

## TRINKETS

"Why don't you get rid of them?" I asked the little girl. She had quite a collection of little stones and pebbles which cluttered her table.

She was incredulous; why would anyone ask her to throw away such a precious lot? I had to give up when I realised how important those little objects were to her. Visiting her room a few months later, I found the old little objects were discarded. "I have growned [sic] up", she said with a disarming smile.

In our personal lives and at work, do we hold on to trinkets? Things which are actually worthless; but deemed precious while they are actually not? What are those pebbles which clutter and confuse? It is sad when we as adults attribute much worth to worthless things.

**Opinion of others:** Opinion of others can become an overwhelming force directing our words and actions. It is important to be sensitive to others' feelings; but their opinion of us is a bad master. Some time ago, I overheard school children talking to each other about one of the teachers and one of them said, "DKDC". It was only later that I found out the meaning: "Don't know; don't care" (-\_-). Well, that is not the intent; we must care about what others feel... but when what others think becomes too important, it can be an evil master. "If I were still trying to please

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DEVOTION

## Welcome to a Grand Rendezvous in Hyderabad!

Leonia International Centre for Exhibitions and Conventions, in Hyderabad will be the venue for the XVIth World Congress of the International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA) from 21st to 26th August 2018.

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn and to have a closer look at the Healing Ministry spread across the world, develop international links and build friendship beyond the Congress.

ICMDA Congress has partnered with Christian Medical Association of India and Evangelical Medical Fellowship of India (EMFI) in conducting this grand convention.



**"In the footsteps of the Great Servant Healer"**, from Isaiah 42:5-7 was chosen as the theme for renewing the understanding of our Master and His mandate and follow His footsteps.

The Congress aims to promote obedience which should lead to leading the lost and ultimately making disciples for serving the hurting world. Hence the tagline – *Reflect, Repent, Renew..*

The Conference for Students and Junior Graduates will be from August 21 to 23. *See page 12 for more information on Seminar Speakers*

Registration is fast filling up. Please visit: [www.:icmda2018.org](http://www.icmda2018.org).

## An opportunity to learn and to showcase

**Pre-Congress workshops** will be on Medical Education; Saline Process – Training; Mental Health (Christian perspective and Christian response); Working with Neighbours; and Kingdom of God in Healthcare.

**Abstract Submission: Breakout sessions:** There will be opportunities for delegates to present papers and share experiences in breakout sessions. For Poster Presentations the delegates and students are encouraged to submit abstracts according to the guidelines.



**Parallel Workshops** During the main congress, the parallel workshop topics will be on Introduction to Servant Leadership; Mentoring and Spiritual Formation; Institute of Medical

Missions; Governance and Strategic Thinking; World views and Evangelism.

Please sign up for these workshops in advance.



**Indira K**  
Manager - Development  
and Special Projects

FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

## Being able to think is from God

CMAI team visited a Speciality hospital for learning on mental health issues and the care given for persons with mental disorders in India. It is alarming to learn that 10 % of the population has common mental disorders and 5% has severe disorders. What is more important is the care or the lack of it available in the country.

Mental stability and the ability to think is from the Lord and very often we take this great gift for granted. How miserable it would be to lose one's ability to think and make decisions in daily life. Our team came across families with young people who had severe depression on treatment. It is a great burden of the family care givers.

The issues such as stigma associated with mental diseases, inadequate number of care providers and the lack of care available to such people are serious limitations in our system.

In the recent past we visited a home



which manages a number of elders with memory loss disorders. This is another area which requires comprehensive care facilities as the population with Alzheimer disease is on the increase and trained care givers are very few.

Christian health care services and the church can play a significant role in caring for people with mental health and geriatric issues. This service requires volunteers

and trained counsellors, besides medical professionals.

I always wondered how the present day communication overload, education focused on competition and job-related stress have manifested in violence, suicides and extreme decisions that affect families and workplaces.

Mental health needs to be identified early. The community intervention to reduce the damage must start with traditional healers who have no scientifically sound treatment.

As believers in Christ we are aware of the scriptures and the way people were treated by the Lord. We need to pray for the affected and their families. We also must discern between spiritual care and medical care. Both are equally important.

And mental sanity is a God-given gift!



*Dr. Bimal Charles*

**Dr Bimal Charles**  
General Secretary

## NURSES SECTION

### Nurse Leaders Training Takes Off

The New Year has ushered in with its various challenges and responsibilities, bringing in numerous opportunities to serve Him selflessly. Let us trust the Lord to make the most of this year to gain success in our spiritual as well as professional lives.

