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## Expanding our borders: Indian medical missionaries take on new challenges.

Jesus said, "You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the world". If the EHA hospitals are considered to be EHA's Jerusalem, then Judea would be the communities impacted through its community health and development projects. Samaria might refer to its ministry to those in India's society who are forgotten and marginalized - the mentally handicapped, the physically disabled, the aged, those who need palliative care and women and children who are subject to abuse and trafficking. EHA has been serving in other parts of the our world as well - in Albania during the Kosovo crisis and in Zimbabwe. Dr. Vinod Shah, veteran EHA missionary is now the International Executive Director of ICMDA (International Christian Medical dental Association) with a ministry that it truly international. The latest initiative is in South Sudan.

Drs. Anil and Shalini Cherian are long-term EHA missionaries. On a visit to South Sudan, Anil was moved by its dire needs. (See box: South Sudan...) Meanwhile, Shalini, at a conference in Norway heard of the same needs. They both independently and simultaneously heard God's call. To cut a long story short, they are being deputed by EHA to serve in S. Sudan for 5 years, beginning January 2014. Their main task will be training Sudanese health care workers.

### Canadian interest in S. Sudan

The University of Calgary trained 11 Sudanese refugee doctors who returned to Africa in 2007. The Cherians, ICMDA, and the Sudanese government will work along with CIDA, Agri Teams and U of C to develop a Training Institute. Once the program is underway there will be opportunities for Canadian doctors, nurses and other professionals to participate. We will keep you informed.



### South Sudan: new nation with vast needs

- A land locked country in East Africa with about 8 million people.
- It was embroiled in war and conflict for many years
- One of the poorest countries with little existing infrastructure
- Vast health needs - 1 doctor for 500,000 people
- Highest maternal mortality - 2 out of every 100 women die giving birth
- Out of 100 children, 13 die before the age of 5

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."*

**-Francis of Assisi**



Anil and Shalini visited Saskatoon in 2012

## INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL MISSIONS

One of EHA Canada's Initiatives was the establishment of the Institute for Medical missions (IMM). IMM was set up to train Indian medical students in missions. IMM has inspired students to join missions. This seminal work needs to expand. Other countries have asked for help in setting up similar organizations. Drs. Mathew and Latha George were long time missionaries at the Duncan Hospital in North Bihar. Mathew has taken on the challenge of expanding and directing IMM. Latha will run the "Saline Solution", training physicians in their witness to Christ.

## CENTER FOR BIOETHICS

EHA is blazing a new trail - the Center for Bioethics (TCB), the first of its kind in India, started by Dr. Jamila George.

In partnership with LIFE International, TCB has translated and printed 'Life in the womb' brochures and Flip charts in Hindi. These are excellent tools to create awareness regarding sanctity of life. About 100 youth attended "Sanctity of life" seminars in Delhi. Pray that the center will be a source of salt and light thus influencing ethical standards in the medical profession in India.

## PROJECT NeST

In April 2013, EHA-Canada provided a grant for NeST (Neonatal Education and Support Training). Its purpose is to reduce neonatal deaths and promote healthy babies. In the first year master trainers will be trained, who will then train other caregivers



## AWARDS TO EHA HOSPITALS

RSBY is a government insurance scheme that provides subsidies to Indian citizens who fall below the poverty line. Government has been seeking the aid of NGOs to implement the scheme. EHA has been in the forefront of this venture. Two EHA hospitals were recently given awards for their service.

**Harriet Benson Memorial Hospital**, a unit of Emmanuel Hospital Association has been awarded for Appreciable Contribution in the 4th phase of RSBY, UP.

**Herbertpur Christian Hospital** has been selected for the RSBY Award For 'Outstanding Service To The Community - Private Hospital' at the ICICI Lombard & CNBC TV18 India Healthcare Awards 2012. This is a televised national award putting the spotlight on India's finest healthcare providers

## Lalitpur Palliative Care

Dr Ann Thyle and her palliative care team from Harriet Benson Memorial Hospital, Lalitpur, were recognized for their outstanding work at the International Journal of Palliative Nursing Awards 2013, winning the Development Award category.

*"Nobody deserves to die alone. Nobody deserves to die in pain."*



Mamta with Dr. Ann Thyle

Read the full story on EHA India Facebook page.

## CURRENT EHA CANADA PROJECTS

- Support for Duncan Hospital Nursing School
- Mary Ellen Sellers' Community Based Rehabilitation in Raxaul
- Anugrah (Blessing) Program for differently abled children in Herbertpur
- Shalom AIDS Hospital in Delhi
- ROSHINI (Light)- Community Health and Development in Raxual
- Infrastructure development projects in EHA hospitals...Madhipura, Champa, Raxaul
- NeST - Neonatal Education, Support and Training through EHA hospitals
- Prem Jyoti Community Health Project in the Malto Hills.
- Neerekshe helping educate and house children from very poor homes.
- MUT providing rest homes for Indian missionaries.
- Palliative Care

### Praise

- 100 doctors who will be joining EHA units in the next few years.
- For the launch of the Center for Biotheics which will have an impact on the nation
- For the recognition given by external authorities for the services of EHA
- For the opportunity of helping more people though EHA services

### Pray for

- S. Sudan: for the Cherians as they relocate leaving behind two children
- Greater unity in the various units
- Two personnel from the Robertsgunj hospital arrested in connection with blood transfusion services. An appeal has been made to the High Court
- Dr. Santosh Mathew who bears heavy responsibilities in leading EHA. Pray also for his wife Saira as she heads up Shalom Aids Hospital and for their two children.
- Drs Mathew and Latha George as they take on new challenges
- Partnership with Peoples Church and the Living Truth TV program
- That a Christ centered focus will be retained by all who serve with EHA and that thus God will be honored.
- Ed and Pennie Dubland, from Vancouver, in India until Sept 29<sup>th</sup> helping with Palliative Care projects.

*"If we pray, we will believe; If we believe, we will love; If we love, we will serve."*  
-Mother Teresa

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Please note EHA Canada's new address and phone number

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1<sup>st</sup> prize winner: photography contest on Disability- EHA Hospital Tezpur

Abe Ninan speaks at the Community Health Workers retreat



Training workers at the NeST workshop





## PASTOR CHARLES PRICE VISITS EHA INDIA

Charles Price, Senior Pastor of Peoples' Church in Toronto was the Keynote Speaker at the 2013 Annual Meeting of EHA held in July this year. His ministry blessed the participants. EHA is excited to be partnering with the church and with their TV program, Living Truth.

## EHA CANADA'S MISSION

*EHA Canada exists to support God's work in India especially through EHA India. This indigenous medical mission has 22 mission hospitals, 30+ community health and development projects (including several HIV/AIDS initiatives, 4 nursing schools and several related works including prevention of child trafficking. We would like to spread the vision of this work.*

- *If you would like us to speak to your church/small group, please contact us.*
- *EHA Canada is a registered charity and all donations will receive a tax receipt.*
- *For more information visit our webs site, [www.eha-health.org](http://www.eha-health.org).*
- *You may download a copy of the Annual Report from this website*
- *You may apply for volunteer service though the web site*



*Thank you for your continuing support for the work of EHA in India. We hear from many who pray faithfully for the missionaries, the units and the people of India.*

*Prayer is the most important gift you can give. Thank you for your faithful giving. We know that many of you give out of limited means, May God bless you all richly for your gifts.*

*Because of the current favorable exchange rate ( \$1 = Rupees 65) the dollars you give will go a long way.*

*help for the hurting, hope for the poor...*