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COMPETITION HELD DURING
NATIONAL CONFERENCE

CMAI's mandate of education being emphasized in National Conferences



**A Word from the General Secretary
~ Dr Priya John**

This reporting period of October to December 2020 was a very exciting one for CMAI, with all the National Conferences of the Sections being conducted. It was my privilege to have attended all the five conferences and witness each one bringing a different flavour, a different strength, and a different dream. Looking at CMAI, it was very encouraging to see our mandate of education, both formal and informal, being emphasized in each of the conferences.

As we find a foothold in today's crowded space of online education and information sharing, we are ensuring that the training we bring is grounded in ethical principles and values.

The role model we seek is in the person of Christ and serving in His mindset will assure us of bringing the best quality wholistic service to all whom we serve.

The challenge presented by the resource persons in each of the conferences made us aware of the gaps we need to address while focusing on our strengths. The acute needs of the membership were highlighted during the lockdown caused by the pandemic. Addressing these needs will require a synergised approach with all the CMAI network partners. The human resource crunch and financial instability emerged has the 2 main challenges which need immediate attention. There are some very good suggestions from the membership experiencing these shortages and we are looking at finding solutions in 2021 to ensure resilience and stability.

Our request is for prayer to follow God's leading and wisdom. We lack wisdom in many areas and look to Him. We want to hear His still small voice over the noise of the world. We want to practise deep water faith and testify to His faithfulness.

71st National Conference of Nurses League

~ Jancy Johnson-Secretary-NL Section, CMAI

The 71st National Conference of the Nurses League, CMAI was conducted virtually from 17th to 19th of November 2020. More than 2000 participants had registered including students, staff and faculty. About 78% of the participants were first-time participants; 66% were students; 35% were student non-members; 75% participants were registered from institutions.

The conference began by 10 am. Mrs. Jancy started the day and handed the day over to the moderator – Mrs. Shimy Mathew, the Secretary of the MIBE, CMAI. The Praise and worship was done by the Bangalore Baptist Hospital team. Mrs. Kamala Benjamin, Faculty of Haggai International shared on the theme: Let us consider! (Hebrews 10:24 – 25) – She spoke on putting the pieces together using three principles – God requires obedience; Growth requires stimulation and Perseverance requires eternal vision.

This was followed by the Inauguration session when Mrs. Manjula Ummareddy, SAO of Champa Christian Hospital and Chairperson of Nurses League welcomed Dr. Jayakumar Daniel, the president of the CMAI, Dr. Priya John, General Secretary of CMAI, Rev. Aruldas, HOD of Chaplaincy dept, CMCH & Editor of CMAI and Mrs. Jancy Johnson, Secretary of the NL, CMAI. She also welcomed the participants.



Panel Discussion - {Preparedness & Intervention}

Dr. Premila Lee Professor, Head of Medical Surgical Nursing, CMC Vellore. She explained about how CMC Vellore Nursing team faced the wave of COVID which almost overtook them and how they handled the crisis with prior preparedness and proper interventions which proceeded in a phased and planned manner thus curtailing the large damage that could have befallen the health personnel of the CMCH Vellore.

Panel Discussion - {Spiritual Perspective} Dr. Selva Chacko, Dean, Gulf Medical University, UAE. She wove out the talk into a beautiful 5 stepped process easing the huge burden the topic seemed to be. She played a touching song by Phillipa Hanna – You're Still God – which brought hope into the listening hearts and tears to the invisible eyes of hundreds.

This was proceeded by a business session led by Mrs. Manjula Ummareddy, President, Nurses League of CMAI where important decisions were made for the Nurses League and the activities of the previous meeting was discussed. The reports were presented by the Secretary of the Nurses League and the MIBE along with the BNESIB. The members approved it and the obituary of Mrs. Susheela Patros was read.

Dr. Vathsala Sadan, Dean, College of Nursing, CMC Vellore. She spoke about the difficulties they faced as a teaching team and mentioned the challenges and the learning areas during the COVID times. She presented it in three topics – Pandemic lockdown – Hostel life challenges and Changes in theory and practicum completion.

Dr. Priya John, the General Secretary of CMAI acknowledged the work of Mrs. Jancy Johnson as this would be her last AGM before her retirement. Her hard work, networking skills, the art of putting details together and a good role model in balancing home, health and family were points noteworthy to take home and put into practice.