Thank God for fulfilling the long awaited dream of Nurses League of CMAI to start Leadership Training programme for ward managers. The first contact programme commenced from 7th of February 2018.

My sincere gratitude to all the Nurse Leaders who have helped me in making this dream come true. Every new batch

will start quarterly and we will be announcing the dates of every batch through our websites and e-mail.

Another activity of this reporting period is the successful deployment of 60 BSc Nurses for the 5th phase of AMANAT project which has started on 1st of December 2017.

Through the AMANAT project CMAI works in 38 districts, spread across the whole state of Bihar directly impacting the lives of more than 40 million people. We have successfully trained more than 2500 ANMs through this project since three years.

This project aims at reducing the Infant

and Maternal Mortality rates by enhancing the health care delivery system through initiatives to build the capacity of the nurses and ANMs so that they provide specialized and quality care to ante-natal, intra-natal, post-natal women and children.

The project is delivered in a phased manner and involves interactive training delivered through teams of graduate and post graduate nurses deployed by CMAI.

May the dear Lord bless us and guide us in all our endeavors.

Warm regards



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## DOCTORS' SECTION

**Ayushman Bharat - Modicare – Union Budget 2018**

Warm greetings of the New Year, as we enter in to 2018, the General Budget has given us a new hope aimed at improving the health and wellness of the country.

The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri Arun Jaitely, while presenting the General Budget 2018-19 announced the Ayushman Bharat Programme.

The programme initiatives are:

- Allocation of Rs. 1200 Crore for 1.5 Lakh Health and Wellness Centres
- National health protection Scheme to provide hospitalisation cover to over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families

Health and Wellness Centre: This has been announced in line with the National Health Policy, 2017 that envisioned Health and Wellness

Centres as the foundation of India's health system. Under this 1.5 lakh centres will bring health care system closer to the homes of people to provide comprehensive health care, including for non-communicable diseases and maternal and child health services.

National Health Protection Scheme: Termed as the world's largest government funded health care programme, the scheme will replace the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), is expected to significantly increase healthcare facilities, particularly those in smaller towns and villages.

This ambitious scheme will reach 10 crore families with an annual cover of upto Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization. This will be met through private insurance where Government

will pay the premium.

We, as a Christian Healthcare network, can play a bigger role now. We have an opportunity to collaborate with the Government in its expansion of service through these Health and Wellness Centres. Train and prepare human resource for health who will be able to demonstrate ethical healthcare. Provide economical services in our facilities.

Do share your view of what you think of these two mega initiatives and the ways by which we can partner with the Government in providing ethical healthcare to the country.

Looking forward to hearing from you. As you continue to fulfill God's Will, He will strengthen you and guide you. Have a blessed year ahead.

With regards,



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## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**Value for Money; Value for Activity**

Good Financial Management is a science and art; it requires accurate information and bit of creativity. It involves recording of monetary and non-monetary transactions, reporting the performance and position, and finally safeguard resources and use it prudently.

Finance Management is Optimum Utilisation of Resources and Utilisation of Resources for planned activities.

The principles enlisted below are a mere checklist / guide to those who lead Non-profit organizations with limited accounting and financial experience.

**1. Accounting Systems**-Transactions are recorded using sound accounting principles and standards. Accounts

may be maintained using Cash or accrual basis as decided by the Management.

**2. Internal control** - policies and procedure to ensure the objectives of the organization is achieved.

**3. Budgeting and monitoring deviations** - Activity budgets which help achieve the objectives are the road maps. Regular monitoring and check on the deviation will ensure that the finances are used as planned and target revenues are achieved.

**4. Compliance to Legal requirement** - The laws applicable will be Income Tax,



FCRA, Labour Laws and Good and Service Tax. Engaging consultants will add value to the organization.

**5. Reporting** - Financial statements are the only proof of the health of an organization. The organization is accountable to its Stake holders. Interpretation of reports help in decision making.

**6. Audit** - Independent financial audit validates the progress and position of the organisation. Annual audit by qualified Chartered Accountants is mandatory by the law of the land.



**Ms Deepti Singh**  
Finance Manager

ADMINISTRATORS' SECTION

## Finding Your Identity in Leadership.

As leaders we are tempted to find identity, security and worth in what we do. What we do quickly become more important than who we are. We discard our identity as a child of God and find our identity in the leadership position we hold. When this happens, we as leaders quickly try to make our work bigger and better because this intention will make us bigger and better as a person.

