*Son, your sins are forgiven...Get up, take your mat and walk*" (Mk. 2:1-12; Mt. 9:1-8; Lk. 5:17-26). Alternately, illness has

also been shown to be the work of 'another' force (Job 1-2; persons being possessed by demons in the New Testament) or God is 'using' the suffering for some greater purpose - "*neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him*". (Jn. 9:3).



In the Old Testament, God heard the cries of the bonded Israelites and sent Moses to liberate them (Ex. 3:6-7). David appealed to the Lord on behalf of his and Bathsheba's child (2 Sam. 12:16). Jeremiah cried out to God on behalf of his people and himself: "*Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed: save me, and I will be saved; for you are the one praise*" (Jer. 17:14). The psalmist says "*Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am faint; heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony*" (Ps. 6:1-3). In the New Testament, Jesus urges people to pray and says "*If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*" (Mt. 7:11). In his own life, Jesus incarnated God's response to the hurting humanity with the willingness and power to bring healing and wholeness.

The image of the crucified God itself expresses the suffering-love of God, the suffering companion who understands. In order to understand our reality, and be present to us, God suffers with us. The God who suffers is thus a God who is disabled. God enters into our reality in order to know it. Burton Cooper writes that "Jesus on the cross is God disabled, made weak and vulnerable to worldly powers because of the perfection of divine love." Thus, we are not left to suffer alone. God is with us, and in embracing both God and life as it is, we will grow deeper in our understanding of God's will for our lives. Our endurance in illness is a spiritual resource from which others can learn; endurance enables us to lead complex and meaningful lives in the midst of incredibly dehumanizing conditions.

There is still no cure for many disabling diseases, chronic illnesses and degenerative disorders. Genetic and medical research has contributed to alleviating suffering and finding some cures; drugs can control and reduce pain, and reduce the symptoms, while surgery may help in

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removing the diseased parts. There is as yet no cure for mental-related problems such as anxiety, loneliness, despair, depression etc. With increasing life expectancy, degenerative illnesses that have no cure are on the rise. In such instances, and in old-age care facilities such as hospices, the best "medicine" is compassion.

Healing is possible if provided in a compassionate and loving environment that facilitates acceptance, reconciliation, forgiveness and hope. Compassionate care is the basis of a healing ministry. The word "compassion" means to suffer with others and to be in solidarity with the sufferer. Henri Nouwen once said: "Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter the places of pain." Similarly, compassionate care calls physicians to walk with people in the midst of their pain, to be partners with patients rather than experts dictating information to them.

There is also a distinction between healing and being cured. Healing represents a condition of one's life; being cured relates strictly to one's physical condition. Healing is a continuous process leading one to wholeness and integration. The word 'health' comes from the root word meaning 'whole'. Wholeness, or health, is not just an absence of illness or disability, it is a way of living. To be healthy or whole is to be integrated and at peace with oneself. Wholeness is founded upon the transformation of our whole being - of our spiritual and psychological self, of our way of living in the world. Healing is about letting go of false expectations and unrealistic hopes. Healing allows us to live with our disabilities rather than suffer from them.

However, we must retain and make full use of the great scientific advances we have achieved in the treatment of our physical bodies. But to this knowledge of the chemistry and physiology of disease should be added the education of and understanding by the patient to assume responsibility for his/her own life-style and health habits and to gain insight into his/her emotions and feelings and their role in health and disease. The hallmarks of a healing process would involve the following: 1) Accepting the reality; 2) Affirming the value and meaning of life; 3) Courage or capacity to continue; 4) Faith or trust in the Lord; and 5) Being in the service of others or working for a cause larger than oneself.

Illness of any kind, whether physical or emotional, upsets the balance in the total person, including the balance in his or her relationships with

others and with God. A good health care ministry needs to respond to this imbalance, it does not just treat the symptoms, it should respond to the total person. Wholeness does not simply mean a lack of physical or emotional symptoms. Wholeness is a dynamic process of working towards harmony with one self, with others, and with the Creator. A person may find healing through sickness rather than from it. The insight, courage and fortitude that come through prayer are all a part of healing. They may or may not be accompanied by a cure. It is possible to know wholeness in the midst of illness if one has reached a place of honesty and humility about oneself, a place of confession and forgiveness and the receiving of forgiveness.

From the part of the healing ministry of the Church it means approaching each patient as a physical body, a mental and emotional self, and a spiritual being - as an integrated whole (*holokleron*). The word holistic has its origins in the Greek work *holos*, which mean entirety or completeness of a thing in its wholeness. The term is often used in the New Testament. *Holokleron* and *holoteles* mean 'wholly' or 'whole' and denotes the entire person - body, soul and spirit. To John the Baptist, Jesus sends this report of his ministry "The blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, deaf hear, dead are raised to life, the good news is preached to the poor". Healing was a significant part of Christ's ministry. "Your faith has made you whole" indicates that healing is an act of salvation. Jesus thus explains a creative, supporting, healing relationship. An inter-human relationship, for instance between the sick and the healer, between the sick and the caretaker, between the sick and the minister are all external manifestations of the real, internal relationship with God. The health care ministry is therefore a mandate to the Church. The health care ministry of the Church of South India should be an active concern for wholeness and well-being in people who are physically, mentally or emotionally ill. Only when there exists an appropriate balance between the physical, psychological, or emotional and spiritual dimensions in an individual, then human wholeness is achieved.

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AGENTS OF HEALING: TESTIMONIES OF HOSPITALS RUN BY CSI IN RESTORING HEALTH TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE

I. London Mission Society Boys' Brigade Hospital, Kundara, South Kerala Diocese.

LMS Boys' Brigade Hospital is founded by Dr. James Davidson, the medical missionary doctor of LMS mission in 1910. The name comes after the Boys' Brigade organization in London who contributed their resources for the hospital. Besides medical services, this institution was primarily a training centre for those who newly joined medical mission services. Later on this institution gave more attention towards medical education. Thus the first nursing school of LMS medical mission in South Travancore started in Kundara by Miss. Mary C. Daun way back in 1949.

LMS missionaries started their missionary work in Kerala as early as 19th century. During those days most of the people were the believers of primal religious tradition and the followers of Hinduism. Sumerians, black magic, devil dances, superstitious believers were common in way and it was practiced through their religious tradition. People were illiterate and had least knowledge about medical awareness and health. Diseases such as Cholera, Diphtheria, Small pox, Chicken pox, malaria etc were spread over everywhere. People believed that all those contagious diseases were affected due to the attack of evil spirit. When the people were affected by those diseases their immediate solution was to meet a devil dancer. In many cases poor people did not have money to pay the devil dancer. In such condition the poor people were forced to sell out their girl children as a slave to the so called upper caste people. Missionaries were shocked to see this. They eye witnessed such inhuman practices. There the missionaries realized the emergency of medical mission services in Kerala, particularly in Kundara. 'A place which is topographically and historically silent' (Rural area situated 15 km from Kollam which was a sea port). One of the pioneers of those medical missions were Dr. James Davidson who started LMS mission hospital at Kundara in 1910.

When we elucidate the medical mission work and contribution to the church and society. We would like to conclude their various activities with three statements.

Missionaries created a new brand to the hospital.

The doctors who worked in the hospital were known as missionary doctor and the hospital where they worked is popularly known as mission hospital. Thus they created a mission brand and a mission

culture in the medical field. Regular prayer, commitment on their duties, dedication to the service, knowing and accepting themselves as a channel of God's healing process, their holistic approaches to healing ministry, providing abundant life to the patient made them uphold a mission brand in the medical field. All mission hospital are marketing this mission brand for more than 100 years and we need to rebuild our mission hospital with the same brand

Missionaries worked with limited Equipments and tools:

There is a saying that "a lazy man always complains about tools". But in the case of missionary doctors they worked with no or limited tools. For example Dr. Somervell used to conduct surgery with the help of natural solar light. The solar rays falls in the operation table through glass tiled roof and reflected this rays with a mirror to the operation table. Now surgery is done with C ARM and spot light and we have attitude towards complaints of limited facilities. Rather always look at to change our opportunities even when we are in difficult situation.

Missionaries passed on a lot of memories:

The stories or events that took place during their cancer and carried over generation. People passed on lot of memorable stories to their healing process. We should pass it to newer generations.

In our Hospital's History:

Dr. Somervell did an emergency tracheostomy with a razor blade. Dr. Milledge went to farm where the yoke of a bullock was stuck in the leg of a worker and it was removed under ether anesthesia.

