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A view of one of the many filters, pipes and equipment placed to recycle water.

CMC&H Helps Alleviate Drought Conditions With ASHA Grant

This is one of the worst drought years in India! Vellore's answer to the water problem began when a \$600,000 grant from American Schools & Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) was received by the Vellore Board USA to implement a water supply system. In the state of Tamil Nadu, groundwater levels have dropped as much as 99 feet since the 1970's, and some aquifers have become useless. The integrated water supply system involves the collection, treatment and distribution of wash water from the residential areas, laundry and pharmacy of the hospital campus. This treated and recycled water along with water from the bore-well will be used for flushing of all toilets on the hospital campus. Mr. Pancharatnam, Vellore engineer, stated that this project was a great challenge and a pioneering trend-setting project for the conservation and rational use of a precious resource.

“We save 300,000 litres of water per day by recycling. If Vellore had to purchase water from suppliers the cost would be \$660 per day.



1998 ASHA grant of \$500,000 for Filmless X-ray put to use!

First Liver Transplant At Vellore

In India, 10,000 people a year will be in need of a liver transplant. While CMC&H researchers are working hard to find vaccines as well as other cures for liver disease, the only recourse now is a liver transplant.

In 1994, Vellore decided to work toward putting together a multi-disciplinary team. The necessary staff was sent for specialized training in liver transplant work. A team of 20 professionals came together convened by the transplant coordinator, and by Sept. 1999 the team was ready. Madhu Hazru, a 27 year old, came with his family from Bihar, West Bengal. The family made the long journey to Vellore because they had heard of its excellent care and reputation. The doctors found that Madhu had cirrhosis of the liver and he needed a liver transplant. It was decided that he would be their first liver transplant patient. Madhu stayed at Vellore for 2 1/2 years waiting for a donor. He met a young woman at Vellore, they fell in love and married. Finally in Sept. 1999 a donor was found and the first liver transplant operation was performed. Madhu is excited to be able to live a normal life with his wife and new baby. They have made a commitment to devote their lives to helping other patients.

Thanks to the Medical Health Care Team, patients with liver disease can look forward to a bright new future.

CMC PULSE, June 2000

KUDOS to the Christian Medical College, Vellore for placing first in Colleges in India, in rank for academic input and infrastructure for the year 2000. CMC placed second in '98 and '99, as reported in India Today International, June 19, 2000.

Letter From The President



Dear Friends,

In this edition we feature the news of the staff team which was sent to help and care for those devastated by the cyclone in Orissa. We are also delighted to announce the completion of the innovative water recycling project in the hospital thanks to partnership with and funding from our colleagues in USAID - American Schools and Hospitals Abroad Program. Every day we are saving an astonishing 300,000 litres of water!

As you can see from the photo the Ida S. Scudder Centenary Centre for Women and Children is almost complete. To date we have raised \$1,915,400 towards our goal of remitting \$2 million to Vellore. I am so grateful to each of you for your help in making this happen. Please give one final push as we soar over the bar at this olympic pole vault! Any last minute contributions will be gratefully received.

We are pleased that more churches are contacting us to incorporate the healing ministry at Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore, as part of their outreach program while at the same time developing their local ministry of Divine Healing. We welcome each one and share stories of lives changed, of broken bodies and spirits healed by our risen Lord.

As always thank you, each of you, for your faithful love and care.

William Salmond, President

Vellore Reaches Out: The Medical Relief Team

In Oct. 1999, Vellore sent a medical relief team to the worst cyclone affected area in Orissa, India.

Dr. George Chandy, Vellore Medical Superintendent, responded to a request for help from the Emmanuel Hospital Association, by sending Dr. Pushpraj Singh, of Vellore's Emergency Services and Staff nurses Kasturi and Patricia.

Even the children of Ida Scudder School in Vellore helped by raising money for medicines.

The aim of the medical relief team was to provide medical help, distribute medicines to prevent diseases, comfort the grieving, and to identify the villages for rehabilitation.

