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## FAR & NEAR

FIRST QUARTER, 2015



### CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



## Where does my help come from?

It is said that 'Fear Not' is mentioned 365 times in the Bible - one for each day of the year. This is possibly because there is no other emotion that paralyses us like fear. When fear envelops us we lose sight of our purpose and shrink back from boldly moving forward.

The collection of Psalms 120 to 134 is known as the Song of Ascents. The exilic period was probably when these Psalms were put together. These Psalms were on the lips of the exiles from Babylon as they made their arduous journey through the deserts and as they climbed the Judean mountains on their way to lerusalem to celebrate Passover. These pilgrim exiles came from nations ruled by ruthless dictators, lived as minority communities, having their own unique customs and practices (which invariably aroused suspicion and hatred from their neighbours). There was every reason for them to live in fear.

It is in this context that Psalm 121 offers hope and confidence. It is also probably the most read and admired Psalm next only to Psalm 23. Psalm 121 offers us 3 important principles to face an uncertain, frightening future.



#### True Reality:

'My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth' (vs. 2). As we live our daily lives and move from one activity to another, we fail to fathom the true reality of the Creator of all the earth. The beauty and the majesty of God is on display whether we look through the telescope or the microscope. Our contexts, crises and challenges assume greater nearness and immediacy than the reality of God. In this Psalm, the call is to redirect our focus on this God who creates and sustains everything. From this perspective, all that we fear melts into nothingness. We can move forward with courage. So the antidote to fear is to shift our gaze. And immediately, the poison of fear is neutralised and we are infused with freshness of life.



#### Total Surrender:

'...he who watches over you will not slumber' (vs. 3). When the security guard is strong and skilled, those who stay in the house can sleep in peace. In some sense, those inside surrender their lives to the watchman. And so it must be with us.

The Eternal Guard has promised to keep awake and watch out for dangers. We can rest in total surrender. It is a wasted effort to keep awake wondering what dangers await. The best response to the Eternal Guard of ours is to surrender surrendering our today and tomorrows, surrendering our worries and fears, surrendering our aspirations and dreams.



#### Deep Commitment:

'the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore' (vs. 8). God's promise is to stay committed to us forever. It is not really a response to our commitment but it is something that arises out of the character of God to not abandon His creation. Whatever be our condition and whatever be the challenge we are facing, it is totally in His character to stay committed to us.

So in our life and in our work, let us boldly move forward, fixing our eyes on the God who is majestic in beauty and power and who is deeply committed to us. Our only response ought to be confident surrender.

May God bless you.

Varghese Philip

#### DEVAKUMAR

Coordinator - Training

On his visits to Vellore, Deva encouraged and had a follow-up meeting with those who had attended the marriage enrichment seminars. In November, the last DOWNLOAD program for the year (a one day retreat for Medical students in and around Chennai on basic Doctrines and practical topics) was conducted and around 50 odd students attended. Mr. Pradeep Philips, a senior police officer was one of the speakers. Deva along with Michael are working on developing teaching material to be used for medical students over a period of 3 years to ground them in God's word and impact their Spiritual disciplines, world view, choices and lifestyle.



Field Partner - Andhra Pradesh Solomon continues to encourage student fellowships at Ongole, Vijayawada, Anantapur and Nandayal. He participated in the one day retreat at Vijayawada and got acquainted with the students of the medical colleges around Vijayawada like Katoori and Eluru. Dr. Latha Paul from Oddanchatram, who had come for a reunion to the Kurnool Medical College shared with the students. Along with Dr. Manoj. Solomon also visited Nellore where he met and interacted with many doctors.