The services of Indian & Kerala missionary doctors are remembered with reverence by the local people who used to come and stay in the hospital which provided a kitchen to cook food and wait for surgeries done only in Kundara. They come out with stories of missionary doctors and their services which change their lives. Now corporate hospitals and modernization has affected our missionary hospital. So also the attitude of doctors who forget that they are the missionaries.

Our outreach programmes, lower rates and compassionate attitudes is still attracting people and they say "even a little water given from this hospital will cure us"

Some present scenes of the LMS Boys' Hospital, Kundara, Kerala



II. CSI Basel Mission Hospital, Gadag, Betegeri, (1902) Karnataka Northern Diocese

The Basel Mission Hospital was established in 1902 at the village of Betegeri, Gadag, North Karnataka. From the year 1834 the Basel Mission sent its missionaries from Germany and Switzerland to India. They were very much active in North Karnataka and established schools and churches in many backward areas. The missionaries had mastered the local Kannada language. In fact, the first Kannada to English dictionary was written by Rev. Ferdinand Kittel which is still in use. The first Kannada weekly was started by Rev. Mogelar in Mangalore. The Wurth Memorial Church was built at Betegeri in the year 1838. A primary school was also built which is still functioning.

At that time epidemics of cholera and plague ravaged the country and there was a dire need for medical help. A small clinic was established in the school premises in the year 1902. Doctor Zerwick and sister Lemp were the first medical missionaries.

The present hospital building along with the staff quarters was completed in the year 1908. The building has withstood the test of time. The dedication of the hospital was celebrated as a big festival by the local churches and public and called it 'The German

Hospital', a name which is fondly used by the locals still today. In 1911, Dr. Max Schneiter from Germany along with Sister Chlora Herbst and Sister Bhalinger took charge. The German missionaries used several innovative methods like rain water harvesting which was used to make IV Fluids which was used to treat gastro-enteritis and cholera. Thousands of lives were saved. Unfortunately, Dr. Max was victim of cholera himself and expired the same year. In 1914, Dr. Voaland from Switzerland took charge. He also succumbed to cholera the same year. Their graves in the Betegeri Church compound bears a witness to their sacrifice.

As the need for an orphanage was there, the Basel Mission Boys Orphanage was established in 1906 in the mission compound which is still functioning managed by the church with the funds for the children from the EMS, Germany and the Indian government. At the outbreak of World War 1, most of the missionaries were deported to Germany. In the early 30's Dr. Petit Piere and Dr. Wawersik began their medical work and served their whole lives in the hospital. Dr. S. H Eden, the first Indian Doctor qualified from Miraj Medical centre served for 40 years.

In 1948, Dr. Andre Odier, a surgeon from Germany took charge. He died under tragic circumstances. He donated blood for a patient before surgery and died, the patient was saved. His wife and their one year old son returned to Germany. In 1966, she had raised funds and came back to Betegeri. A Community Hall in memory of her husband in the church compound was built and named The Odier Memorial Hall. It is still used by the church and community for social functions.

The Asha Kiran Day Centre was established in the hospital campus in 1942 for the poor children of Betegeri. Several European Doctors served the hospital. From 1972, when all the European missionaries left, they handed over the hospital and institutions to the Church Of South India. The funds had dried up and there was a move to close down the hospital. In 1980, Dr(Mrs) Seelan, a gynaecologist took charge and the hospital began its recovery and was self sufficient. I, Solomon Chelliah was posted as a fresh graduate from CMC, Vellore in the year 1980 to do my bond here. I benefited greatly from the hospital under her guidance. After completing my Post Graduate in General Medicine from CMC, Vellore I was posted again here as Medical Superintendent and Physician, since 1986. The hospital had established a very good name in the past and soon many patients returned for treatment. There was a dire need to upgrade the hospital, the equipments and the buildings. Thanks to some funds from the EZE, Germany through the healing ministry. In the year 1988, some renovations were made and some equipments were procured. Since then, money earned from the hospital was channelled into renovation of the hospital and modernizing it to cater to the local needs.

Today, the hospital is 150-bedded and there are over 250 out-patients per day and has 80% occupancy.

In 1997, the haemo-dialysis unit was established. Funds for the same was kindly donated by the parents of Late Mr. Arun Lele, an American tourist. Arun Lele was treated for enteric fever in the hospital and was very much impressed. He died under tragic circumstances in America. His parents donated this in his memory. Today, the hospital has 5 dialysis units.

In 2000, a wing for the private rooms was constructed and extended in 2013 to 24 private rooms. New buildings for the male general ward, female general ward, labour room and labour ward were completed by 2013 and inaugurated by Bishop Ravi Niranjan of the Karnataka Northern Diocese, Bishop Heinz and Mrs. Heinz from Germany.

A well-equipped 15 bedded ICU with 7 ventilators, central oxygen, central compressor and central suction were inaugurated by Rev. Eberhard

Will. At the same time, a 23 bedded Neonatal ICU with all the modern equipment and ventilators was also inaugurated. Dr. Sanjeev Joshi, the pediatrician who has selflessly worked in the hospital for over 20 years is to be credited for this achievement. The ICU had almost 100% occupancy.

Centenary Celebrations 2002

In 2002, newly constructed Hospital Quarters was inaugurated. The new digitalized X-ray unit and Telemedicine Hall along with the CT Scan unit was inaugurated by the Bishop of KND, Rev. Niranjan. The hospital is in the Badami highway and several trauma patients are brought to the hospital. The CT scan unit has been invaluable in the treatment of head injuries.

The operation theater was renovated and two new operation theaters were constructed. Dr. Ajay Raju, surgeon qualified from CMC, Vellore is serving in the hospital for over 10 years. All complicated cases including laparoscopic surgery is carried out under him. Dr. Dhanesh Desai a pediatric surgeon conducts the pediatric surgeries. The theater is well equipped with all the modern equipments used for laparoscopy and instruments for orthopedic surgery like C-arm. It also has anesthesia work stations.

The lab was upgraded, it boasts of cell counter, fully automatic auto-analyzer, semi automatic analyzer, blood gases analyzer and electrolyte meter.

In 1993, a home for the physically challenged children was started. Funds are provided by the Frackeltragers, Austria. A residential care was provided along with food and education. Surgeries were carried out free by the Doctors of CSI Hospital. Children attended the local schools and colleges and most of them are well settled in life. Over 99% of them are non-Christians. Now that polio has been eradicated, the home was converted to Prem Nilaya, a home for HIV-affected children. Most of them are orphans or semi orphans.

The hospital has helped the local churches. A community hall, the Sabha Bhavan along with guest rooms were constructed in the church compound at a cost of over 40 lakhs. This is very useful for the local community.

In 2005, the hospital had a bad fire accident due to short circuiting. Fortunately there were no injuries. Within a span of 1 year the office was rebuilt retaining the old concept.-86

The hospital was renovating the Basel Mission Boys' Orphanage, as the building was over 100 years old and was dangerous. It was demolished and the reconstruction was taken up by the hospital engineer. The partnership church from Germany has kindly come forward and donated the necessary funds.

The hospital undertook repairs for the 180 year old church in Guledgudd and funded the flooring of the church. A bell tower was constructed for the church in Sumadi. The hospital has also provided funds for the renovations of the local churches.

Medical and Nursing Students from CMC, Vellore are regularly posted in the hospital for their secondary hospital training programmes. The hospital also conducts a year's training course for nurse-aids. Most of the children are from the KNH Hostels of North Karnataka and also from the poorer sections of the society.

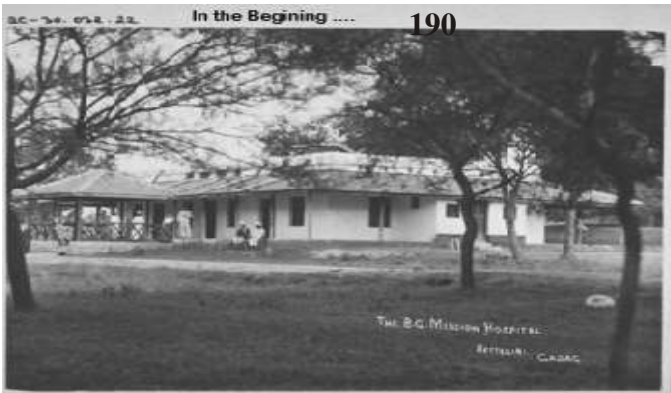
In 2009, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam, the former President of India paid an unscheduled visit to the hospital. He was very impressed with the work and has written an article about the hospital in his periodical weekly "The Billion Beats". We were very much honoured as he had made a mention of us in several magazines and speeches.