UPDATE - {Ward Managers' Training}

Online classes for the fourth batch of Ward Managers' training were completed on 9th October 2020. Assignments have been given for the participants for timely submission.

UPDATE - {Consultation Meeting on NNMC bill}

A consultation on the bill to draft and submit the Christian Healthcare Networks response and comments to the National Nursing and Midwifery Bill, 2020 was held on 1st December 2020. Nurse leaders and Doctors from CMAI Network actively participated. The response was drafted by Ms Anuvinda Varkey, Executive director of CCH and submitted to MOHFW.

XVII Virtual Administrators National Conference

~ Ms. Elsy John, Secretary - Administrator's Section

Opening prayer by Mr. Sanjay Prasad Executive Director of Mercy Hospital followed by Devotion, Dr. Spurgeon Associate Director & Chief of Medical Staff BBH from the Theme "Let Us consider" reminding us to Move forward with the HOPE from Lord Jesus, fellowship with him will make us shine Bright and help us to stand firm fully to the work of God. A welcome address by the chairperson of the Section Dr. Samuel N.J. David followed by remarks from the General Secretary Dr. Priya John and President of CMAI Dr. Jeyakumar Daniel.

The Key Note address was delivered by Dr. P. Wilfred Davidar, IAS, Retd Additional Chief secretary, Public Policy & Business strategist focusing on; Where does our authority to function come from? What is the gift of Administration? Am I depending on the skill of myself or God? And Quality of Service.

The Pledge for the Administrators was read by Mr. Sunny Kuruvilla, Associate director Bangalore Baptist Hospitals, The Secretary of the Section Mrs. Elsy John thanked all the participants and the Dignitaries for sharing their valuable time in joining for the Inaugural. The day one program closed with a prayer by Rev. Arul Dhas Chaplain & Core Faculty – Department of Bioethics CMC, Vellore & Editor CMAI.

Dr. Katelyn Long, Ph.D. from Boston University, School of Public Health on Resilience in Indian Mission Hospitals and the 2nd-day program ended with a closing prayer by Mr. Stephen Victor Associate Professor- Business Management Ex-secretary Administrators Section CMAI.

On day 03, Dr. Samuel NJ David Chair Man Administrators Section, CMAI & Head, Department of Hospital Management Studies & staff Training CMC, Vellore on Health Care Managers Dilemma- passion purpose and Optimal choices.

The Conference was attended by 260 participants.



Materials Management in Hospitals

Administrators Section wishes you all lot of joy and happiness. May the upcoming year be full of new achievements that will bring you a huge success.

Hospital, Materials Management Department plays a vital role in the smooth and efficient function of it. It means the management of materials likes planning, Purchasing, Store & Inventory Control, Care and Preservation, Issue of materials, Accounting and Disposal of scrap

In a hospital, materials management has become a definite function. counting on the dimensions of the hospital it might be a separate department or it might be under the care of the Manager. Materials during a hospital range from consumables, stationery to even types of equipment besides pharmaceuticals and optical goods.

Storage and Preservation are a crucial part of the storekeeping function. When materials remain idle within the store these materials should be taken care of properly. Good store systems can greatly help the Stores Manager in smooth issues, accurate stock status reports, timely detection of discrepancies, prompt

clearance of products inward notes to expedite bill payment, reduction in losses, etc. Inventory control cares about minimizing the entire cost of inventory.

A short term certificate course on Materials Management in hospitals is arranged to be held online for the benefit of managers and executives in stores, purchase and pharmacies of mission hospitals in India. The programme is offered as a joint initiative of Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI) and the department of Hospital Administration in St. John's Medical College, Bangalore.

We are happy to announce that 40 participants have enrolled for the first batch and online classes have started.

Please visit our website for the 2nd batch enrolment or contact the section secretary for more details.

13th National Conference of the Chaplains Section *~Ms. Imtinenla Aier, Secretary - Chaplains' Section*

The extraordinary virtual National Conference of the Chaplains Section was held from 24th to 26th November 2020 and had people attending from across the globe. The participants were graced by the presence of Rev. Dr. CB Samuel, Advisor for Micah Global and EFICOR who delivered the Keynote address during the inaugural service. In his words, I quote, "Seeing is the beginning of compassion for chaplaincy as a prophetic ministry. To look for individuals in the crowd having eyes of God. To listen beyond medical history, as Jesus, then start a discussion on kingdom values." The address was thought provoking with plenty of take away lessons for the listeners.

