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## *A Special Evening With Dr. Margaret Brand*

Join us for this wonderful and rare opportunity: an evening with Dr. Margaret Brand. Former CMC staff, Dr. Brand, together with her late husband Dr. Paul Brand, were pioneers in the treatment and rehabilitation of people suffering from leprosy. She will be our guest speaker on September 29, 2006 at 6:30 pm at a gathering in Hoboken, NJ, with great India food and shared CMC memories. She will speak to the future of health ministries in India and around the world. Space is limited so reservations are a must.

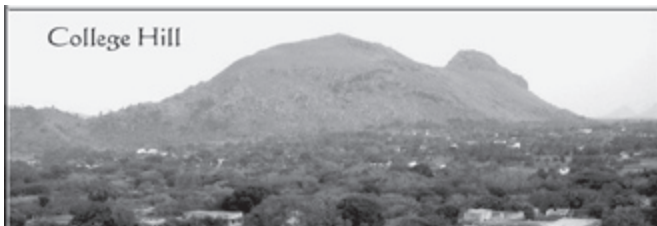
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## The Greening of CMC



Vellore took a giant step toward greater environmental responsibility this spring with the opening of a solid waste recycling facility. CMC generates about five tons of solid, non-hazardous waste every day from its kitchens, wards, and residences. For the past several years, this volume of trash and garbage has been going into a land fill near the college campus.

The solid waste project grew out of talks held during Environment Week in June of 2005. A number of CMC faculty were interested in re-foresting College Hill, which is now a barren, rocky slope adjacent to the College. Local environmentalists pointed out that a great deal of compost would be needed, and the obvious source was CMC itself.

Meetings with CMC administrators led to a proposal and commitment to support the project. The capital investment has grown to about \$100,000 with an annual operating budget of \$85,000. The project now employs 140 local women to collect and sort the waste. Employees also manage a sophisticated system of vermiculture and composting of biodegradable material. A small herd of cattle provide dung, which is necessary to inoculate composting materials.

Dr. Anna Pulimood, a faculty supporter of the project, says the facility should pay for itself within a few years through sale of compost to local gardeners and plastic, glass and metal to recycling companies. Already, volunteers have planted 600 trees on College Hill slope – the greening has begun!



Village women working on project.

## A Message from the President

**Lou Knowles**

### *Asking the Right Questions*



Maybe you know the soul of an institution best by the questions its leaders ask, rather than the specific answers they offer. In these days of rapid social change and economic dynamism, the questions are

more enduring than the answers.

In June, I was privileged to be involved with several dozen CMC faculty leaders in five days of intensive seminars focused on the future of CMC and its hospitals and clinics. Jerry Paul and Nesa Joseph, two senior officers of the Deaconess Foundation in St. Louis, facilitated much of the deliberative process. Jerry, Nesa and I agreed when reflecting on our experience that we were blessed by being among professionals whose first question was: how do we provide health care in the spirit of Christ to all, especially the poor? The three of us realized that when American health workers gather to reflect and plan these days, this is not the primary question that is asked, even in secular language. Sadly, institutional and professional priorities in the modern world have moved away from a focus on the "least of these."

CMC leaders are asking the right question. They agonize over the cases in which they feel they have failed to fully reflect the love of Christ in their decisions. Limited money and time mean that not everyone can be helped as they might wish to help them. Yet, it is clear that CMC, because it asks the right question, provides honest and compassionate treatment, which is a rare commodity these days. The people themselves are witness to that, as they continue to come to Vellore in huge numbers from far and near.

Support from you, the friends and former students of Vellore can ease the dilemma by providing additional resources to underwrite care for the poorest and by helping with institutional costs that otherwise must be paid by the patients.