Today, the hospital stands as a monument for the sacrifices of several missionaries. Patients flock to the hospital from over 80km of radius. The consultation and fees are very much less compared to the local private care centres. It serves as a referral centre and is the busiest and very equipped centre in the district. The hospital does a lot of charity work.

All Praise to The Almighty for His Protection and Guidance to the Institution and we pray that the Hospital will be a blessing to the community especially to the poor.

Dr. Solomon Chelliah,
MD.,Medical Superintendent and Physician
(Presently working in the same hospital since 1980 is the winner of Paul Harrison Award from Christian Medical College, Vellore in the year 2011.)

Some images of the CSI Basel Mission Hospital, Gadag Betegeri.



III. Mary Lott Lyles Hospital, Madanapalle, Rayalaseema Diocese.

Madanapalle was one of the towns in the erstwhile Madras Presidency to boast of a full-fledged first grade hospital, which catered to the medical needs of the people as early as the beginning of 20th century.

In 1863, 150 years ago, Dr. Jacob Chamberlain, a medical missionary from USA, started a dispensary in the verandah of his house in the mission compound. In 1868, he requested the Government and with the help of Mr. H. G. Smith, Collector of Cuddapah, a medical dispensary was started at the present Government Hospital premises in Madanapalle. He along with Dr. Ward, a military doctor, worked with great dedication for over a quarter of a century.

Dr. Chamberlain was keen to start a hospital, particularly for women and children. He sent Ms. Rajamanikyam from Madurai for training to Madras Medical College to qualify as a doctor, who started to work in Madanapalle from 1894. In 1904, during the plague epidemic which killed 186 people of Madanapalle, she died rendering services to them.

In 1909, Dr. Louisa H. Hart, an American missionary, was deputed by Americal Arcot Mission to work in Madanapalle. She received a donation of US \$ 10,000 from womens' Board in America to start a hospital in memory of Mary Lott Lyles, an American social worker.

In November 1911, MLL Hospital was opened by J.S. Atkinson, member of Governors Council, Madras. Dr. Hart was the first physician and Ms. Josephine Te Winkle, the Nursing Superintendent. Dr. Chamberlain's desire was fulfilled due to the efforts of Dr. Hart, who worked for 42 years and was awarded KAISAR-I-HIND, the jubilee and Coronation medals by the Government.

In 1950, the MLL Hospital was converted into a general hospital. Dr. Kortelling, Dr. Margaret Gibbons, Rev. Myskins, Dr. Van der Arde worked as medical missionaries. Ms. Brummler, Ms. Beigel worked as nursing superintendents. Many Indian doctors, nurses and para-medical staff rendered their services tirelessly, towards compassionate medical care in MLL Hospital.

MLL Hospital was 220 bedded hospital rendering health care to Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamilnadu. It also had a state of the art diagnostic lab and licensed blood bank. For unfortunate reasons no significant activity took place for the last 14 years and 102 year old Christian institute that had its foundation on the sacrifices of medical missionaries was on the verge of closure.

Also there was no facility in town catering to credible, compassionate and quality health care.

With the initiative and request by the Bishop in Rayalaseema Diocese Rt. Rev. Dr. B. D. Prasada Rao and the involvement of church and local people, the plan to revive the hospital took shape. The challenges ahead were old liabilities and development.

A development committee with Dr. K. Naveen as Chairman, first did a fact finding of the MLL Hospital's present situation.

Liabilities found are as enlisted:

I. Financial:

1. Staff salaries
2. Retired staff salaries
3. PF dues
4. Property tax dues
5. Suppliers dues
6. Loans

Total Amount Rs.1 28,79,426

2. Occupancy of Hospital Quarters:

1. Retired/Resigned staff
2. Transferred staff
3. Church
4. Pastors
5. Outsiders
6. In service staff

3. Buildings leased to Muslim Nursing College not paid rent for years

4. Staff on rolls 18 with varied work culture
5. Lab Being run by a Consultant Pathologist and managing accounts independently for the last 15 years.
6. School of Nursing started in 1912 but closed in 2006

7. Equipments sold:

1. X-ray machine
2. Generators
3. Ambulance
4. Blood Bank equipment
5. Teak furniture
6. Specially designed cots
7. Hospital equipment

8. Bank details as on 31-03-2013

Indian Bank Rs.3364

Blood Bank Rs. 3897

PF Account Rs. 19323

School of Nursing Rs.1665

With this back ground, with faith in God and with the help from the local Church members, friends and people of the town, the hospital's revival took shape.

The Chief Minister was approached to waive the property tax and the process is in place. PF authorities collected a part of money from the diocesan account. Muslim Nursing College got vacated with local political and police help.

With the financial, technical and administration help from members of Church, friends, local town people, organizations and hospitals few buildings of the hospital which were in dilapidated state were renovated.

The Following Development Steps were done:

1. Computerized land survey
2. Renovation of few viable buildings
3. Complete conversion of wash rooms
4. Restoration of water, electricity and drainage
5. Repair of necessary furniture and equipment
6. Purchase of generator
7. Old X-ray machine temporarily placed
8. Complete incorporation of lab into hospital

With this development MLL Hospital was rededicated to the Glory of God and service of mankind by Bishop Rt. Rev. B. D. Prasada Rao on March 2nd 2014 which is the Founder's Day of the Hospital death anniversary of Dr. Jacob Chamberlain.

Other Developments Include:

1.Computerization of the services

- OP
- IP
- Pharmacy
- Laboratory
- Accounts
- Central stocks

2.Licensed Pharmacy

3.Renovated Lab

4.Recruitment of Nursing and Administration Staff

5.Revised work culture

6.Transparent and credible accounting

7.Daily OPD Services Orthopedic,Ophthalmology,general

8.IP Services started from September

9.OR not yet started

10.Free Screening and Awareness camps - Diabetes, Cataract conducted

Statistics :

OPD seen in the last 8 months is 6580. Out of which 4436 are new patients and 2144 review patients. Male: Female ratio is approximately 50:50

Financial Development Include:

1. Salaries paid by the last day of the month
2. Most bills cleared within a week
3. PF contribution and Diocesan contribution in the first week
4. Partial payment of PF dues
5. Monthly audit

MLL Hospital now is 125 bedded hospital, rendering OPD, IP and emergency services with 34 staff on rolls.

Future Plans Include:

1. Recruitment of specialist doctors
2. Full fledged operating room
3. Digital X-ray
4. Nursing College
5. Blood Bank
6. Up gradation of Lab
7. Re-establish community and rehabilitation projects
8. Upgrade diagnostic services
9. To implement Project Proposal Save a Mother, Save a Child

Dr.K.Shoba Naveen

Director,Siloam Eye Centre, Madanapalle

Some Pictures of M.L.L. Hospital, Madanapalle



IV. Kanyakumari Medical Mission, Neyyoor 175 Years on the Wings of Healing, Kanyakumari Diocese.

Deep down in the vale of despondency and despair, dark melancholy clouds choking every ray of light, an inspiring vision amidst the mist and the fog, a courageous labored crawl to the plateaus of hope, a heroic climb up the rising hills of confidence, the challenging beckoning sunlit peaks not too far from reach this has been the history of the Kanyakumari Medical Mission in recent years.

The Protestant Missionaries, the London Mission Doctors in particular were the pioneers to eradicate the ignorance and superstitions of the people of South Travancore. They in order to convert the people, involved themselves by serving them medically.

In March 1838, Dr. Archibald Ramsay who popularized the Medical Mission work of LMS, was the first Medical Missionary to come to South Travancore and started the first Mission hospital at Neyyoor.

From then on there was no turning back. Many Medical Missionaries like Rev. Dr. Charles Leitch, Rev. Baylis, Rev. Dr. John Lowe, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Edwin Sargood Fry, Dr. Fells, Dr. William Charles Bentall, Dr. Stephen Horatio Pugh to name a few, served from 1838 to 1926 and labored hard to place the Medical work on a broader foundation.

In addition many Indian Medical Evangelists also played an important role in the growth of the Medical Mission notable among them being Dr. R.P. Packianathan, Dr. G. James, Dr. R. Asirvatham, Dr. S. Yesudian, etc.

Dr. Somervell arrived in India for the Everest expedition in 1922. 1923 was the turning point in the annals of the Medical Mission. The selfless and dedicated service rendered by Dr. Somervell from 1923 to 1951 is unforgettable and called the "Golden Era of the Medical Mission". During his period the first X-ray unit was installed. Neyyoor Hospital gained a name of renown in the International Medical Field. A special cancer ward was opened in 1927. The beautiful Hospital chapel was built in 1937 in memory of this father.