Each session started with 15 minutes of devotion every day led by Rt. Rev. Dr. Royce Manoj Kumar Victor, Bishop of Malabar Diocese took devotion on the first day; Rt. Rev. Dr. Timothy Ravinder, Bishop of Coimbatore Diocese on the second day followed by Rt. Rev. Selvadas Promoth, Bishop of Bible Faith Mission (BFM) on the final day of conference.

Rev. Dr. JP Sabbithi, Pastor, Joy of Christ Lutheran Church, Hawaiian Islands took up an interesting session on the importance of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in theological education. He stated that "CPE is an avenue to engage in the Healing Ministry of the Church. CPE offer opportunities to seminary students to engage in the healing ministry/bedside theology. It complements (not contradicts) the class room experience with the clinical experience". The session was moderated by Ms. Onenlemla Imsong, Chaplain & Supervisor, Bangalore Baptist Hospital, Bangalore.

The second day had three experts in the field of Clinical Pastoral Education as the panelists, namely, Dr. Sunita Noronha, Dean of Christian Ministry Division, Union Biblical Seminary; Mr. Vilbert Vallance, Chaplains, Bangalore Baptist Hospital, Bangalore, and Dr. Sharon Ruth Israel, Clinical Psychologist, Victoria Hospital/Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bangalore. The topic for discussion was "CPE from the Perspective of Theological Education, Chaplaincy and Clinical Psychology – Way forward." Rev. Paras Tayade, Faculty, Union Biblical Seminary, Pune set the right tone as the moderator of the panel discussion.

During the discussion, Dr. Sunita Noronha stated that "Clinical Pastoral Education is and can be the life blood of holistic theological education. It is to be taken seriously by the Christian community at large. We cannot only rely on the clergy to provide pastoral care. It is undoubtedly, the task of the whole faith community and beyond. A firm and committed resolve is needed to turn this concern into a movement. The purpose is always the care of the people whom God has entrusted to our care." To this, Chaplain Vilbert added, "Chaplaincy is much more than spiritual caregiving."

Rev. Dr. Biju Chacko, Director of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and Neurology Chaplain at the Baptist Health System in Jacksonville, Florida, was the Speaker for the concluding session on the topic "CPE – A Tool for Ministerial Formation". The core of his message was "CPE is an opportunity to understand ministerial formation. It builds competence, reflection and identity. CPE offers a multi-disciplinary learning as we connect with God and connect people to God." Dr. Chacko's knowledge and intelligence on the subject gave more clarity to the audience.

Business session of the section was followed by a special thanksgiving service during which, Ms. Imtinenla Aier, Secretary, Chaplains Section thanked all the participants and resource persons for the fellowship and great time of learning throughout the conference. The three days conference had enlightening Praise and Worship sessions on a daily basis which was led by St. Stephen's Hospital, New Delhi, Bangalore Baptist Hospital and Sungkomen Baptist Church Youth Department. The three days conference Dr. Joseph George, Dean of Doctoral Studies, United Theological College closed the memorable conference with prayer and benediction.



The section is thankful to every individual, institutions and churches for all the prayers and support received. All glory and honour be to God.

Stories & Updates

St. Barnabas Hospital, Ranchi

On Saturday the 19th December 2020, St. Barnabas Hospital, Ranchi organized a blood donation camp under the theme "Pre-Christmas Gift to the Needy" in collaboration with Sadar Hospital, Ranchi. The donors were presented with a certificate.

Premjyoti Community Hospital

In collaboration with Christian Medical College and Hospital Vellore the long awaited surgical camps were conducted. Under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Anoop Paul, Surgeon from CMC, the camp were successfully completed in November 2020. The hospital procured a CBC machine which helps in producing faster and more accurate reports in management of patients with anaemia.

Workshop on Leadership and Healthcare

A one-day orientation-cum-workshop program for the health-care professionals on "Role of christian health-care professionals in the workplace" was conducted with Ideal Nursing Home in Churachandpur, Manipur.

Apollo Hospital, Secunderabad

Dr Ashish Chauhan Consultant Physician working at the Apollo Secunderabad was recognized by Honorable Minister of State Mr. G Kishan Reddy for his exemplary work during the lockdown period.