#### LINDLEY MARQUIS

Coordinator - Karnataka

Lindley visited and spent time with doctors in Hubli, Belgaum, and Mangalore. At Bagalkot the doctors' fellowship is steadily growing not only in numbers but also in commitment. At Hubli, Lindley spent time with the students individually. At Belgaum, he was encouraged by the vast number of students waiting to fellowship, as a medical group. At Bangalore some young doctors are taking responsibility of caring for the fellowships in different colleges. Along with a friend, Lindley traveled to Herbertpur with his family and helped minister to the hospital staff during the Christmas season. The friend who is a Biomedical engineer helped repair & service some of the equipment at the hospital. He is working on introducing the Saline Process and Whole person care training in some of the mission hospitals in Karnataka. At Hubli, Lindley conducted a one day retreat 'DOWNLOAD' focusing on the topics of Repentance and Salvation.

#### MICHAEL SUNDERSINGH

Coordinator - Training

Michael visited Umri Mission hospital on his return from visiting the medical college fellowships in Tamil Nadu. He also hosted a few doctor families as they transited Delhi. He helped the Foreign trained medical graduates organise a Christmas program at Delhi. He was also involved with a discipleship camp at Nagaland with the UESI.

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STAFF**

#### AP RETREATS

One Day retreat at Vijayawada -11th January 2015. The one day retreat held at Vijayawada on the theme, "Set your minds on things above" gave us a better understanding of Paul's on 4th November. Around 90 exhortation to the Colossian people including freshers and a Church which is relevant to the few faculty members gathered. church of God even today. The first session on 'God's Love' taken by Dr. Manoj Jacob cleared our distorted view of God and gave us a vivid picture of the heart of God. After a delicious lunch there were practical talks on the theme and sessions which helped us understand the Kingdom of God. The final session for Interns and Post graduates was a group talk on making life's choices. Simultaneously a session on Basics RMC Fellowship - Kakinada of Christian Faith was taken for stuudents by Bro. Solomon (EMFI). We were blessed by the retreat and look for more such retreats in the future.

Rebecca Joy

#### FRESHER'S RETREAT 2014, KAKINDA, AP

We thank God for "He is mindful Bro. Ranganth (EU) from Vishakapatnam, shared God's word - "If you want to Know your design, you should know your Designer." Around 12 members responded to the call and made a commitment. Please continue to uphold us in your prayers as we look forward to having a follow up camp. May His name be glorified.



#### KT PAUL

Coordinator - North India

KT could engage the students in the fellowships with topics like Loyalty and Sensitivity to Christ, exhorting them to a deeper walk with the Lord. He visited and encouraged a doctor whose family member was terminally ill in Khurja. On his visits to NE, KT encouraged students from the life of Nehemiah in connection with the struggles of people in the interior parts of their states. KT spent time individually with many PG students, reminding them not to neglect their personal time with the Lord during this period. A delay of his train due to fog, enabled him to spend time with students and graduates in Delhi. KT and Helen continue to minister to doctors and families who visit them in their home at Herbertpur.

#### PRATIK SINDHU

Coordinator - Madhya Pradesh & Chattisgarh

Pratik visited fellowship groups and spent time praying individually with the students and encouraging them as many of them were appearing for their exams. He was part of the one day retreat organised by the students of Gwalior and Bhopal. He writes, "It is very encouraging to see the students growing in the Lord....please continue to pray for them."

#### MALSAUMLIANA DARLONG

Field Partner - West Bengal

Malsawma invited some medical students to his home for a time of fellowship and it was a good time of interaction. A student from NRS medical college, who attended the national conference at Ludhiana, shared her experiences with the fellowship members. In addition, he visited fellowships in Bankura, Burdwan and Siliguri and he is encouraged to see students in the fellowships steadily growing in the Lord. Malsawma motivates some of the young doctors to get involved in student ministry by taking them along with him on his regular visits to the fellowships.

#### **GEORGE SUCHIANG**

Field Partner - North East India George has been conducting a Bible study on Identity in some of the fellowships in the NE. The response by the students to this has been good and they raised many questions when issues of Self-image, Self-esteem and ego were addressed. At Shillong and Jowai, George was able to spend time with some of the senior and junior doctors.