Mile stones:

- 1861 The first Medical School started with 8 students by Dr. John Lowe.
- 1878 New Hospital building built by Dr. Thompson
- 1892 Miss Margarette Elisa Mc Donnell appointed as first Nursing Superintendent.
- 1893 The Medical Mission was named as The Largest Medical Mission in the world.
- 1914 Medical school came to a close
- 1912 Status of Nurses was brought up by raising their salary. Collection of fees from patients for consultation and surgery.

- 1930 Neyyoor Nursing school affiliated to CMAI.
- 1952 Government approval obtained for Midwifery course
- 1960 The Medical Ministry of Kanyakumari Diocese was renamed Kanyakumari Medical Mission C.S.I. and began functioning under a Medical Board hence forth.

The history of the Neyyoor Hospital has recorded several eras of ups and downs, eras of revival and progress. And today we witness the spectacular beginnings of another era. Now there is a new look, not a mere face-lift caused by brick and mortar, but an illuminating inner glow, a new order, a reconstruction at the core. The face-lift, spectacular in itself, is only an outward manifestation of a vital process of regeneration and rejuvenation. Memorable years these! Almost from scratch, facing heavy odds! What a marvelous transformation has been achieved!

More patients and better patient care, more sophisticated equipment, better trained and qualified technicians, greater control and coordination of departments, Higher Nursing standards, latest medical and surgical equipments and techniques. A dedicated captain, an inspired crew and the ship launched again in faith and confidence, sailing majestically, once more the queen of the seas!

Today we are a 412 bedded multi specialty hospital with few super specialty departments on par with other corporate hospital of our districts. Our main headquarters is at Neyyoor with 5 branch hospitals also doing reasonably well. We are also running 2 Schools of Nursing, two Nursing Colleges, a Physiotherapy College and various Paramedical courses.

Branch Hospitals:

C.S.I. Multi specialty Hospital, Marthandam:

This hospital was started in 1883 by Dr. Thompson and Dr. P. Vethamonickam, Dr. G.M. Moses affectionately called as 'Physician of the poor' served here from 1944 to 1966 and today a inpatient ward has been named after him as the Dr. Moses Memorial Block Today this is a Multispecialty hospital situated on the National Highway doing extremely well.

C.S.I. Mission Hospital, Kulasekharam:

This hospital was opened by Dr. Thompson in the premises of a salt store house donated by the government in 1881. This hospital abandoned in 1954 was renovated and re-opened in 1960 when it began functioning with 25 beds. Today it is doing moderately well with a Theatre and OPD complex, lab and X-ray facilities. It mainly caters to the labourers from the rubber estate around Kulasekharam.

C.S.I. Mission Hospital, Nagercoil:

In 1880, Dr.Thompson opened a hospital in Nagercoil and appointed Dr.Y. Henry as the Medical officer. This hospital was running on loss and closed in 1954. It was later revived in 1964 and since then by the blessing of the Lord Almighty it has become one of the best maternity and child care hospital in the district with all modern facilities.

Charles Pease Memorial Leprosy Hospital, Colachel:

This was started in the year 1887 by Dr.Sargood Fry for the protection and care of helpless victims of Leprosy with donation from Mission to Lepers and Mrs.Charles Pease. A Leprosy home and a home for the healthy children of Leprosy patients were established. Patients suffering from leprosy are admitted and treated free of cost with free food, accommodation and clothing irrespective of casts, need or religion. Moreover the patients are also given cultural and vocation training in handicrafts, pot making, animal rearing, growing coconut saplings, footwear and miniature cement tanks.

Today this hospital stands on a 7 acre land with well ventilated and quite spacious accommodation along with a serene chapel catering to 54 inmates.

International Cancer Centre:

Due to the wide spread prevalence of oral cancers, a cancer prevention scheme was started in

1961. The International Cancer Centre was started in 1963 by Dr.Jenkins and a cobalt unit was set up in 1965. Neyyoor hospital has the distinction of being the first hospital to introduce radiation for cancer treatment in South India. In 1985 A new unit Thearatron 80 was installed. Today, this centre caters to the needs of all patients in South Tamil Nadu with a well equipped dual energy Linear Accelerator for giving modern and full fledged treatment to cancer patients. In addition special and general wards, Day care chemotherapy ward, Brachytherapy Unit, X-ray and Ultrasound scan facilities are all available at nominal cost. Various schemes including Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme, Pallathakkin Leeli Charitable Trust, provide free treatment or financial assistance for medication.

Our vision

To upgrade to superspeciality hospital with cardiology, cardiothoracic and Organ transplant Units.
To upgrade to a Teaching hospital

This year as we celebrate our Quarto septcentennial year and we look back at the 175 years we have crossed, we are really proud of the progress we have made in the name of our Lord Almighty. But it is yet a long and hard way to the summit.

**Dr. S. Rajesh Sathya,
Medical Superintendent.**



Towards a CSI Academy of Higher Education: Meeting of Principals of CSI Colleges

The Church of South India envisions a networking of Christian educational institutions under the umbrella of a CSI Academy of Higher Education to share ideas, carry out collaborative research, empower one another, and learn best practices in education. The Academy will emphasize the CSI's mandate to practice the partiality of God, to empower margins, to transform broken communities, to attempt socio-economic inclusion in order to become an agent of change and transformation. The Academy proposes to offer cutting edge, innovative and creative, multi disciplinary programmes in frontier areas. It will ensure academic excellence, research with a scientific temper, rational thinking with a human touch and journey towards a CSI university.

With the aim of evolving and working towards a CSI Academy of Higher Education the CSI Synod, led by the Most Rev. Dr. G. Dyvasirvadham, Moderator-CSI called for a meeting of institution heads of graduate and professional colleges administered by the CSI at the CSI Centre, Chennai on 27-28 January 2015. Their mandate was to review the education ministry of the CSI, its challenges and future prospects. Most Rev. Dr. G. Dyvasirvadham exhorted the CSI education fraternity to identify the resources available within the CSI for further networking and partnerships and to evolve ways and means to utilize these to make CSI institutions more relevant in a changing society. He also emphasized on harnessing the potential of alumni in every college as resource building mechanism for the institution. Rev. Dr. D. Rathnakara Sadananda, General Secretary-CSI introduced the purpose of the meeting and Adv. C. Robert Bruce, Treasurer-CSI brought greetings.

The two-day consultation involved sessions by Rev. Fr. Dr. Ignacimuthu SJ, Director-Entomology Research Institute, who spoke on the ethos of the Christian faith as the distinctive aspect of education imparted through Christian educational institutions.

Dr. Anand A. Samuel, Pro Vice-chancellor, VIT, Chennai campus exhorted the participants to envision an education for the future with updated pedagogical approaches.

The consultation evolved strategies to implement these, namely through the constitution of a Core Committee on Higher Education with a Co-ordinator at the Synod level with members gathered from different professional disciplines to facilitate wider networking and avenues for interaction. This core committee could meet once in 3-6 months. Its editorial members could bring out a bulletin or journal to share thoughts and ideas that focus on the wider issues relating to education in the CSI. A task force could be formed to help institutional development, to advice on government schemes, funding opportunities, NAAC accreditation, faculty and student exchange, inter- and intra-diocesan cooperation in overall development of faculty, infrastructure and research.

Participants at the two-day Consultation were highly qualified, committed and experienced professors and principals who expressed keen interest in steering the educational ministry of the CSI for the glory of God and the wider mission of the Church. Five cluster groups presented the ethos and pathos of education in their contexts. The consultation remembered the contributions made by Christian missionaries in pioneering education in the country and drew inspiration to continue in the rich legacy left by them. Joint collaborations between CSI colleges of the same stream enabling networking, student and faculty exchange programmes and advice on UGC-NAAC accreditation were proposed. In view of the existing commercialized education, the consultation exhorted the CSI to continue imparting education based on Christian ethics and values through its educational institutions.

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Conference on
“Climate Change and the Developing World”,
21st - 25th January 2015, CMS College, Kottayam

Change, development paradigm and life style

“Those who are responsible for climate change should change their development paradigm and life style, Rich countries have to compensate the damage caused to poor countries. As developing nations are struggling on to the development ladder, rich countries should write off poor countries debts. The developed countries should transfer their technological knowledge to the poor countries”. These were the words of Prof. P. J. Kurien during his inaugural address at the five day International conference organised by CSI Synod Department of Ecological Concerns, CMS College, Kottayam and Nilackal Ecological Commission from 21st to 25th January 2015 at Kottayam. Prof Kurien also said that we should 'Think Globally and act locally.' While we demand the paradigm shift of the West, we have to change our life style to an eco-friendly one.