## New Housing for CMC visitors

Two CMC medical alumni are spearheading efforts to expand housing for students, health professionals and others who come to Vellore for short visits. Dr. Mani Mani ([manim@kc.rr.com](mailto:manim@kc.rr.com)) of Kansas City and his family have pledged core support for Modayil House for International Students. This will be a twenty person residence that will house University of Kansas students from the schools of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health. Modayil House, which will be located near the canteen on the college campus, will also be used by other international students as space is available.

Dr. Ajit Butt ([abutt@ftml.net](mailto:abutt@ftml.net)) of Leicester, England, is working with the Friends of Vellore in the United Kingdom to build a new visitors hostel adjacent to the Big Bungalow. Although priority will be given to accommodate visiting alumni, it is open to other visitors as and when space is available. These new facilities will help a great deal to accommodate the growing number of doctors, nurses, medical students and others who are coming to learn from CMC and to contribute of their time and resources. The house will provide comfortable, air-conditioned accommodations for these guests. The Friends of Vellore in the United Kingdom have pledged to fund professional management of this house for the first three years.

Meanwhile, CMC has conducted an extensive renovation of the Big Bungalow, the primary visitor facility at the College. This former residence of Dr. Ida S. Scudder now features within its granite walls, rooms with all modern amenities. Plan a visit and see for yourself!

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## INDIA: LAND OF SPIRITUALITY AND HEALING—VELLORE TOUR 2007

In keeping with a series of successful tours to India, Mrs. Dorothy Williams, our vice chair, will be leading a new tour February 17 to March 4, 2007. India is well known for its architectural wonders. But its vastness, giving rise to multiple traditions, also makes it a setting for extensive cultural developments. Participants will see a number of the traditional sites. In addition, the itinerary will include visits to wildlife sanctuaries and to village settings. Conversation and lecture topics will explore the differences between North India and South India, the strong religious heritage represented by the Hindu and Muslim faiths, the health traditions of yoga and ayurveda, and the practice of Christianity and Western medicine in the Indian setting. The tour will include stops in New Delhi, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Bharatpur, Jaipur, Kochi, backwater cruise, Kumarakom, Thekkady (Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary), overnight train to Vellore, Kanchipuram, and Chennai (Madras). For more information contact the Vellore Board.



### ASHA Update

Active USAID/American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) grants now are 1) Pneumatic Delivery System, 2) Basic Sciences Laboratory, 3) High Dose Rate Brachytherapy Unit and, in process, 4) Provision of recycled water from the hospital campus to the college campus.

CMC and Protos Engineering Company (Mumbai) are finalizing the contract for the Pneumatic Delivery System. The 70 station system will connect clinics in the hospital complex with laboratories in the ASHA building and the main pharmacy.

The high dose rate brachytherapy unit and accompanying anesthesia equipment modules and cardiac defibrillator were scheduled for delivery in August.



**B**asic Sciences Laboratory going up.

Equipment orders for the Basic Sciences Laboratory are being delivered at a steady pace -the data acquisition system and patch clamp amplifier with accessories being the latest major pieces acquired.

ASHA has extended an offer to negotiate a \$400,000 grant to install a pipeline to transport recycled water from the hospital campus to the college campus. A final announcement of award in September is anticipated. Once finished, CMC will be able to reduce the amount of water it must purchase—saving CMC money and making more water available to the Vellore community.

While we think first of education, health care and research when we think of Vellore CMC, the extensive growth and modernization at Vellore CMC would be impossible without its hard-working engineers. In each of these ASHA-funded projects, the engineering team plays a significant role by renovating or constructing structures to house the new equipment. Their efforts are counted toward CMC's cost sharing for each grant.

### Help Other Young Women Like Saramma



Saramma receives her diploma after completing her nursing training thanks to a nursing scholarship. For only \$440, you can provide a full one-year nursing scholarship. CMC training prepares young

people from poor families to be among the most compassionate and knowledgeable nurses found anywhere. For a family with a monthly income of \$20, a tuition bill of this size looks like an insurmountable barrier. Ask your church or service club to consider sponsoring a nursing student at CMC. We provide you with an annual report on the scholarship recipient.

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