When our identity is found in our leadership several problems can emerge.

1. We are very professional at work or spiritual at church but much less so when at home.
2. We fail to minister sufficiently to our family, dissatisfied wife, dissatisfied husband and rebellious children disqualify us from leadership.



Participants engaged in an activity. From a Leadership Workshop in Bangalore

3. We may become a controlling leader, trying to protect our position so that we can continue to feel good about ourself.
4. We may stay in a position where we are comfortable, forgetting to venture into the new work that God has prepared for us.

God's blessing serves one purpose- to bring Him honour and praise. This is His desire for all organizations. Keep a proper perspective on what God does through you. Remember His power alone can bring changes. His wisdom alone can perform wonders. God in His infinite grace allows you to take part in His work, not because He needs you, but because He loves you and rejoices at your service. He has given His organisations into your hands, let it be a reminder to you that you have to ask Him to give His might, His power and His spirit to complete the task given to

you as a Leader.



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AHP SECTION

## Ideate, Innovate, Integrate (Triple I)

We are going through a rough turf in this changing community. The insecurity and chaos is visible everywhere and its reflecting in our day to day life through media.

As a responsible Christian it's time to think out of the box for sustainable solutions for our problems. Of course it will be a long term process, however it should start first then only it will bring change gradually.

- Request everyone to put your thinking hat.
- Focusing on healthcare, community and Individual.

- What we can do to make some good changes to the present system.
- For me personally I believe awareness is the solution for all problems.

If we are aware about our body and health we will be more focused on preventive/ healthy life style. That can avoid unwanted hospital visits.

If we are aware about our society and understand we are part of big family under one God. We will automatically accept and appreciate others.

If we are aware of our limitation in this life, then we will not be focusing more on

the commercialization and accumulation process, rather we would have focused on the uplift and empowerment of the marginalized

The AHP section launching this initiative "Triple I" to collate ideas and Innovations from everyone and we will help you to integrate the best ideas into our community systematically.

Now with the power of social media we can make some good changes to the society.

Please send your suggestions and ideas to lyricabraham@cmai.org or whatsapp to 9971418911



**Mr. Lyric Abraham**  
Secretary  
— Allied Health Professionals Section

## NURSES LEAGUE REPORT

**Nurses get Training in Self Defence****Self-defence training (2nd, 4th & 1st December)**

The Nurses League of CMAI organized Self-defence workshop for the recruited NMS and CMAI staff. Forty six NMS and all the female employees of CMAI who are below 55 years participated actively in this workshop. The trainers were Mr Martial Vout, Swiss security advisor and Mr Ajendra Sirohi from Agrabami India. Two rounds of training were held in CMAI office and one at St Stephens Hospital. Indira K, Manager-Development & Special Project, Resource Mobilizing Unit, conducted a motivational training for the CMAI-CARE project for 47 women in 2 batches on 5-6 December 2018



*Participants practising self defence*

**Recruitment of NMs**

The recruitment of Nurse Mentors (NMs) was held from 26th October 2017 to 15th December 2017. 135 Nurses were interviewed from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Mumbai, Sikkim, West Bengal, Chattisgarh, Punjab, Kashmir, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

Sixty of them were selected but three of them did not join as parents are not willing to send them to Bihar. Another round of interview was held on 20th of December to fill the three more vacancies..

**CMAI Biennial Conference ( 5th – 8th of November 2017)**

A total of 139 delegates attended the meeting. AGM was held on 6th November 2017. Executive committee members for the next biennium (2017-2019) got elected.

**Nurse Leaders Training (NLT)**

Curriculum has been prepared for the NLT training and the course will be rolled out from February 2018 onwards. It was decided to do the piloting in mission hospitals.

**NLT-Local committee meeting**

Local committee meeting of NLT was held on 14th December at CMAI office CNI Bhavan along with Assistant

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people, I would not be a servant of Christ" (Gal 1:10).

Position: Sometimes we can become too pre-occupied with our own position and designation. Power and authority in any form can become the proverbial 'Frodo's ring' with its inexplicable and magical hold and sway on people. We must constantly remind ourselves that it is so fickle and temporal: "... for its place remembers it no more" (Psalm 103:16).