Bishop Thomas Oommen, Deputy Moderator of the Church of South India (CSI), has warned against the proposed Pamba-Vypar-Achankoil linking project which, according to him, would push Kuttanad into an environmental catastrophe similar to the one that has hit the Aral Sea in Central Asia. Delivering his presidential address at the five-day seminar on climate change organised by the CSI, CMS College and Nilackal Ecological Commission here on Thursday, the Bishop said water was at the heart of the climate change debate. However, the river linking endeavour, the engineers who value the physicality of water need to be sensitised to the aquatic bio-diversity and how these “nature's engineers” render ecological services. “On diverting water, a river becomes lean, its aquatic life is disturbed and its aesthetic quality impaired. Any engineering intervention, however small, will invariably impact an ecosystem's functions and services,” he said. Referring to the catastrophe that hit the Aral sea, the Bishop said the immense fresh water lake had shrunk by 60 per cent during the past three decades after Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and other Central Asian republics diverted water from the two major rivers which drained into the lake, to irrigate their cotton fields and other crops. From the original 50 cubic kilometres of fresh water that was

supplied by the rivers to the lake in 1965, the supply was cut to zero by 1980, he said. This had triggered a chain reaction which has devastated the life of millions of people. “As such, the CSI cannot support the river linking project which will damage the eco-balance in the nation,” he said. According to him, the CSI will take the initiative to establish a network of scientists and religious scholars who are interested in issues of climate change, creation care and sustainable development. Dr. Oomen V. Oommen, chairman, State Bio-Diversity Board, delivered the keynote address. Bishop Zacharias Mar Theophilos, Saffragan Metropolitan of the Marthoma Church; Benoy Viswam, former Minister for Environment, Dr. Roy Sam Daniel, Principal of CMS College, Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackadu, Convener of CSI Synod Department of Ecological Concerns also spoke. Dr. Rachel Mathew, Vice Principal, CMS College, Rev. Christopher Vijayan, Director Mission and Evangelism, Rev. Dr. Royce Manoj Victor (EMS Liaison Officer, CSI Synod, Chennai), Dr. D. Thangadurai Associate Professor, Karnatak University, Dharwad Secretary, Association for the Advancement of Biodiversity Science, Dharwad, Kanataka Dr. Christophe Woiwode, Visiting Professor, Indo-German Centre for Sustainability, IIT Chennai, Most Rev. Kuriakose Mar Severios, Chingavanam, Vice Chair person, Nilackal Trust, Mr. Arun Dobhal, WASH Specialist, UNICEF, Puja Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji (Parmarth Nikethan, Rishikesh, Co-founder Global Interfaith WASH Alliance -GIWA, UNICEF, UN) Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, secretary - general of the Global Interfaith WASH Alliance, Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Dionosis Metropolitan, Rt. Rev. Kuriakose Mar Gregoriose Metropolitan, Rt. Rev. Geevarughese Mar Coorilose Metropolitan, Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnakkadu. Rev Cecil Victor, Director, Pastoral Concerns, CSI Synod, Rev. Norman Hutcheson, UK, Rev. Dr. David Reichardt Eco theologian, Australia, Dr. Joseph P. Varghese, Former Head, Dept. of Botany, CMS College, Kottayam, Mr. S. S. Davidson, Consultant, Tribal Foundation, Nagercoil, addressed in different forums of the five day International conference.

Dr. V. S. Vijayan , Chairman, Salim Ali Foundation, Member, Gadgil Committee, Rev. Solomon Paul, Director Youth and Communications, CSI Synod, Adv. M. Vetri Selvan, Rev. John Gibson, Tirunelveli, Mr. C. R. Neelakantan, Rt. Rev. Dr. Prasada Rao, Bishop of Rayalseema Diocese, AP , Dr. Mini Chacko, Organizing Secretary, CCDW 2015, Prof. Vijo Thomas kurian and Dr.Elizabeth Cherian addressed the concluding session of the International conference.

Foreign delegates were from Scotland, Germany, Australia, Korea and Yemen. Altogether 200 delegates attended the conference and fifty papers were presented. Five parallel sessions were held at different places in the same campus after the inaugural function. The research Papers on eco-chemistry, Eco-botany, eco-zoology, eco-economics and Eco-spirituality were presented in the parallel forums. The participants were Scientists specialising in environmental science and Environmental economics, representatives of NGO's and Religious scholars interested in Ecology. The uniqueness of the International conference was Scientists and religious scholars were met together. Another uniqueness of the programme was the conference

could solicit cooperation of all the Churches in Kerala for Water, Sanitation, hygiene (WASH) programme of UNICEF. Pujya Chidananda Saraswathy swami, Rishikesh (co-founder of WASH at UN) and Sadhvi Bhagawathi Saraswathi delivered inspiring lectures which motivated participants for that. Another outcome of the conference is to start an International net work of environmentalists and religious heads to work together and sharing resources for an eco friendly world.

The challenge before the participants of the conference was of achieving environmental sustainability, on the one hand, and a fairer and more equitable distribution of resources and life opportunities in the human communities, on the other. The International Conference on Climate Change and Developing world opined that the human degradation of nature, of which greenhouse gas emissions and global warming are a symptom. It is fundamentally linked to the social patterns and social institutions that oppress human beings. We cannot address one without the other.

Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackadu
CSI Synod Department of Ecological Concerns

A few glimpses of the Conference





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National Conference on Climate Justice, 6th to 8th January 2015, Kovalam

Be a responsible disciple of Christ:

The National seminar on Climate justice is a reminder to be a responsible disciple of Christ in relation with the entire creation, according to Bishop Dharmaraj Rasalam, Bishop of South Kerala Diocese. The Bishop called upon the participants to broaden the perspectives and enlarge the vision to connect more seriously with the entire creation. Bishop was inaugurating the three day National conference on Climate Justice from 6th to 8th January 2015 at Kovalam.

He continued: The climate change is leading the world into unprecedented changes in the natural environment as well as in human living conditions. It is actually affecting the way we live, with its dramatic consequences on our health, energy sources and food production systems. Therefore, it is an important issue for us today, and if unaddressed properly, it will have grave consequences on our generations tomorrow.

As a responsible disciple of Christ we need to actively seek to discern God's will and act as a coworker with him. Today, this must include a reassessment of what Genesis means when it tells humankind to subdue the earth and have dominion over all living things on it. Can we be a co worker with our Creator if we pollute air, increase electronic waste, discard our forests, and pollute our rivers and lakes? No. A serious spirituality begins only when we turn to a caring stewardship. In the distant past, human technological capacity and the tools available

allowed us to make the earth more fruitful and many men and women found God while working in everyday life: plowing, weaving, baking, and working wood. But during the past century, Humankind found ways of manipulating the very forces that shape nature. The earthly changes such as depletion of ozone, deforestation, contamination from toxic and nuclear wastes, global warming indicates that we are acting, not as stewards of a renewable earth. Earth and its components not only suffer from injustices at the hands of humans, but actively resist exploitation and abuse in the struggle for justice. For centuries, Christians viewed God's action in the world in terms of sin and redemption. First we sinned and then God redeemed us. But we need to understand creation as part of God's plan for our salvation. The universe and all its components are part of a dynamic cosmic design within which each piece has a place in the overall goal of that design. God is Creator of all things, but we need to identify that God's activity of creation is not just in the past. To realize that God is making me in the present is a transforming spiritual insight. This insight will help us to be a co worker with God for the fulfillment of creation.

Fifty five participants attended the National seminar. On behalf of CSI Synod Department of Ecological Concerns, Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackadu expressed deep gratitude to south Kerala diocese for sponsoring the programme.

Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackadu
CSI Synod, Department of Ecological Concerns



TO SEE CHRIST REVEALED IN OTHERS

Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnakadu (Director of the Community Development Project) & Rev. Dr. Jacob Chacko (Vicar and the chairman of the Project), Madhya Kerala Diocese

Janaky breathed her last. This poor lady lay on the bed like a corpse for almost four years. Janaky, a poor lady who tapped rubber trees for a living was paralysed following a stroke. She lived with her son and daughter in law in a two roomed hut that was constructed on a mud paving beside a paddy field, that was mostly water logged. The uncultivated paddy field was covered with tall grass. For the last three years we have been visiting this house very fortnight.