#### **MALCOLM JOHNSON**

Field Partner - Andhra Pradesh
Malcolm could visit the fellowship groups
in Khammam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam.
He could host the doctors from Umri
Mission hospital as they came to Adilabad
to unwind. Malcolm visited the fellowship
in Nizamabad for the first time.

#### LINU ZACHARIA

Field Partner - Tamil Nadu Linu is slowly making contacts in some of the fellowships in Theni, Madurai, Salem, Erode and Dharmapuri. There are no regular fellowships in some of the colleges. He is encouraging the students to meet more often by regularly visiting them. He visited the doctors in Ambilikkai. He was also able to contact a doctor couple in Dharmapuri who are keen on ministering to the medical students in the college there and some steps have been initiated. Please pray that this will grow and bear fruit in the years to come.

#### ANSHUMAN SINGH

Field Partner - Maharashtra
Anshuman visited Miraj, Sangli,
Pimpri and Nagpur apart from
his local visits to colleges in
Mumbai. He also visited the
Wanless Hospital and The
Leprosy Mission Hospital at
Miraj. A student accompanied
him as he visited many doctors,
who were enthusiastic about
starting fellowship groups in the
medical colleges. In most places
there are seniors to support
students except at Pimpri. At
Nagpur he was blessed by the
support of Drs. Usha & Adarsh.



#### CHRISTIAN STUDENTS FELLOWSHIP, BHOPAL -ANNUAL RETREAT

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual retreat conducted by the Christian Students Fellowship (CSF), on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 in Bhopal had the theme "God is light in Him there is no darkness at all." I John 1:5. The retreat began with praise and worship and a few sessions conducted by Bro. Pratik Sindhu (EMFI staff) whose teaching was based on the theme. The second day, Rev. S.B. Francis taught us the power of prayer and the implications of the death of Christ. The last session was an informal time of sharing and fun. We thank God for blessing us with this retreat.

Mudozhoyo Puro



#### **SNIPPETS**

- First of all wishing you all a very blessed and happy new year. Pray that our Lord would reveal to us more clearly His ways for our lives. Dr. Ashwin George, Chennai
- We appreciate what you are doing and pray that God will bless you and guide you at all times.

  Drs. Nevin & Deepika Wilson, Nilgiris
- Thank you for the wonderful place to stay (at the EMFI national office). For your prayers and support during our wedding time. Dr. Roy & Biji, Vellore
- I enjoy reading the journal Voice. May the Lord bless EMFI abundantly in the years to come.
   Dr. Patrick Yesudian, Chennai
- We celebrated the Christmas programme in the Welcome Trust outreach clinic...We plan to keep Christian tracts in the clinic for patients to take. Kindly pray that this outreach effort will bear fruit. Dr. Prabhakar Moses, Vellore
- Am so grateful to God that He called me to serve Him through the EMFI family and I must confess that I am so on FIRE after the staff meeting we had in Bangalore. The objective of EMFI has become clearer to me and it is very practical. I thank God that I didn't miss it.
  - -An EMFI Field Partner





## ONE DAY RETREAT AT GUIALIOR



Its my joy to share with you the blessing that around 35 of us in Gwalior received at the one day retreat on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014. The speakers were Pastor Alok Benjamin and Bro. Pratik (EMFI staff). We had four sessions on the topics purpose of life, repentance, temptation and personal relationship with Christ. Though we were all from Christian families we were struggling with issues like inconsistency in prayer & reading the word of God, anger, pride, lust, hatred, jealousy etc.

Reflections from Titus 3: 3-7 focused on our former state and the goodness and loving kindness of God through Jesus Christ our Savior who saved us by grace to conform us to His divine will and become heirs of eternal life. Many were blessed through this retreat and recommitted their lives to Christ.

#### Jacob Phom

#### TWO SALTY DAYS IN CHAMPA

The two day Saline Workshop conducted at Champa Christian Hospital had 25 participants which included staff from the hospital and 3 nearby institutions. Dr. Latha started with introducing importance of faith in healthcare. A time of active discussions helped participants to re-evaluate their beliefs and practice and was followed with a session by Drs. Vikram and Mathew to demonstrate the different barriers people face in introducing Christ in medical & nursing practices. Role-plays helped in applying the principles of safe environment & spiritual history taking. Sessions on how to plant faith-flags & faith-stories were also shared.