Money and wealth: The capital 'M' must remain the small 'm'. Money is useful; but has the potential to destroy and strangle-hold if not kept in perspective. How many organizations homes have been disrupted when love of money has disrupted the concordance, integrity and the greater purpose! (... for the love of money is the root of all evil 1 Tim 6:10).

Own interests: "...for everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ" Apostle Paul must have had tears in his eyes when he penned these lines in his letter to the Philippians (ch 2:21). May the Good Lord preserve and protect us from 'mission drift'.

May we receive much grace and insight to keep our hearts and minds focused on the mission committed to us for a time, in our hospitals and organisations. May we realise what is truly valuable in God's perspective... things which matter in the final analysis. Blessings!



**Dr Naveen Thomas**  
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Bangalore Baptist Hospital

**Ms. Jancy Johnson**  
*Secretary, Nurses Section*

## COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

**Bread for the World, Partners Consultation****Ethical Healthcare TOT**

Bread for the World, conducted Partners Consultation on Health from 2-6 October 2017 at Windflower Resort, Bengaluru.

Dr. Bimal Charles, Dr. Ronald Lalthanmawia, Dr Priya John attended the programme.

Bread for the World a Protestant Development Agency is the globally active development and relief agency of the Protestant Churches in Germany. In more than 90 countries all across the globe they empower the poor and marginalised to improve their living conditions.

**The main objectives of the consultation were:**

1. Facilitate mutual learning and exchange on good practices in healthcare among partner organisations across 18 countries.
2. Strengthen networking among partner organisations and explore the added value of a collective partnering with the government.
3. Increase the effectiveness and quality of healthcare services towards health system strengthening of the country.
4. Facilitate partner organisation's input into the future Health and HIV Policy of Bread for the World.

There were 35 participants for this consultation from 18 countries.

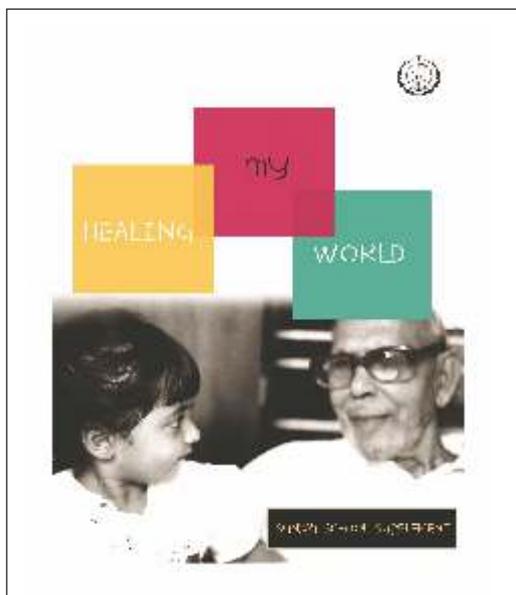
The Bread for the World team will take all the discussions and recommendations and formulate a report.

The Foundation level Curriculum for nurses is being rolled out to the stakeholders. In the nurse league, the MIBE had a workshop for their tutors on the 5th of December 2017 at MIBE office, NCCI, Nagpur. The foundation in Bioethics was introduced and the nurses were taught how to use the module by Dr Jameela George, Director, Centre for Bioethics.

Dr Priya John introduced the CMAI initiative for Christian Ethical Healthcare and there was a discussion which cleared the doubts the tutors had with regard to Ethics. The curriculum was well received and the tutors will now disseminate the same in their respective institutions. Nineteen institutions were represented at the training.



**Dr Priya John**  
Senior Programme Coordinator  
Community Health Department

**Church for Social Action: Sunday School Supplement for Pre-teens Released**

CMAI has developed a Sunday School Supplement titled “**Healing My World**” for children between the ages of 8-12. As you know, children are the most vulnerable to physical, mental and spiritual harm in the current environment around them, be it changing family relations, friends or technology.

With inputs from medical and theological experts, this book has interactive and practical methods to equip children on being more self-aware and to be well-prepared to face the world they are in.

This book has topics such as hygiene, nutrition, exercise, understanding mental health, recognizing differently-abled, practising healthy relationships and coping with disaster. Healing My World is a supplementary textbook that could be taught by parents at home or could be incorporated into the day-to-day lessons at Sunday Schools.

Price: Rs 150. For copies, write to [cmaibl@cmαι.org](mailto:cmaibl@cmαι.org).

We will send you the invoice for which you may send your cheque or DD to CMAI office in Bangalore.