Palliative care is one of the several programs of the Community Development Project of CSI Church, Punnackadu. These visits are part of this ministry. Initially our visits were by a rented auto rickshaw. Every Sunday our Vicar gave a report of the houses that were visited in order to motivate believers. One Sunday after service a member of the church who was on holiday from her work place in the United States of America came forward and offered a maruthi Omni van for the project in memory of her late husband. From that time onwards, we have been using this van for our visits. Every year these houses are visited four or five times and food kits which include rice and other cereals are distributed. Invariably the members of the Church sponsor these kits.. Every visit includes a doctor's check up and spiritually strengthening presence of the palliative team. The doctor gives encouragement and provides the necessary treatment. One patient who was completely bed ridden began to walk as a result of our care. Most of the houses that we visit are Hindu houses. However, whenever we asked if we could pray they readily agrees and join us for the prayer.

Dr. Susan Tharian a doctor at Pushpagiri hospital, Mrs. Sosamma Mathew a former nurse in the gulf, both members of our church and Mr. Saji Mathew, Coordinator of the project are the regular team members in the palliative ministry of the Punnackadu CSI church. One or two church members also accompany the team. Surprisingly we found that most of the patients eagerly wait for our visit.

Out of the twelve houses with bed ridden patients that we visit in the Mallapuzhassery Panchayath, Janaky's house was one of the houses that most inspired us. Janaki's house is in a hindu colony and as such there were pictures of Hindu Gods in all the houses except Janaky's house where there is a framed picture of the praying Jesus on the wall. We were surprised and asked them the reason . 'Are you not Hindus? , then why have you preferred a picture of Jesus'. 'We believe in Jesus, and we pray to him', they said. We never bothered to make them

Christians or to persuade them for that. Separating them from their cultural roots was not on our agenda. So we never mentioned it again.

We felt a strange warmth when we entered the house. Usually rooms where bed ridden patients convalesce will invariably emanate a foul smell. But strangely the room where Janaky lay had a pleasant odour. We understood that her son and daughter in law looked after her very well We were struck by Janaki's sons and daughter in laws care for their mother. They had even bought a television for the mother to watch while lying on the bed.

Most of the houses we visited were very demanding in nature. They asked for medicines and other needs instead of gratefully receiving what they got. However Janaky and family surprisingly never had needs.

Once, Dr. Thampy, who was on holiday from Kuwait, helped us for a month in Dr. Susan Tharian's absence. On one of our regular visits to janaki's house, we were shocked to find the paddy fields around Janaky's house flooded and the water was almost about to enter the house. We were in a dilemma. But to our surprise the doctor removed his shoes and put it in the van and folded his pants above his knees and waded through the water and entered the almost flooded house. He conducted a detailed check up of the patient and gave some vitamins and other generic medicines. This was the first time we saw the son at home. He was never at home because he went off to work early in the morning, to earn for the family.

We asked him why he had not gone to work and he replied that the water surrounding his house could enter his house anytime. If water entered the house all the dirt and diseases carrying living things might also enter. 'Before that happened I have to carry my mother to a safe place on the hill on the opposite side of the pathway' he said. That is why he had stayed back from going to work on that day. We were really moved by the fact that he was willing to sacrifice a day's wages to take care of his bed-ridden mother. 'My paralysed mother's safety is my priority', he told us, setting before us an example of a true disciple of Christ. We felt that this was the true Christian spirit shown by Janaki's non-Christian son.

It reminded the Doctor of a song:
*"He is my provider, the bearer of my burdens, always holding on and never letting me go
When he allows temptations he always has a solution.
So I do not ask Him why, for I know it is for my good.*

Though I fall in to a fiery furnace I am not alone, for I fall not into the fire but into His hands.

In The valleys of trouble, wading through despair, it is Jesus carrying me in His hands

God is for me; I know it well, and if He is for me who can be against me”

The song sung loudly by the doctor had all that he had to say, and the son and the daughter in law joined the doctor in prayer.

During her last days they were compelled to start nasal feeding .For that, Janaky's son went to the government hospital to learn how the tube needed to be inserted. Her son changed her tubes from time to time and fed her with much care. She barely had life and never talked. Many a time we felt that it was better for her to die than lie there like a corpse. One of our staff visited her and felt that her body may develop sores and a water bed may be helpful. Immediately a water bed costing five thousand rupees was donated by one of our members. The daughter in law with tears in her eyes accepted the water bed like a gift from God.

Following her death, people expected a lady who died after being bed ridden for three years would be cremated immediately. Janaki's grand son had left for Maharashtra only a month ago and so her body was shifted to the mortuary for the grandson to come for

the last rights. Her colour photos were pasted electrical posts all around Punnakad which helped us to know of her demise. When our project coordinator reached the house her son told him that he had no way to contact us and so they had pasted her photos in the immediate vicinity.

The burial of Janaky was on a Sunday. The Director and the Coordinator took part in the last rites and placed a floral tribute on the deceased. Janaki's daughter in law's sorrow was deep and she wept uncontrollably. It was fitting and solemn that the vicar remembered the bereaving family in the intercessory prayer during the Sunday worship, a rare occasion when non Christians are remembered like members. Janaki's exemplary life and the dedication and sacrifice of her son and his wife who were people outside the faith community provoked many to think. Janaki was remembered and the services of the son's family were prayed over thankfully. This was an incident where the idea that CSI is becoming a borderless church transpired into a reality. Many who attended the church worship went home only after visiting the bereaved family.

We experienced the true meaning of the call of the CSI Church for seeing Christ manifested in people of other faiths.

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PRESS RELEASE
BY THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA
TO CONDEMN THE ATTACKS AND VANDALISM
ON CHURCHES IN NEW DELHI

The recent vandalism and attacks on five Churches in different directions of the city of New Delhi has evoked a strong sense of insecurity and anguish among the Christian community in India. This is an alarming atmosphere apparently linked to the Ghar Wapsy Programme organized by some religious fanatics. There is a strong feeling that the Central Government is not doing enough to reassure the minority communities in the country in spite of the continued orchestrated and systematic attack and vandalism on Churches which included miscreants, breaking open the Churches and desecrating holy objects and also setting a church on fire.

The Church at large in India demands that the Government should initiate a judicial enquiry and also take steps to ensure repair and restoration of the damaged churches. The Prime Minister is still silent on the issue. With the backdrop of these attacks, he should have come forward and issued a statement installing confidence and security amongst the peace loving Christian community in the country.

The church is a minority community in the country but the contribution and impact it made on the country's development has been immense and unparalleled particularly in the fields of education and health. The Church in South India urges the Central government to create a sense of security, safety and a new hope for the minority communities not just the Christian minority community but all the minority communities at large.

We also request all the sections of the United and Secular India to join hands with the Church of South India and the National Council of Churches in India in requesting the Government to uphold the secular values enshrined in the Constitution of India. As heads of Christian bodies representing large number of Christian believers, we do not believe in converting people with force and inducement. We only believe that Conversion is the act of the Holy Spirit. India is a sovereign and secular country. Our sacred constitution guarantees to all its citizens with freedom of practicing and propagating our own faith and religion. Everyone should respect each other and accommodate each other's faith. While we acknowledge with reciprocity the feeling of commonness with the vast majority communities, we condemn the acts of certain vested interests who are embarking on spreading a hate campaign and creating communal disharmony.

We express our gratitude and acknowledge with thanks the efforts made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in inviting the head of the most powerful country in the world President Barack Obama of US to be the Chief guest at the Republic Day Celebrations of our great nation on 26th January 2015, who exhorted Indian nation and its administration to uphold the secular values if India needs to be in an important place at Global level.

The Most Rev. Dr. G. Dyvasirvadam,
Moderator,

Rev. Dr. D. Rathnakara Sadananda,
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The Rt. Rev. Thomas K. Oommen,
Deputy Moderator

Adv. C. Robert Bruce,
Honorary Treasurer

Diocese of Madras Connects with CSI Girl Child Campaign "Assure my future" Observance of National Girl Child Day

The Boards of Socio-Economic concerns, Hostels, Education and Women's Concerns, Diocese of Madras observed the National Girl Child Day (24th January every year) on 23rd January 2015 in continuation of the CSI Girl Child campaign "Assure my future". Ten delegates from each department participated in the programme.