The training was extremely beneficial in helping us to become better witnesses for Christ, both in the workplace & personal environments - to truly be the Salt in life.

Dr. Dona George











#### **WEDDING BELLS**

Dr. Fernandez Lamin wed Myristica Tongper on 16th December 2014. Dr. Pratap wed Dr. Sheeba on 14th February 2015.



#### **MOVEMENTS**

Dr. Lalchahanhima Ralte from the Presbyterian hospital, Durtang to Sri Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences & Technology, Trivandrum.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**



## Emmanuel Rural Hospital Pailapool, Assam

Looking for Qualified Doctors – MBBS and Doctors with Speciality.

We are looking for Fresh graduates or experienced doctors whose focus is serving the poor and underprivileged. Our focus is to communicate the love of God through means of providing quality medical treatment at affordable costs to the people of Pailapool and surrounding areas in the state of Assam.

Compensation is on par with other institutions in this field, accommodation available on campus, good Christian English medium school only 5 minutes away, 24hrs electricity and water available.

Send in your applications/enquiries to erc29@rediffmail.com or filip.dennis@gmail.com

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Thank you for the support extended to the Centre for Bioethics and for your articles towards the Bioethics Bulletin. Listed below are topics for the forthcoming issues in 2015.

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The limit is 1000 words per article.

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Issue 2 (Jun. end) - Research ethics: clinical trials, developing countries, therapeutic misconception, and animal research.
Issue 3 (Sep. end) - Social justice and access to health care.
Issue 4 (Dec. end) - Genetic engineering, Eugenics, Stem cells, Cloning, limits of technological advancement.
Your inputs and suggestions are most welcome.

Dr. Satish Thomas (Editor, Bioethics Bulletin)
Prof. & Head of Ophthalmology, CMC, Ludhiana

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#### **FAMILY NEWS**



Births

Dr. Macmillan and Emisalan Passah (Shillong) was blessed with a baby boy on 4th December 2014.

Drs. Ngopelo & Nutalu were blessed with a baby boy on 8th December 2014.

Drs.ArthurAmit & Freeda (Chennai) were blessed with a baby boy on 15th January 2015.

Drs. Deepak and Rasika (Robertsganj) were blessed with a baby girl on 26th February 2015.



## GROUND REALITIES



#### When the Tyre hits the road

Jeevan Sahara Kendra – working to see people living with HIV be a blessing to our land.

Sheba and I had been married for a year and were serving in a rural mission hospital in Jharkhand. We had just welcomed our daughter Asha into the world and seen a revamped TB control programme we designed take off. The next step? To build an integrated TB clinic and community health training centre. The price tag — at least 40 lakhs! But after praying we just did not get the assurance that we would be at that particular hospital for the next decade. So we prayed and told God that "if you want us to move on... then you have to speak."

And speak the Lord did. A few weeks later my childhood pastor called up and asked us to come to Mumbai and work among people with HIV. After visiting the work, praying and reading the word – we came across Hebrews 13. We are told that "Jesus also suffered outside the city gate" and then urged: "Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore" For the past 3 decades HIV/AIDS is a disease of shame. We should share in this disgrace. God wants His body - the church - to be right there were no one else wants to be.

But we also know that Jesus broke out of the tomb! Today, Jesus wants us to live out His love which He has so graciously poured out on us. He dearly wants to demonstrate His manifold wisdom through His Church – now! - and in all situations and places (Eph. 3.10) — including people living with HIV/AIDS.

Jeevan Sahara Kendra was born out of this vision – and for the past 13 years we have been working with families affected by HIV in and around Thane, Maharashtra – and with local churches. Our work is simple. Meet people in their homes. Love them as we would have people love us. Our work is complicated. We meet people in terribly broken situations. We undertake to heal the body, soul, mind, and relationship. We reach out to families broken by abuse and addictions. Our work is challenging as we seek to integrate people whom others have rejected.