He had reached out to the poor and destitutes with relief and supplies. This event was a ceremony organized on 20th Dec 2020.

METAS Adventist Hospital, Surat

The Indian Medical Association conferred an award to METAS Hospital for being the first hospital in Surat by volunteering and admitting COVID patients.

The award was given by Shri. Banchhanidhi Pani, Commissioner, Surat Municipal Corporation in the presence of Shri. C.R Patil, Member of Parliament; Dr. Dhaval Patel, Collector, Dr. Ashish Naik, Deputy Commissioner Health and Dr. Parul Vadgama, President IMA, Surat.

Stories & Updates

It was a Saturday morning, when 15-years old Matanjoy's parents rushed him to Makunda Christian Leprosy and General Hospital not being fully aware of the seriousness of his health. The doctors at the Paediatric ward shared that Matanjoy had consumed poison, unknowingly. This came as a shock to his parents blaming themselves terribly when realised that the child had consumed it accidentally, thinking it as a vitamin. However, it was a bottle of insecticide kept inside the vitamin bottle.

They hail from a village close to Meddley in Karimganj district of Assam. Two days later, the relatives brought the bottle which was identified as Paraquat a lethal chemical herbicide. By then Matanjoy had already developed clinical manifestations of the poison with a Paraquat tongue in medical literature, renal parameters started climbing up and it appeared as if his liver was also giving up, as he had transaminitis.

The hospital's medical after much research and discussions understood that there was nothing much to offer as an antidote to this substance. The hospital psychiatrist and social worker were beside the family regularly along with the supportive care and within a week's time the renal and the liver parameters slowly normalised. Following which by the second week of watchful expectancy also came to an end. All his body systems began functioning perfectly and Matanjoy was discharged miraculously healed.

It was a joy to see Matanjoy in the outpatient department as he remains one among the very few survivors of Paraquat ingestion.



34th Annual Course on Pastoral Care for the Sick and Suffering

Chaplains Section of Christian Medical Association of India conducted the much awaited 34th Annual Course on Pastoral Care for the Sick and Suffering from October 14th – November 5th, 2020. For this first time the course was offered online using zoom platform where selected candidates met every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 02.00 pm to 04.30 pm. A total of 45 participants serving as Pastors, Chaplains, Healthcare professionals, Nurses, Theological students, and Church leaders serving God in the healing ministry registered for the online course. The participants were from across the country including Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Nepal and Canada.

The main objectives of the course were to reaffirm the vision and mission of the church in its healing ministry towards building a just and healthy society and also to equip the People of God to effectively minister to the sick and the suffering giving spiritual care. The course was offered in collaboration with the Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC) team. One of the requirements was to complete 16 hours of WHO Curriculum for IAPC Volunteers certification.

Dr. Priya John, the General Secretary of CMAI warmly welcomed the participants at the inaugural ceremony. Rev. Dr. Santanu Patro, Registrar, Senate of Serampore University delivered the inaugural address on the theme

“Let us Consider...” encouraging participants of the need of the training especially in a time when health and wholeness is much required.

The resource persons were Dr. Stanley C Macaden, Dr. Ravi Livingstone, Dr. Amy, Sr. Sabitha, Sr Honey, Mrs. Prameela, Dr. Jenifer Jeba, Sr. Shakila, Dr. Reena George, Dr. Naveen, Dr. Joseph George, Dr. Sunita Abraham, Mr. Sentilong Ozukum, Dr. Rohan Ramesh, Dr. Susithra, and Dr. Shanthi from CMAI member institutions.

Dr. Joseph George, Professor at The United Theological College, Bangalore in his session brought out the importance of understanding the context of the counselee where he stated “The person (counselee) is the product of the environment: socio-cultural, economic, family, education-employment, religious, and other factors that are influential.”

Dr. Stanley C Macaden, National Coordinator of Palliative Care Programme of CMAI gave an overview of Palliative Care and its urgent need in today’s context. He brought out the aspects of ‘Palliative Care Service’ from a rural and urban perspective. He defined Palliative care as “Wholistic care, of people facing a ‘life limiting’ illness, to improve their quality of life and death and help their families to cope.”

Topics covered were – Teamwork & Partnership, Family Genogram, Role of Church volunteers, Life limiting conditions, Communication Issues, Providing Spiritual Support - Congregation in healing, Palliative care - Nursing issues, Care of the Elderly, Death & Dying, Ministry to the bereaved, and Pastor’s role in Healing Ministry – Community based. The participants were required to present a case study and to submit a reading report for the certification of the course.