Mrs. Dorothy Sulochana, former Additional Secretary to Government of Tamilnadu, Department of Social Welfare, who was the chief guest for the programme, in her key note address explained about various welfare schemes available in Tamil Nadu Government for the girl children. She also apprised about the Government orders and Acts which protect the girl children. She further stated that as per Juvenile Justice Act 2000 all the homes and hostels have to be registered and gave the material for taking necessary action. Mrs. Glory, District Child Protection Officer, Social Defence, Govt. of Tamilnadu though life experiences of many Girl children explained the way to protect the Girl children. She provided resource materials on protection from child trafficking, child abuse and what needs to be done when a child is abused. Ms. Florence David, Director, Admiration, INSA Bangalore spoke on prevention of child abuse. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, Director, CSI Synod Diaconal Concerns, in his inaugural address explained the plans of various Dioceses in CSI to assure the future of the Girl Child.

The participants engaged in group work to discuss on (a) concerns of the girl child in today's

context (b) the strength that we have as a Church (c) Challenges we face and, (d) Solutions that can be attempted. Participants suggested the following: (1) Counselling must be given to all children about good and bad touch. (2) We must also utilise the services of the counselling department of our Women's Board. (3) If possible each school must have a counselling department. (4) Parents must be given awareness on the importance of promoting and protecting the rights of the girl children. (5) Our diocesan hostels must be registered as per Government norms. In conclusion, it was decided that the legalities and administrative formalities will be taken care by the heads of respective departments / boards, but all participants will take the concerns to their respective institutions/context and to their peers.

Mr. Koil Pillai, Director, Socio Economic Board presided over the inaugural program. Mrs. Shanthi Christian offered the opening prayer. Mr. G. James, Director, Hostel Board welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. Mrs. Florence Leonard, Associate Director, Board of Women concerns explained about the conditions of the girl children and the actions that needs to be taken. Ms. Priscilla Premavathi, Diocesan Education Officer, thanked the organisers and participants. The programme was closed with prayer by Mrs. Nalini Martin, Vice-President, Women Fellowship, Diocese of Madras.

Mrs. Florence Leonard
Associate Director,
Board of Women, Diocese of Madras



CSI Girl Child Campaign: Toward a child protection policy. . .

A special consultation was arranged on 21st January 2015 at the Women Centre in the LMS Compound by the CSI South Kerala Diocese on a request by the Synod Department of Diaconal Concerns. Key representatives from the Department of Social Justice, Human Resource Development, Women Fellowship, Christian Education, Youth, Diaconal Ministries, Medical Mission, Charitable Society, Socio-political board, Compassion, Palliative Care and a host of other major departments participated. The Rev. Vinod Victor, the Manager of the Charitable Society chaired the meeting. Rev. Asir Ebenezer, Director Synod Diaconal Concerns facilitated the proceedings.



Need for motivation towards achievement, provision of space to express their concerns, provision for counselling, equipping the parents, access to higher education in every locality, prevalence of child marriage practices, prevalence of child abuse and sexual harassment, sensitivities of physically and mentally challenged girls, deep-rooted patriarchal mindset and the low income of most peoples in this country, were some of the concerns highlighted to be addressed in the discourse on policy for protection of child rights.

It was noted that the CSI South Kerala Diocese had a child protection policy in place in areas where vulnerable children are ministered to. All the personnel who work directly with children are asked to sign the Child Protection Policy and are encouraged to periodically review the same. Best practices with respect to behaving with children are expected and reporting protocols are in place. Though much has been done in this regard it was observed that there is a need to revise the same in the light of current focus of the CSI Girl Child Campaign "Assure my future". The participants also identified the documents and procedures in place and the revisions that will be required in the current scenario.

The exercise also provided an opportunity to consider the need for and possibility of evolving Policy Guidelines in this regard at the Synod Level that can be customised in the different dioceses depending on the specificities of the interventions, particularly from the perspective of the current phase of the CSI Girl Child Campaign (Assure my future).

Rev. Asir Ebenezer
(With inputs from Ms. Esther Vijayakumari,
South Kerala Diocese)

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Inauguration of Certificate Course on 'Christianity and Patriarchy'

The Board for Lay Training has successfully conducted six certificate courses for lay members since 2012 and as another milestone has introduced a new and relevant course on Christianity and Patriarchy. The inauguration ceremony of its seventh certificate course was conducted on Saturday, 24th January 2015 at 4:00pm in the LITE auditorium at a very grand scale.

The inauguration ceremony began with a worship session of singing praises to our Almighty God and the opening prayer was said by the Diocesan Secretary, Rev. Deivaputhiran. Keeping in line with our tradition, the kuthuvilakku was lit by the dignitaries present for the ceremony, Rt. Rev. Dr.A. Rajavelu, Moderator Commissary, Rt. Rev. Dr. V. Devasahayam, Founder LITE, Dr. Aruna Gnanadasan, Former Executive Director/ Coordinator of the Justice, Peace and Creation Team and of the Women's Programme of the World Council of Churches (WCC), after which Rev. Manova Santhosham, Director, Board for Lay Training introduced and felicitated the dignitaries and the resource persons.

The special guest for the day, Dr. Aruna Gnanadasan, commended the Diocese of Madras for including the topic on patriarchy as one of the courses. She brought to light the life of women in the Church as just an extension of their existing role in the household and hence have always restrained their role in Church as opposed to that of men who often take the centre stage.

Rt. Rev. Dr. A. Rajavelu addressed the audience on the role of women in the Bible and emphasised the universal truth that man and woman were created equal by God and that people have misunderstood the idea thereby pushing women to a sub-standard level.

Rt. Rev. Dr. V. Devasahayam in his articulate speech brought out the various forms in which patriarchy is revealed in the life of a woman. He also detailed out the different ways to overcome patriarchy including the necessity to understand the aspect of patriarchy in its true sense which in turn would help one to overcome it. The ceremony came to an end with a closing prayer by Rev. Roselind and benediction by Rt. Rev. Dr. V. Devasahayam.

The mission of the Board for Lay Training is to transform and empower the laity through knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and enabling them to live a purposeful life. Over the years, this knowledge has been shared to many and I pray that many more will benefit through these courses.

For further details on the courses and on the activities of the Board you may contact:
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Rev. Manova Santhosham
 Director, Board for Lay Training,
 Diocese of Madras



CSI East Kerala Diocesan Sunday School Junior Missionary Association Camp 2015 at Heaven valley CSI Church

The CSI East Kerala Diocese Sunday School JMA (Junior Missionary Association) Training Camp 2015 was held at Heaven valley CSI church on the 2nd & 3rd January. The main theme of the camp was *'I am not ashamed of the Gospel'*. The camp was inaugurated by the Rt. Rev. Dr. K. G. Daniel (bishop in CSI East Kerala Diocese. The main theme was presented by Rev. Christopher Vijayan, Director, CSI Synod Mission and Evangelism Department. Rev. M Rajen (District Chairman, Upputhara Church district) presided the inaugural session. Rev. Justin Money (Clergy Secretary), Rev. James Mammen (District Chairman), Rev. P. C. Mathekutty (District Chairman), Rev. Roymon P. J. (Vicar, Heaven valley CSI Church), Mr. Staphan from Sweden felicitated the camp. Classes were led by Rev. Christopher Vijayan, Rev. K. S. Scaria (EKD Mission Director), Rev. Leeson Joseph (Delhi Mission field), Rev. J. Wilson,

Dr. Elizabeth Ann Daniel, respectively. New songs were written and taught by Rev Suneesh P Divakaran. In the business meeting a course completed certificate was given to all the participants. A full Bible was also given to all the participants of this training programme. The camp ended with a dedication session led by Bishop K G Daniel. The camp was blessed by the presence of almost 160 delegates from all over the Diocese among them 112 participants were the full time dedicated members for Ministry. We thank all of them, resources persons, Associate Secretaries, sponsors and the people worked hard for the effective functioning of this camp especially to Rev. Christopher Vijayan and the support of the synod.

Rev. Jacob Antony Koodathinkal
General Secretary, EKD Sunday School



Social Welfare Department, “Clean India” Programme

On 12.01.2015, “Clean India” programme of our Prime Minister has been launched in Tirunelveli Diocese by Rt. Rev. Dr. J. J. Christudoss, Bishop of Tirunelveli Diocese.

Intensive campus cleaning activities have been inaugurated at Ooliyasantham Teachers Training Institute. Staff and students have participated in cleaning and disposal of wastes collected. In all schools, colleges, hospitals, churches and institutions “Clean India” programme is implemented.

In the inaugural function, Bishop in Tirunelveli diocese has insisted on the necessity of keeping our surroundings neat and clean.

Further he has advised all the participants there to keep body mind and soul always clean. He

has presented certificates and prizes to students participated in the programme.

Ooliyasantham middle school children and teacher training institution girls have participated in this mass-scale campus cleaning programme.