We work along people who have lived such lives of deception that the line between truth and falsehood has disappeared long ago. Our work is humbling – because over and over again we see that our training and skills often fall flat – but that God's grace and love is so powerful and real. We often do not have answers for the challenges our friends are in. But we know our living Lord and are always ready to introduce Him to our friends by asking if they will allow us to pray to Jesus Christ. Our work is exhilarating as we see prayers answered and the hand of the Lord at work. Our work is making an eternal impact – we are seeing fruit of lives changed by people discovering Jesus and eternity altered and God's name being honoured in some of the most unlikely situations! Though we would like to see more, we do have churches incorporating people with HIV into their family of faith. And in January we as a family plunged deeper into the adventure by bringing an II year old orphan boy into our home - and now we pray with him as he takes his medications every night. What more could we ask for?

Today we have journeyed into 12 years of work and are currently working with 200 odd HIV Positive Friends – helping most of them adhere to their ART medications, working to integrate as many as possible into local fellowships, hopeful that our Positive Friends themselves will become ever greater sources of blessing to each other, to their families, their churches and their communities.

We run a HIV counselling and testing centre with the government and would like to become a partner in dispensing free ART medications – please pray for this venture. We also have a small inpatient unit – and are looking for more nursing staff to run it optimally. We train local churches – and folks from farther afield too – and are always looking for new ways to see His Kingdom come and His will be done.

Please pray for us! We have a personal blog at www.Andi-Sheba.wordpress.com and a simple website at www.JeevanSahara.wordpress.com. We would love to communicate with you by email at Jeevan.Sahara@gmail.com. - Andi & Bathsheeba Eicher











(Proposed strategy for 2015 - 2020)

From its beginnings in 1974, the Lord has enabled EMFI to grow from a small fellowship to a movement within the Christian healthcare community.

As it enters the 5<sup>th</sup> decade, EMFI seeks to be a part of what God is doing in this nation. Captured by Isaiah 43:19 "Behold I am doing a New thing..." we feel called to respond to the needs and issues faced by all sectors of the Christian medical community, over the next five years, to follow what is perceived as the Lord's direction.

The following is what emerged out of an exercise that was done over the last two years through a series of meetings, group discussions and consultations with students and doctors.

Vision Statement: A Voice for Transformation in healthcare through Formation of Christ –Centered individuals and communities.

Mission Statement: We are Followers of Christ in Medicine and Dentistry who foster Fellowship to enable Christ-centered living, to serve, witness and promote healing and wholeness of life.

In the light of Jeremiah 1:10 "See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant" EMFI desires the formation of all aspects of life and work of an individual and community.

- 1. 'To Build' on the Foundations
- 2. 'To plant' in New Contexts

#### THEMATIC VERTICALS



To facilitate growth as **Kingdom Citizens** 

#### DISCIPLESHIP

To perfect individuals in CHRIST through building relationships, systematic study of the Word and shaping the mind set through imparting christian world view

#### **LEADERSHIP**

To initiate and facilitate the emergence and growth of Christ-like shepherds.



To build a Kingdom community

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

With Christ and one another through developing, caring communities as well as supporting and networking with the wider body of Christ.



All Christian medical students and doctors equipped to recognize the humanistic and ethical components of health care. To translate and integrate ethical principles into clinical practice.



Every Christian Medical and Dental professional intentionally involved in God's mission irrespective of his or her



**Kingdom Voice** 

This is a draft document and we will appreciate your suggestions and input before it is approved and taken as the final plan. Teams are developing resources for each area. You may please send your thoughts to emfihq@gmail.com with the subject entitled "EMFI Strategic plan comments".