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34th Annual Course on Pastoral Care for The Sick & Suffering

14th October - 5th November 2020

Spread awareness on healing services of medical institutions and hospitals in India

Equip church leaders in healing ministry

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Those with interest in healing ministry and represent any section of CMAI.

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The Bigger role of an Allied Health Professional ~ Lyric Abraham – Secretary AHP Section

In this unprecedented time of Pandemic, our Nation's focus is on the healthcare system of India.

We are talking a lot about the system and how well we can contain this pandemic with vaccines and other preventive measures.

For the 1.3 billion people in India, it's proven that we cannot cater the needs with the existing doctor and nurse population. As of 2014, there were 1.79 million registered nurses/midwives and 786,796 auxiliary nurse midwives in India, according to INC data and 1.8 million registered medical graduates as per MCI.

Nationally representative cross-section household survey and review of published documents by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence based study published in NCBI says:

Distribution and qualification of health professionals are serious problems in India when compared with the overall size of the health workers. Policy should focus on enhancing the quality of health workers and mainstreaming professionally qualified persons into the health workforce.

Here comes the role of Allied health Professionals in our country, this category is neglected till date.

The long pending allied health professional bill 2018 in parliament is the proof for that, there is no central regulatory body for AHP in our country.

Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI). Report of this seminal study -- From Paramedics to Allied Health Services -- which was published in 2012, defined AHPs' role as:

“Individuals who are involved with the delivery of health or healthcare related services, with qualification and competence in therapeutic, diagnostic, curative, preventive and/or rehabilitative interventions. They could work in interdisciplinary health teams in varied healthcare setting that include doctors, nurses and public health professionals to promote, protect, treat and/or manage a person's physical, mental, social, emotional, environmental health and holistic well-being.”

In other words, AHPs services are mainly focused on keeping people 'healthy' rather than 'fixing ill-health'. Latter remains in the hands of doctors and nurses.

The focus should be on Preventive Services with well-trained Allied Health professionals. If we can create a robust system for preventive services, then we can reduce the burden of doctors and nurses to great extent. CMAI is a pioneer in Allied health Education in India, our laboratory certificate course started in 1927 at Arogyavaram Medical Centre, Madanapally. Currently CMAI have 30 different Allied health professional Diploma courses in around 60 training Institute across India under our Central Education Board.

What we need is the support from different state and central Government, so that we can contribute more to cater the health care needs of our country.

Teaching Gen Z

On 3rd, 4th and 5th December CMAI in collaboration with Vigeo international conducted online training programme for CMAI tutors called the "Teaching Gen Z" The training was focused on latest online teaching methodology, tools and best practices. The training was much appreciated by CMAI tutors. Many mentioned it is need of the time as many trainings are now on an online/blended format.

Applications are invited for the post of Junior Medical Officers

at the Christian Medical College Vellore, Chittoor Campus. The Chittoor Campus is located 30km away from Vellore, and is a busy 130 bed high-secondary level hospital with an average OPD attendance of 750 patients per day, 5 busy operation theatres, all broad specialties, and an active community health program.

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4. Fellowship in Nursing – Family Nurse Practice, Haematology, Respiratory and Paediatric Critical Care Nursing

Dates: Applications can be accessed online	= 16 th March 2021
Last date for submission of online application	= 31 st May 2021
Entrance examination	= } to be announced later
Final selection for the programmes	= }
Registration for the programmes	= }

Vathsala Sadan

Dr. Vathsala Sadan
Dean, College of Nursing
C.M.C., Vellore - 4

Dates mentioned above are subject to change

National Conference of Christian Doctors 2020 - Dr. Abhijeet Sangma, Secretary-Doctor's Section

The National Conference of Christian Doctors was held from 13-15 November 2020. Since the ICMDA South Asia Regional Conference was also due in 2020, both the Conferences were organised jointly. The initial plan was to organise the conference in the City of Ahmedabad in Gujarat, but due to the on-going Pandemic, it was decided to take the Conference virtual.

Being virtual the Conference was able to reach beyond the South Asian region. We had received registration of over 700 participants from 15 countries with half of them from India. The Plenary speakers were Dr Arul Anketell from HCF Sri Lanka who took the devotions and Dr Peter Saunders who spoke on the theme of the Conference, "Understanding the Times" taken from I Chronicles 12:32.