## AHP UPDATES

**Plans underway to upscale HSSC**

HSSC Upscaling meeting held in Chennai on December 8th which was followed by a meeting with Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED) and NGOs in Madurai on 13th December to scale up HSSC short term courses.

Dr Bimal Charles made a brief presentation on CMAI activities in the Health care sector. He described about the new initiative of CMAI in working with the NGOs in shaping the life of youth across India in Health sector. Also stressed the present condition in shortage of skilled work force in the

health sector. He outlined few health courses offered by CMAI which were in great demand and extended an invitation for the NGOs in the south to scale up the HSSC program.

RPL Assessment at Kerala at St Thomas Mission Hospital Kattanam, Kerala was held on 14th, 15th and 16th December. Mr Paulraj and Mr Asher coordinated the assessment. On 18th December a meeting with HSSC CEO Mr. Ashish Jain was held to discuss the way forward and the various requirements to ensure smooth running of the course.

**Wants Director**

**For a 39-year-old charitable Christian NGO at Mathura ,UP State having two eye hospitals and community development programs.**

**Place of posting Mathura  
Qualifications-MBBS/MD/  
Bachelor of Hospital  
Administration/ Advance  
degree in public health or  
equivalent  
With at least 10 years of  
Management experience  
Salary negotiable**

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## RPL CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION

**Jubilee Mission - Pioneer Once Again!**

Mother Theresa Hall at Jubilee Mission Medical College, Thrissur Kerala witnessed the first CMAI Health Sector Skills Council (HSSC) Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Certificate distribution on 26th January 2018.

Jubilee Mission was the first institution where CMAI's Medical Laboratory Technician diploma course was initiated 50 years ago.

It was a milestone for CMAI diploma holders as they were getting a government accreditation through RPL certification from HSSC.

Rev Fr Francis Pallikunnath, Director Jubilee Mission Medical College and Research Center welcomed the gathering. This was followed by the presidential address by Mar Andrews Thazhath, Patron & Archbishop of Trichur.

Prof C Ravidranath, Hon'ble Minister for Education, in his inaugural address emphasized the importance of ethics in Healthcare and the present deterioration of the ethical values.



*Kerala Education Minister Prof C Ravindranath, inaugurates programme at Jubilee Mission*

Dr Bimal Charles, General Secretary CMAI in his address mentioned about the importance of skilled workforce in healthcare field. He emphasised the need for ethical behavior especially in paramedical field.

Felicitations were given by Dr Sanju Abraham, Nodal officer for HSSC, Tamil Nadu/Kerala region, Dr Benny Joseph CEO of Jubilee Mission, Mr Lyric Abraham, Secretary AHP, Mr I.R Asher, Coordinator, HSSC.

The rest of certificates were distributed by all dignitaries along with the HSSC coordinator Mr Paul Raj to total 214 candidates - 187 for Medical Laboratory technicians and 27 for anesthesia technicians.

Rev Fr Tijo Mullakkara, Coordinator, Jubilee Para Medical Courses concluded the program proposing a vote of thanks.

He thanked Mr A V Francis, the administrator who helped in conducting the event, Sr Gordian who coordinated all the RPL assessments and Sr Oliva who started the CMAI MLT course in Jubilee 50 years back.

**Lyric Abraham**  
Secretary

*Allied Health Professionals Section*

## Gujarat &amp; Rajasthan Region

## Free Medical Camp and Business Session

A Free Medical Camp was organized by the CMAI-Gujarat & Rajasthan Region and Victor Memorial Hospital, Zaveda village, Dang, Surat.

This hospital is located at the Friends Missionary Prayer Band (FMPB) Mission field of Viyara district, Dang. Eight villages around the hospital participated in the camp.

The camp started at 8am and ended at 4pm.

### Doctors who conducted the Camp were:

1. Dr Shiny Mehta, MBBS, Medical Officer, Municipal Corporation Hospital, Surat (CMAI Life member)
2. Dr Neil Rana, MBBS, Medical

Officer, Municipal Corporation Hospital, Surat

3. Dr Dhanaraj MBBS, Primary Health centre, Vyara
4. Dr Inba Kumar, MBBS, DGO, Medical Director, Shalom Ministries, Dahod (CMAI-Doctor Section Secretary).

Random Blood Sugar level was high among adults above 40 years of age. The hospital distributed basic medicines for three days to those who required it.

