

A Letter to my Online Friends

8 June 2015

Dear Online Friend,

Greetings with love in Christ's precious Name!

In the providence of God, I worked as a Building Engineer in the Christian Medical College Hospital (CMC) in Vellore, Tamilnadu, India, from 1971 to 1975, before I entered fulltime Christian work in 1975. This Hospital was founded by the American Medical Missionary, Dr. Ida Scudder (1870-1960), in 1900, as a small clinic, with the motto, "*Not to be ministered unto, but to minister*" (Mt 20:28). In a letter to her friend during the early years, Dr. Ida wrote, "We are not building a Medical School, but the Kingdom of God." In spite of the multiplication of several highly sophisticated Hospitals across India, CMC stands first or second among the country's top 10 Hospitals, year after year, according to a National Survey. But as we read in Lamentations 4:1,2, "*Gold has grown dim, and the pure gold is changed!*" The condition of several hundreds of Christian Medical missions in India is deplorable. Over 200 Christian Hospitals in the Northern States are closed.

In order that God's Spirit may revisit these Institutions, and that the Hospitals like CMC may continue with their God-given original vision, a **Fullday Fasting Prayer** is arranged on Saturday the **22nd August 2015**, in the De Boer Ground of the Voorhees College, Vellore, from 9 am to 5 pm. God's Servant Brother **Mohan C. Lazarus** has consented to lead this Prayer. The theme of this Prayer Programme is, "**Bless CMC.**" God is burdening hundreds of His people to pray in preparation for this.

I request you to pray daily for this Programme of 22 August. If you can follow Tamil, do join the Prayer on that day in Vellore. This will be a historic meet. Meditate these verses while praying: Jer 29:11-13; Lam 3:22-25; Dan 9:16-20; Neh 2:19,20; 4:1-3.

Elaborate arrangements need to be made for this Prayer gathering in which 10,000 to 20,000 believers are expected to participate. The local organizing team has estimated an expenditure of Rs. 8,00,000/- to 10,00,000/-. We who spend lakhs of Rupees for our own medical treatment must contribute liberally for this endeavour. Kindly send your designated offerings directly to Brother Mohan C. Lazarus at "Jesus Redeems, Nalumavadi 628 211, Tamilnadu. Tel: 00 91 4639 220022." For Online transfer: Jesus Redeems, Indian Overseas Bank, Kurumbur, Branch Code 2740, Angamangalam, SB A/c. No. 274001000005555.

God is mightily using our dear Brother Mohan C. Lazarus all over the world in leading thousands of Christians in intercession before the Throne of Grace for Revival and Restoration. Pray that God may grant him an unusual anointing for the ministry in Vellore on 22 August.

I had my heart bypass surgery here in CMC in 1996. Scores of God's Servants, and Missionaries of hundreds of Missions in India like FMPB, GEMS and IEM are treated in this Hospital. Mother Brand (1879-1975) and Brother Emil Jebasingh (1941-2013) are among those prominent Christian leaders who spent their last days here. I love CMC. We are sending missionaries into India. That's good, but do you know that India comes to CMC?

Please forward this letter to your Christian friends worldwide to mobilize prayer.

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