Mrs. S. Chandra Principal in Ooliyasantham Teacher Training Institution, Mrs. M. Anne Annapackiamani Headmistress Ooliyasantham Middle school, made arrangements and Rev. H. E. Chandrakumar Pastorate chairman in Gandhinagar and Secretary in Social welfare department, Mr. T. Aaron Jeyasingh Director Social Welfare Department and R. Walsalam Adl. Director in agriculture, consultant in CSI Tirunelveli Diocese have conducted the programme.

Mr. T. Aaron Jeyasingh
Director, Social Welfare Department



Licentiate Course for Sunday School Teachers CSI Medak Diocese

Sunday School Teachers' Licentiate Course was held for the Sunday School Teachers of Medak Diocese from 9th -11th January 2015 at Cathedral Compound, Medak. The Department of Pastoral Concerns held the program in partnership with the Diocese of Medak, under the patronage of its Bishop The Most. Rev. Dr. G. Dyvasirvadam. About 130 Sunday School Teachers and Superintendents have attended this three days training programme. Rev. A. C. Solomon, The Vice Chairman of the Diocese, Rev. B. Winston, the Ministerial Secretary of the Diocese, Rev. Y. Robinson, The Chairperson of Medak District Church Council and Rev. K. James Cecil Victor, Director, Department of Pastoral Concerns, Synod were part of the Inaugural service. The Sunday School Children of Medak Cathedral have performed a welcome dance after which the lamp was lit as a sign of God's presence. Rev. A. C. Solomon has given the inaugural address while Rev. B. Winston encouraged the participants by his greetings. In his keynote address Rev. Cecil has presented the aims and objectives of Christian Education and also several challenges we face in our own contexts.

Various pertinent subjects such as *Historical and Biblical Foundations for Children's Ministry, Significance of Christian Education, Organization of Sunday School in Local Congregations, Modern Trends and Challenges in Children's Ministry, Creative Methods of Teaching* and so on were dealt by eminent Christian educators. Rev. Mrs. Shanthi Roberts, Rev. Dr. B. Krupa Victor, Dr. Chiranjeevi and Mr. Z. T. Sudhaker have lead the sessions effectively. The participants have expressed that such training programs should be conducted periodically. Also they expressed that the Church of South India should have its own curriculum for Christian Education (revised editions of Wings of Faith). Participants have pledged their oath in the Holy Communion Service held in the Cathedral on Sunday that they will render their services with more vigour and dedication. The certificates were given by the Director, Pastoral Concerns Department, and other dignitaries attended the valedictory service.

Rev. K. James Cecil Victor
Director, Department of Pastoral Concerns



LCP/ Do No Harm Mainstreaming Workshop for Young Pastors and Project Staff - Karnataka Southern Diocese

As part of mainstreaming Local Capacities for Peace/Do No Harm in CSI, 30 Young Pastors and Project Staff of Karnataka Southern Diocese have actively participated in the three day Mainstreaming Workshop on LCP/DNH from 21st to 23rd January 2015 at Sahodaya, Balmatta, Mangalore. The Rt. Rev. Mohan Manoraj, the new Bishop of Karnataka Southern Diocese inaugurated the Workshop. He expressed happiness for the workshop being organised by the Synod Diaconal Concerns with which he had a very long relationship as Regional Coordinator for Karnataka. Mr. K. Prem Madhuker, Coordinator of CSISDC along with Mr. Chacko Abraham, North Kerala Diocese and Mr. Reginold Soans of Southern Karnataka Diocese were the Resource Persons.

and explanation. Any apprehensions about the concept of LCP/DNH were dispelled by using local examples. The participants were able to identify Dividers and Connectors in any Conflict Situation and also learned through practical exercises the usefulness of LCP/DNH in Planning and Monitoring in programme or project. Implicit Ethical Messages that our activities and actions convey were enacted through skits by the participants to understand the concept better.

During the feed back session, participants shared their happiness that they could learn a new concept as to how Peace can be achieved locally using simple technics and resolved to practice LCP/Do No Harm in their work.

-Kattekola Prem Madhuker,
Coordinator, CSI Synod Diaconal Concerns

The methodology included Group discussions though case study, presentation by charts, lecture



Congratulations

Crossword Puzzles # 156 - Total Points: 19

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Crossword Puzzle # 156 Exodus 01-05 (GNB)

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1	F	O	R	E	I	G	N	E	R	E
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	A	Z	T	U	R	N	E	D	N	E
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	H	Y	F	E	A	E	R	D	G	D

Answers Across : No 156

- 1 foreigner 2:21
- 3 Allow 5: 3 & else where
- 4 Supply 5: 10
- 6 Haven't 5 8
- 8 Reeds 2: 3
- 10 Hesitant 4: 10
- 12 People 4:21
- 14 Nile 1: 22
- 16 Feared 1: 16
- 18 Turned 4: 3

Answers Down : No 156

- 2 You are lazy 01.17
- 4 Shiphrah 1: 15
- 5 Wet-nurse 2: 7
- 7 Grass 2: 5
- 9 Name 2: 10
- 11 Sent 3: 15
- 13 After 3: 20
- 15 Strong 1: 21
- 17 Remembered 2: 24

You can send answers by
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Rush
in your
answers
before
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Crossword Puzzle # 157 Exodus 06-10 (GNB)

1					7	9		11	
2	3								12
4		5							
	6								
	8						16		
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			13					14	
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18									

Clues Across: No 157

- 1 change into ___(5)
- 2 ..is very ___(8)
- 4for me ___(8)
- 6 ___will become (5) jumbled
- 8 ...and ___you (7) jumbled
- 9 ___of suez (4)
- 10 ...was ___(4)
- 13 ..he ___again (6)
- 15 Mosses ___(5)
- 17 ...cruel ___(7)
- 18 ...will turn ___(4+1+5)

Clues Down: No 157

- 2 my hand to
- 3 ..your hand ___(7)
- 5 of their ___(5)
- 7 ...lived as ___(10)
- 9 ..heard the ___(8)
- 11 would not ___(6)
- 12 they can ___(7+2)
- 14 Expire ? (3)
- 16 ___will be (5)

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Church Music - Keyboard Lesson 86

By Mr. S. John Barathi

Many a folk song tunes have been adopted for hymns, and surprisingly the following south Indian Lyric, to be exact the first measure, which is just an Arpeggio (Broken Chord), is sung in certain churches, precisely; (but in a comparatively slow tempo) as of

the first movement of "Brandenburg Concerto No 5," J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750) which is well-known. It is fair to mention that the complete melody resembles the above mentioned, but in a random by an unknown author from the southern part of Tamilznaadu.

Living without Realizing

The musical score is written in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a tempo of quarter note = 96. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The score consists of four systems of music, each with five numbered lines of lyrics. Chords are indicated above the staff: Bb, Bb, F, C, F, C, Bb, Bb, Bb, Bb, F, F, Bb, F, C, F, F7, Bb.

1 Li - ving with - out rea - li - zing the va - lue of time will make you
 2 If you loose your mind and wan - der, through ev - il paths you will
 3 Hun - dred twen - ty years peo - ple lived du - ring No - aha's time
 4 Don't you know that Je - re - mi - ah fore - told the
 5 Lord has called you to do His will, what he wants you to

1 re - - - gret shed tears re - mem - ber.
 2 face the an - ger of jus - tice.
 3 on - ly af - ter liv - ing a full life.
 4 death of A - ne - ni - - ah?
 5 do for him, so he has called you.

1 Lord of this u - ni - verse has placed you here with a pur - pose,
 2 This is the right time to seek re - dump - tion and to
 3 This year was al - so ad - ded grace - ful - ly for you know that,
 4 Don't for - get that you need to die when the time is o - ver,
 5 If you sleep do - ing no - thing, for - get - ting the won - der - ful work,

1 Do eve - ry thing you could with the gui - dence of the Lord your God.
 2 have - joy - ful life, do not waste a - ny mo - ment be a - ware.
 3 This year may be you will have your life's en - ding do not be a - loof.
 4 Don't think you can live for ev - er, be pre - pared ev - er rea - dy.
 5 days will be o - ver then what will you do think now!

Words S. Paremanandham, Music Anon, Translation & Transcription S. John Barathi Jan 11.2015

This melody can be easily learnt and played. The enlightening text speaks about the value of "Time", and can be sung as a group. As usual this lyric has its own tune based on a Raga

and is still widely used, but the above said tune is chosen here to retain certain easiness in this series of lessons and obviously for its beauty.

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