Around 580 people benefitted through this camp. Refreshments and lunch were sponsored by the hospital to the volunteers and the doctors.

Special thanks to Nadiad team members for the leadership of Mr.

Nilesh Macwan, AHP Section Secretary and Dr.Sanjeeth Peter, Director of DDMM Heart Institute encouraged us to conduct the camp in a fruitful way.

### Business Session:

Regional Business Session was conducted after the free Medical Camp, Javda Surat. A report of the activities conducted between the years 2016-2017 was read out by Dr.Deva Japa Ajith, Regional Secretary and given details of the vision and mission work of CMAI to the audience. The core team for 2017-18 was elected.

**Dr Deva Japa Ajith**

*Regional Secretary, Gujarat & Rajasthan*

### Healthcare Quote

"If compassion is so good for us, why don't we train our health care providers in compassion so that they can do what they're supposed to do, which is to transform suffering?"

Joan Halifax

*Author, Hospice Caregiver*

## Do you want to be a change agent?

Do you have a passion to facilitate change? Are you a graduate (male or female) between the ages 23 and 30 years, ready to be dynamic in your work situation? Are you willing to learn, be proactive in a team and make a difference? Then, CMAI invites you to join our healthcare network as a

### REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (13 Positions in 13 CMAI regions in India)

In our endeavor to strengthen our regional activities, we plan to hire and work with Regional Representatives (RRs) in each of the designated CMAI regions, who will be catalysts in rejuvenating the region. We intend

for the RRs to **Respond** to need, through the **Identification** of gaps, as well as **Strengthen** and **Expand** the regional activities. The CMAI designated regions are 1) North West 2) North East 3) Gujarat+Rajasthan 4) UP + UK 5) West Bengal 6) Odisha 7) Chattisgarh + MP 8) Maharashtra + Goa 9) Kerala 10) Karnataka 11) Tamil Nadu + Pondicherry, 12) AP + Telangana 13) Bihar + Jharkhand. The RRs will belong to and work from the region primarily. They should be fluent in the local language of the region and in English.

The screening of applications will be followed by rigorous interviews in the first and second week of March.

Send your CV to: Dr Sunita Abraham, by email: [chd@cmαι.org](mailto:chd@cmαι.org) before Febraury 25, 2018



## TRAINING

## Training on Palliative Care at St. Christopher's

Dr B Lalrambuatsaiha Programme Coordinator, (CHD) was sponsored by St Christopher's Hospital to attend a one week Academy training based on Palliative Care from 16 - 17 October 2017.

Wide range of topics was intensely covered during the entire week from 9 am till 5pm in the evening. The training was based on Multi-disciplinary approach to Palliative Care.

Fourteen delegates from 11 countries attended the one week course on Palliative Care at St.



Christopher's Hospice in London.

St Christopher's has a proven track record of delivering high quality education and training locally, nationally and internationally through a comprehensive programme of conferences, study days, practical skills workshops, academic education and accredited training. St Christopher's believes that the best palliative and end of life care

education and training is person-centred and culturally relevant, just like care should be. It is designed and delivered in partnership and through relationships.

Topics included Global and Local challenges on Palliative care, Multi-disciplinary team, ethical issues, rehabilitative palliative care, spirituality, community engagements, managing change, communication skills, care for the dying etc.

Resource Persons were: Liz Bryan, Director, Education Dept. St. Christopher's Hospice; Katie Scott, Clinical Nurse, St. Christopher's Hospice; Dr. Alison Landon, General Practitioner, St. Christopher's Hospice.



**Dr B Lalrambuatsaiha**  
Programme Coordinator,  
CHD

## Engage Disability Conference discusses practical ways to work together as Churches and NGOs

CMAI staff participated in the Second National Conference on Disability, 14-16 Nov'17 in Chennai. This conference was built on the Engage Disability Movement which began with the 2014 Engage Disability Conference. This was a watershed moment with nearly 450 people from 100 organisations and churches coming together to strengthen the response to disability in India. This moment turned into a movement. Since 2014 the Engage Disability Network has been working with Christian partners across India to train Christians, produce resources and tool-kits, and meet in the regions to form a Christian response to disability.

CMAI is one of the founders of Engage Disability.

The objectives of the 2017 conference were to bring together like-minded

people and organisations who have a heart for disability; develop strategies for ministry alongside those with



disabilities in Christian Community; equip church leaders for disability inclusion in the Christian Community; identify leaders with disabilities who can speak about disability issues in the Christian Community and find practical ways churches can engage in disability inclusiveness

We could create networks among mission hospitals. More transformational workshops or conferences with very evident outputs and deliberated purposes rather than compliance.

