



# *Christmas Letter*

Wanless Hospital, Miraj Medical Centre, Miraj.

**Dear Friends,**

Season's greetings from Wanless Hospital, Miraj Medical Centre, Miraj, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It is season of Joy and Happiness. We must rejoice in the Lord and thank Him for delivering us safely throughout this year. And I am sure His mercy, grace and presence will be with us in the coming year.

2011 was really a blessed year for us, we as MMC team, could able to do many patient oriented developmental activities such as starting of new Dialysis unit, Dietary Nutrition department, a new Pulmonary Intensive Care Unit of 14 bed capacity, a 200 people capacity Dormitory for patients' relatives, a new area for hospital Pharmacy Store Room, renovation and repairs of Staff Nurses Hostel, Meuttmans Boys Hostel, renovated CTSICU, additional area for State Bank of India premises and one of the biggest achievements is road in front of MMC was named as "Dr. A.G. Fletcher Marg".

MMC added four new Nikkisso Haemodialysis machines, four Ventilators, 14 multi channel Cardiac Monitors, Syringe Infusion Pumps, 20 Nebulizer Units, EEG, EMG machines, 300 MA x-ray machine, Portable ECHO, USG, Peripheral Doppler machine, 10 Htz Vaccum Suction machine, 40 seater Student Bus for College of Nursing, new Audiometry system, Bronchoscope. This year we added health check up schemes for senior citizens and low economic group press and journalist.

MMC has maintained significant teaching status by continuing postgraduate course of National Board of Exams (DNB) New Delhi, and postgraduate Diploma courses of College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPS), Mumbai. Besides this, MMC is successfully running 12 different Allied Health Professionals courses of Shivaji University, Kolhapur and added a new course in Hospital Administration. Our nursing education continues with GNM, Post Basic BSc, Basic BSc. I am happy to inform you that Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi, and Govt. of Maharashtra have granted permission to MSc Nursing course. God willing, the first batch of MSc nursing will be admitted in 2012. This year, we held two national conferences, four state level workshops, four Continued Medical Education programmes and many academic seminars. Our telemedicine and teleconferencing unit is doing well.

MMC has steady but significant progress in starting Miraj Medical Centre Society's Christian Medical College & Research Centre, Miraj. All official statutory bodies such as Maharashtra University of Health Sciences Nashik (MUHS) has given provisional affiliation, Director of Medical Education and Research (DMER), Govt. of Maharashtra, has issued Essentiality Certificate, Family Welfare, Health and Higher Medical Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi, have given a No Objection Certificate. Now we are eagerly waiting for first inspection of Medical Council of India, New Delhi. MMC has plans for total computerisation of the hospital and patient areas. We have plans for new OPD Block, Pharmacy, Blood Bank, Casualty, as well as new Private Room Block, renovation of Operation Theatre, Semi Surgical ICU and adding new equipment such as MRI, Laser Therapy.



My colleagues in Administration - Dr. N.S. Sase, Deputy Director, Dr. S.S. Pargaonkar, Medical Superintendent, Dr. S.J. Eden, Dy. Medical Superintendent, Mr. N.S. Chopade, General Superintendent, Mr. P.A. Kamble, Treasurer, Mr. B.S. Awale, Nursing Superintendent and Mrs. N.S. Samudre, Principal, College of Nursing, gave strong support to me throughout the year. I appreciate their performance. We all at MMC working as a Christians who are committed, compassionate, bounded, loving, sharing concern team. Our primary aim is patient service, caring for the poor, needy and underprivileged.

Our Chaplaincy and Counseling Centre grows by sharing impact of our Saviour. There is lot of scope and opportunity to expand this ministry further. MMC has given a special emphasis on Human Resource Development and deputed many staff members for higher education. MMC has made a humble beginning and has to go a long way to reach the goals of service, efficiency and prosperity. We are committed and primarily here to serve and not be served. I have strong belief that through caring, skilled and professional excellence, MMC will resume the outstanding reputation, name and fame we have deserved during our 117 years of history. This is our goal.

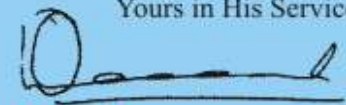
Our outreach programmes through the Mobile Eye Hospital Project (MEHP), Department of Community Health (DCH) are doing well. They are providing primary medical care to 15 villages and also conducting Women's empowerment programmes, immunizations. MMC is on threshold of change for future betterment. We need to change with times and needs of our patients and move forward to meet the challenges of the future and we are capable of accepting such challenges.

As a Director, this may be my last Christmas Letter to you as I reached my superannuation age in September 2012. I would like to thank you all our prayerful partners - PCUSA, MBF, ASHA USAID, Project CURE, Brother's Brother Foundation, USA, Global Mission, AK BOB Trust Canada, churches in USA, United Kingdom, COEMAR, CNI Synod, CMAI, KDC, WRBHS, CMC Vellore, CMC Ludhiana, St. Stephen's Hospital, Delhi, Christian hospitals, churches, organizations and many others who supported me.

At this time, I fail in my duty if I do not acknowledge constant support and prayers of my wife Mrs. Jaya, Dr. Amit, my elder son, Mrs. Pornima (Seema) my daughter-in-law, and Mr. Akshay, my younger son. They always stood behind me. MMC family always supported and encouraged me. Your prayers give us strength and energy to work more and more and prove ourselves to be Good Stewards. We are grateful and thankful to you.

*Wish you a Merry Christmas and A Peaceful, Blessed New Year.*

Yours in His Service



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