Damage was extensive. Rooftops were blown off and tin shops were totally demolished. Fields were filled with sea water totally spoiling the rice crop. Family members were missing. Dead bodies of humans and animals lying in the fields produced terrible odors and contamination. The people had lost everything. Water, food and other necessary needs were non-existent.

Vellore's relief team work was aimed at villages where no other medical care had been given. Hours off the main road, they traveled to open clinics in 15 villages, treating 1500 patients. Chlorine tablets and medicines were distributed and health care workers gave health care instructions. Temporary clinics were conducted from a house, school or temple and even from the van itself. In one village over 400 patients were treated. The nurses were also involved in surveying the needs of the villagers and their rehabilitation. They also spent time with the grieving families. The team spent two weeks and felt that they served a worthy cause.

CMC Pulse - June 2000, Dr Singh, ER Services, Vellore

Jubilation!

December is getting close, but there is still time to consider traveling to Vellore for the Centenary Festivities. On Dec. 9th the dedication of the **Ida S. Scudder Centenary Centre for Women & Children** will take place. Additional programs will be presented along with visits to the health care outreach programs at Vellore and optional sightseeing trips to Madras, and other parts of south India. Excitement is building and the trip from 12/5 to 12/18 will be a memorable one for all who have worked and supported this endeavor and all the other programs of CMC&H and the Vellore Board through the years. Cost of the airfare is \$1,400. Interested? Please call Willie Salmond, President, Vellore Board at 212/870-2640.

Centenary News

The Government of India has approved the release of a Commemorative Stamp, First Day Cover and Special Cancellation Cachet as part of the Centenary celebration. The stamp will be released on Aug. 12th at the Scudder Auditorium by the Minister of Communications.



Photo by Allan Gulker

Ida S. Scudder Centenary Centre for Women and Children Looking Good!

Work is nearing completion with the 7th floor. Installation of indoor flooring, air conditioning units for operating rooms and the placement of six elevators and one service elevator is proceeding on schedule.

Investing In The Future

"I think it is a good investment," says Mrs. Annis Bassler of her recent charitable gift annuity made through the Presbyterian Foundation. "My husband and I went to Vellore in 1983 with Park and Alice Johnson. I'd heard about Vellore since I was a child, about Ida Scudder and her story. I think they do marvelous work."

Mrs. Bassler contacted the Vellore Board about the possibility of a charitable gift annuity. A representative of the Presbyterian Foundation in her area was able to visit her the same day. For her gift, Mrs. Bassler will receive a yearly income for the remainder of her life. At her passing, the remaining assets benefit the healing ministry of Vellore. She will also realize immediate tax benefits, as well as the satisfaction of supporting the "marvelous work" of CMC&H.

Charitable gift annuities are irrevocable gifts, but provide excellent tax and financial benefits for the donor. Gift annuities can also be arranged to make lifetime payments to two recipients, ie, husband and wife. Please contact Patricia Patterson at the Vellore Board 212/870-2998.

Welcome Patricia Patterson



In June, Pat joined the Vellore Board staff as Development Director, replacing Ann Canady who has retired as Development Officer after 7½ years of service. We wish Ann much joy in her retirement in Colorado.

Pat comes to Vellore Board from Marymount College with experience in marketing and development. She will be concentrating on planned giving, donor programs and funding by foundations. We wish Pat success in her endeavors for the mission of the Vellore Board.



◀ Ann Canady receiving engraved tray from Dr. mani Mani of the Vellore Board.

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MEMORIAL AND REMEMBRANCE GIFTS, July 1999–June 2000

In recognition of their lives and work, these memorial and remembrance gifts become living memorials in support of the day to day healing work that takes place at the Vellore Christian Medical College & Hospital. Thank you.

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Legacies Received, July 1999-June 2000

A bequest to the Vellore Board USA has been received from the estate of **Doris Sauer**.