It was a workshop where we could relate and network with other NGOs. Just one person talking to other organisations is not enough. We need to work together with other NGOs for churches to be sensitive and inclusive of disability. Let the heads of the organisations talk strategic while others can network and build this movement to spread across.

The Leadership and Resource Persons were Rev. Asir and Ms. Jessica, CSI Director and Coordinator respectively; Dr Nathan Grills, CHGN; Mr. Chip, Director of Provision Asia & Mr. Munnuswamy and Ms. Krupa, Provision Asia; Ms. Jubin Varghese, EHA; Mr. Cherian Thomas, Director, World Vision.



**Ms Saharsha Jacob**  
Programme Officer, CHD

## MONITORING VISIT TO PURNEA

**Team CMAI visits Women's Groups in Purnea, Bihar**

Monitoring team visited project villages of Banmankhi Block and conducted a community meeting at Rapaspur, Dhanghata and Balwa to build awareness on mother and child health care on 18th October 2017.

During the visit the team met SHG women and the community people and

discussed about anti- and pre-natal care, Immunization and institutional delivery.

During the monthly review meeting, the team discussed about progress of the regular project activities at the village level such as ANC care of pregnant women, PNC care, immunization of 0–2

years children and participation in Pulse Polio programme.

**1. Project Management Committee Meeting:**

Held for all the three months - Oct-Dec 2017. Organised by Project Management Committee meeting at BIC Church office Purnea where three PMC members of BIC Church, Project Manager and Sr. Prog. Officer of CMAI attended.

**2. CHVs Monthly Review Meeting:**

On 30th November 2017 organised Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) monthly review meeting for the months of Oct-Nov 2017 at BIC Church office at Banmankhi where 20 CHVs, Project Manager, PMC Member of BIC Church Purnea and Sr. Prog. Officer of CMAI attended. All meetings had complete attendance

**Mr Manoranjan Nayak**  
*Sr. Programme Officer, CHD, CMAI*

## REGIONAL CONFERENCE - ODISHA

**What does the Lord requires of you?**

The Regional Conference of Odisha was held at Khariar from 12-14th October. "What does the Lord require of you" was the theme based from Micah 6:8. Dr Nibedita, Director of Khariar Hospital welcomed the gathering

Dr Ajit Singh, President of CMAI and Rev Sharath David, introduced CMAI to the participants.

This was followed by keynote address by Rt. Rev Pinuel Dip Bishop of Sambalpur diocese.

Each institution represented at conference to present their challenges, concerns and success and then there was prayer for each institution. After lunch we met as sections to share concerns and bring nomination from

each section. This was followed by message by Rt.Rev C K Das retired Bishop from Sambalpur diocese.

In the evening the team visited an orphanage. Next day started with the third session by Rev A.S. Senapati on the theme. The business session was led by Dr Santhosh Nag, Nowrangpur Hospital. The reports of each section was presented and the nominated members names were called out and unanimously accepted.



**Rev Sharath David**  
*Secretary, Chaplains Section*

**CMAI needs Secretary/  
Assistant Secretary for Chaplain's  
Section**

Age: 28-48,  
Dip/Degree in Theology from a  
Theological University / College/  
Seminary in India;  
Ordination in any of the NCCI member  
Churches;  
Pastoral experience in parishes;  
Chaplaincy experience in hospitals /  
caring institutions and / or exposure to  
Healing Ministry / Pastoral Care and  
Counselling.

**Nature of job:**

Full time; coordinates the activities of the  
Section; requires extensive travel all over  
India

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## UTC INTERNS IN DELHI

**Catch them young**

A three-week internship program for Bachelor of Divinity students at the United Theological College, (UTC, Bangalore) was conducted from 17 Oct to 3 Nov 2017 by the Community Health Department of CMAI.

Various sessions were held in CMAI HQ. The topics included were Introduction to CMAI, Church for Social Action (CSA), Bioethics, Chaplaincy, First Aid, Medical terminologies, Disaster Management, Communication skills in Evangelism, Personality Development and Palliative Care.

The participants visited the family which has been financially supported by CMAI for over 10 years. The mother who is the head of the family has been infected with HIV for almost 15 years.