There was choice of Breakout sessions for participants to choose from on various topics Technical to Spiritual

- Cults and Christianity - Mr. Cyril Georgeson
- Purpose of my life: Does personal satisfaction/happiness define my goal? - Dr Nitin Joseph
- Gender identity and Sexuality: A Christian perspective - Dr Shanti Davidar
- My faith and my Medical work: Is balance the answer? - Dr Prabhu Joseph
- Choosing life partner - Mrs and Mr. Manoj & Anju
- Godly parenting - Dr Ashok Chacko
- Racial and Caste based discrimination: What does Bible say? - Dr Sam Siddartha
- Medical Profession and local churches perspective - Mr Philip Samuel
- COVID19 Crisis: Recent update and future - Dr Mark Zimmerman
- Mental health: Why does it matter? - Mrs Rupa Pradhan Chetri
- Mental health: Coping with stress, anxiety and burn out - Dr Johann Ebenezer & Dr Praveen Alexander

- Ethical and Evidence based practice: Is it a possibility for a resource limited setting? - Dr Les Dornon
- Learning to learn - Dr Rebekah Zachariah
- Money management - Mr. K T Paul
- Religion and Culture: Where is the borderline - Mr. Satya Chakrapani
- Spiritual formation Recognizing and recovering a spiritual crisis - Dr Bruce Hayes

Apart from Breakout sessions, there was Thematic series which were mainly to build perspectives and have in-depth understanding and discussions on the topics:

- Bioethics - Dr John Wyatt
- Discipleship - Dr Rajan Rajasingham
- Leadership - Dr Vinod Shah
- Saline Process - Dr Latha George
- Medical Mission - Dr Vijay Anand

By virtue of being Virtual Conference, we were able to get excellent speaker from different parts of the world which would have not been possible if the conference was organised physically.

This was the first time for we were organising something so huge virtually and we had no previous experience to learn from. As we planned and executed, we learnt several things on the way and were able to document it for future use and improvement.

One of the best things that worked out while planning for the conference was the critical teams that were created and defined. We are thankful to the group of people (more than 50) who worked behind the scenes to ensure that the participants have a seamless experience.

If you were blessed by the conference do share your experience with us, we would love to hear from you.

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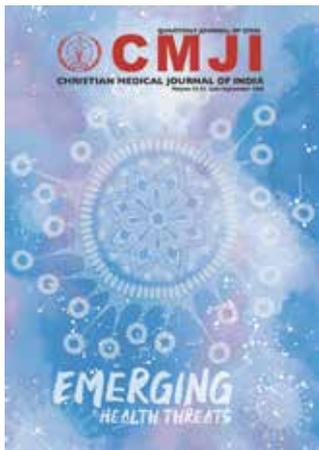
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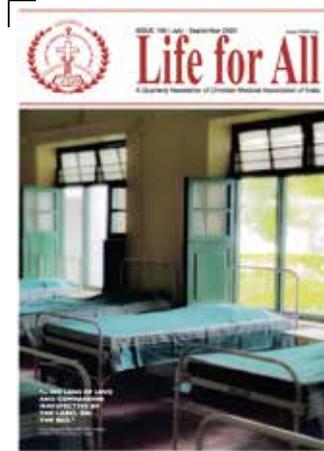
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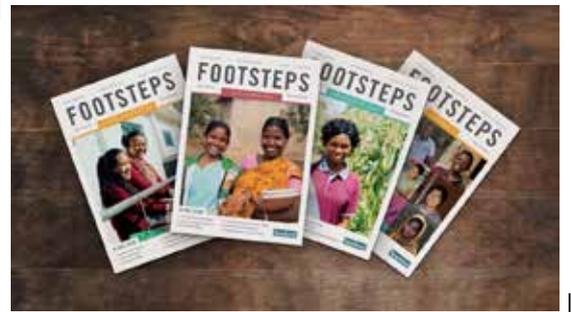
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Publication: Christian Medical Journal of India.
CMAI's official publication, which has a readership in India as well as abroad.
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Theme: "Emerging Health Threats"



Publication: Life for All
LFA is the quarterly newsletter of CMAI that knits our network together with news, reports from the field and important announcements.
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