## TREASURERS NOTE ₹



#### Dear Friends.

As I was reading Ephesians 4 in my quiet time, I saw verse 28 - he who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. Paul is not saying "to supply his own needs", but "to share with those in need". Giving was an integral part of the New Testament church and it is a pattern for us to follow. I am sure that each person reading these words is already giving for the needs of God's Kingdom in their own context; but as a part of the larger family of EMFI, I would like to encourage you to give generously, so that the needs of those representing us in the work of EMFI may be met, especially as we plan a much needed salary revision for the staff from April. Dr. Grace Thomas

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month	Income	Expense
November 2014	715148	599320
December 2014	669499	649916
January 2015	597442	600949

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY



The National Health Policy 2015 draft was placed in public domain until March 10<sup>th</sup> for comments, suggestions and feedback (http://mohfw.nic.in/showfile.php?lid=3014). The Government of India recognises that in spite of an increased availability of interventions, technologies and knowledge the "gaps in health outcomes continue to widen". The situation is summarised well, "The reality is straightforward. The power of existing interventions are not matched by the power of health systems to deliver them to those in greatest need, in a comprehensive way, and on an adequate scale" (emphasis mine)

A few observations about the health care context in our nation include:

- Maternal mortality accounts for 0.55% of all deaths and 4% of all female deaths in the 15 to 49 year age group.lsn't 46,500 maternal deaths too many?
- There are many infectious diseases that the system has failed to respond to with a growing burden of noncommunicable diseases.
- The health care industry is robust and growing at 15% and is twice the growth in all services and thrice the national economic growth rate!
- The alarming increase of catastrophic expenditure due to health care is now being estimated to be one of the major contributors to poverty.

It is a paradox that in spite of tremendous progress in technology, availability of sophisticated modalities of treatment and rapid growth of the "health care industry", major health care needs are not being addressed and health care related poverty at its increase. It is clear that tertiary super-specialty hospitals alone are not the answer to the health needs of our people.

With regards to the private sector the policy even recommends, "There need not be any major effort to persuade them to care for the poor" as they operate within the logic of the market and contribute to the economy!

In this context, it is important for us as Christian doctors to understand the times and take appropriate steps to make a difference. In a recent speech at the Anna University, the Principal of the Christian Medical College, Vellore said, "we in CMC see health care as a ministry and not as an industry...". There is a need to move from a "profit-motive" to seeing the practice of medicine as a calling given to us by God.

There are no easy answers or solutions but a few options can be considered so that we can contribute to the efforts of the Government in improving the situation:

Should more of us consider taking up Family Medicine and Community Medicine as specialties of training and work at primary and secondary levels? Should we consider joining the government health services where the poor are mostly catered to or consider taking up research like Dr. Jeyaraj in CMC Ludhiana, working in the field of stroke, to "influence policies and make health care accessible and cost-effective"?

Our prayer is that God may guide us and lead us to be His channels of healing and blessing "for such a time as this"! (Esther 4:14). We deeply appreciate your partnership and involvement in the ministry.

Manoj Jacob

## PRAY FOR

- One day retreats for medical students on basic doctrines called DOWNLOAD (27th March - Nagpur, 29th March - Chennai).
- 13th 14th March Program for young leaders of fellowship groups in Hyderabad.
- 18-23 march IMM (foundational course on medical missions at Asha Kiran hospital, Orissa.
- 21st 22nd March Alongsiderz at CMC, Vellore.
- 3rd 5th April Tamil Nadu state conference for medical college students in Pachalur.

#### PRAISE GOD FOR



- The participants who attended the SALINE process at Nepal and Champa Christian hospital.
- The 13 young couples who attended the marriage enrichment seminars in December & January.
- The students who were blessed by the one day retreat in Vijayawada on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January.
- The time that all the EMFI Staff could spend at Bangalore in January in prayer, planning and preparation for the coming year.
- The 17 young graduates and students who attended the weekend Alongsiderz program at Pitapuram, AP in February.
- The 12 students who were blessed by the first one day retreat DOWNLOAD at Kolkata on 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- The 60 students who attended the one day retreat at shillong on 8th March.

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