The team visited EFICOR and learn about the various roles and objectives of the organization.

Delhi Bible Fellowship arranged a site visit to an urban slum Zakhira, occupied by the Muslim community. Under the leadership of Dr Naro, the project helps children with informal education who otherwise would not have received anything.

The interns visited The Leprosy Mission Hospital at Shahdara on 26th Oct 2017 where there was an interactive session with the patients.

**Dr B Lalrambuatsaiha**  
Programme Coordinator, CHD

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**- General Secretary**

## MONITORING VISIT REPORT

**TASK FORCE women stops Child Marriage in Bihar**

In Tilhakani ward, Bihar, a *Task Force* of women empowered by the CMAI-Duncan Hospital project was instrumental in stopping a marriage of a 12-year-old girl and a 70-year-old man.

The project team will have an in depth case study on this.

The task force group was found highly motivated and they had taken active part in the community. This was revealed in a monitoring visit which was conducted to assess the progress of the PWS&D project "Empowering Young Women in rural Bihar for Improved Maternal and Child Health", jointly run by CMAI and Duncan Hospital.

The monitoring visit was conducted from 6th to 7th of December 2017. The team also looked into the financial systems of the project.

Due to the flood situation in Bihar during August and September, many activities of the project is behind the timeline. However, the project staff have been working hard to ensure that the targets are achieved in due time.

The team visited three villages and interacted with the adolescent girls group, mothers-in-law group and the task force group.

The adolescent girls groups are also highly motivated. Upon asking few questions, the team noticed an increase in knowledge regarding nutrition and SRH (sexual and reproductive health). Continued support in terms of higher education beyond 8th Std. is required keeping in mind the financial constraints they faced.

Mothers-in-law group and pregnant women group have been slow in catching up on up-to-date information due to cultural and societal barriers. This will however be improved with sustained effective interventions in the upcoming period.

Peer Educator groups have been formed and training has started. They are very enthusiastic about the interventions and their involvement in the project.

The importance of Performance Measurement Framework (PMF) was discussed and instructed that all the activities must be reflected in the PMF.

**Dr B Lalrambuatsaiha**  
Programme Coordinator, CHD;  
Mr Somnath Mallick, Finance Officer

**CMAI-MRTC Tutor training course****Medical Radiation Technologists, March /April 2018**

The course will be of one-year duration mainly conducted by distance education methodology.

A good part of the learning material will be provided through our website for registered participants. In addition, the participants will be required to attend one contact program, arranged at the end of the course.

At the final stage, there will be an evaluation, The participants will be required to pay a registration fee, course fee and examination fee at the time of joining the course. You may apply online at <http://cmai-mrtc.org/index.php> on or before 15th March 2018 with all necessary documents.

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## ICMDA NEWS

**ICMDA World Congress 2018 - The Heat is on...**

International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA) World Congress 2018 preparatory activities and planning have commenced in December in Hyderabad.

Dr Bimal Charles, Ms Deepti Singh, Mr Lyric Abraham, Mr Jacob Varghese attended the National Organising Committee (NOC) Meeting in Chennai on 11th December, where CMAI's Conference partner the Evangelical Medical Fellowship of India (EMFI) members were also present. Please visit: <http://icmda2018.org>

Speakers are: **Dr Daniel Ho:** World renowned speaker, founder of

Damansara Utama Methodist Church, in Malaysia

**Dr R Rajkumar:** Engineer-turned-evangelist and Bible expositor, preaches all over the world and throughout India

**Dr Helen Sigua:** Family health educator in the Philippines, believes that behavior change can transform health care

**Rev Dr Charles Price:** TV Evangelist known for the 'Living Truth,' was senior Pastor of the People's Church in Toronto, Canada

**Dr Daleep Mukarji:** Past Director of Christian Aid and worked with World



Council of Churches, is currently in London.

**Dr Peter Saunders:** Campaign Director of the Care Not Killing Alliance, previously with Christian Medical Fellowship, UK.

**Dr David Stevens:** CEO of Christian Medical & Dental Associations, USA, previously Director of Samaritans Purse in Somalia.

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**Mrs. Lily Karunakaran**, recipient of Dr. Mategaonkar award 2015 and centenary award 2013, went to the Lord on January 04th 2018 at Mysore. Uphold the bereaved family members in your prayers.

**Mrs F. Sangkawii**, Co-member of CMAI went to the Lord on 15 December 2016. Uphold the bereaved family members in your prayers.

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