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Church of South India - Diocese of Vellore Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet

From the desk of the Medical Superintendent

Greetings to you in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We are always encouraged and committed to spread Christ's Love, Compassion, Merciful Care and the Good News to those who enter the gates of SMH.



“A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones” Proverb 14:30

“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones” Proverb 17:22

The Psalmist says that a calm and composed mind brings healing to the body. A cheerful and comforting care is a good medicine. But envy and crushed spirit ruin our mental and physical health. As believers and healthcare workers, we focus on demonstrating a gentle and compassionate nature in our way of life and workplace.

The Proverb encourages us to examine the power of our words and action. We treat, influence and motivate people especially the vulnerable in the healthcare organisation. The calm and gentle approach will bring better results than forceful and aggressive behaviour. We have learnt to approach any situation with patience, kindness and empathetic understanding.

By the Grace of God, we have entered into the new year with renewed hope and trust in His sufficient provisions. As we carry on His Healing Ministry, we are confident that He is gracious enough to fulfill our needs at all time. We are committed to strengthen our community health care, home care and telemedicine facility to serve the needy people at remote villages.

As we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of CSI Vellore Diocese, the SMH family is indebted to the support, encouragement and prayers of our beloved Bishops, Presbyters & Church Leaders. We are grateful to the unwavering support of the Scudder Association & Reformed Church of America, SMH Alumni and well-wishers across the country and overseas.

The Solar Energy Plant, Blood Bank, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Radiotherapy Unit proposals continue to be in focus for our future plans for development.

We beseech the Lord Almighty our provider who will fulfil all the needs in His Time through His people. The Lord has entrusted the ministry of healing to us and we earnestly solicit your prayers and continued partnership in this journey.

“Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.” Proverb 25:15

OUR VISION

"To continue the Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ by providing quality, accessible and affordable health care to all"

OUR MISSION

"To provide holistic health care and education to the people and to build a just and healthy community through Jesus Christ"

In His Mission

(Dr. C. Anbu Suresh Rao)

JEWELS OF SMH - Rev. Dr. John Scudder II, M. D., D. D.,

Dr. John Scudder II, the youngest son of Rev. Dr. John Scudder Sr, the founder of the Arcot American mission was born on October 29, 1835, in Chavagacherry, Ceylon, where his parents were serving as missionaries for the American Board of Missions at the time. He was one of seven brothers whose names are closely linked to the development and accomplishments of the American Arcot mission in India. Dr. John Scudder II served 39 years in India.

Along with his parents, he spent his early years in India, where he was immediately exposed to all the difficult aspects of missionary life. One such incident was when his father was very ill with Jungle Fever and Mrs. Harriet Scudder along with her little son John had to travel day and night on the jungle road in the midst of prowling tigers and stomping elephants ,even abandoned by their bearers, they finally managed to reach Mr. Scudder.



Dr. John Scudder was sent to America to complete his education. He initially studied in Hudson, Ohio, where he publicly confessed his faith in Christ, joined the church, and immediately decided to dedicate his life to missionary work.

He continued his education, earning degrees from the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick in 1860 and Rutgers College in 1857. In the same year, he received his ordination and his preaching license.

Dr. Scudder received his medical degree from the Long Island Medical College, and the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Rutgers College in 1896.

On January 1, 1861 in Summit Ohio, Dr. John Scudder II married Miss L. Sophia Weld, of Hudson, Ohio and on 11th March 1861 Mrs and Dr. John Scudder, sailed for India from Boston to join the mission, arriving in India in July. He was 26 years old. He was tall and broad like his father the same impetuosity as him but his mother's sweetness of disposition.

Dr. John II, though youngest of the seven Scudder brothers, was neither weak nor submissive. When in 1861 he returned to India to join the Arcot Mission founded by three of his brothers, some of the spirit of rebellion then activating his homeland came with him.

Finding what he considered injustice on the mission field, he wrote a letter to the mission board of his denomination in bold and sharp protest of low mission salaries. Soundly censured by the board, he was about to resign when, all the other members of the mission threatening to resign with him, the board withdrew its censure and managed through a convenient donation to raise the salaries.

But the incident had an impact on Dr. John's career as a whole. His board reports were brief and sporadic. He was assigned the hardest posts by his own choice and relocated frequently.

As a doctor he was called to visit many homes in the town. But much of his time was spent in touring a wide circuit of villages where Christian work had been established. It took him sixteen days to tour them all, including three Sundays. For it was in the villages, with their desperate poverty, their large communities of untouchables, that most converts had been made.

He worked in Chittoor from 1861 to 1863, Arni from 1863 to 1865, Arcot from 1865 to 1876, and Vellore from 1876 to 1877.

After serving on the field for seventeen years straight, he returned to America in 1878 with Mrs. Scudder and lived in Nebraska for four years.

Dr. Scudder returned to India in 1882 and was sent to the following locations : Arni, 1882-1885; Tindivanam, 1885-1892, where he constructed the church and a spacious mission home; and Vellore, 1892-1894

At Tindivanam, he built the church and a large mission home that he constructed with his typical enthusiasm and optimism, adequate to house several hundred individuals.

Dr. John was in charge of a boarding school for nearly a hundred boys, roughly half of whom were Hindus and the other half were Christians from nearby villages where converts had been made.

During public preaching events, such as temple festivals, Dr. John faced instances of heckling; however, he maintained a composed demeanor, akin to that of delivering a sermon from the secure confines of his newly established church in Tindivanam. With confidence and without disruption, his powerful voice conveyed the message of hope he intended to share in that setting.

To be continued...

SMH Spiritual Care Centre Chaplaincy Report for the months of Jan & Feb 2025

The morning devotions in the chapel have been a blessing. Beginning every day with a song of praise to our **Lord** and listening to His word each day has been a privilege. It was good to see that most of those who had been invited to share the devotions did so with much preparation. To attend daily means to receive a rich treasure of encouragement.

Department prayers and short Bible devotions have been held regularly in the following departments: Finance, STP, ASSET, Purchase and General Stores, MRD, Physiotherapy, Drug store, Laboratory, Maintenance and Transport departments. These brief gatherings around the Word have been an encouragement. It is heartening to note that our staff have been eager to make space for such times amidst their busy schedules without affecting their daily routines.

The Chaplains have also taken time to walk with some of our staff who are going through difficult times in their homes due to sickness or want or bereavement. It has been a learning experience to know that some of our staff have been carrying out their responsibilities amidst very difficult circumstances at their homes.

There is also the beautiful responsibility to care for our students. Every week a large number of students from the Allied health services have gathered for a time of fellowship in the Chapel on Saturdays. It is being explored to have smaller groups to deepen engagement with these students. One such voluntary group has begun to meet with handful of students. The Nursing student have the CE program which is coordinated among themselves. One of the chaplains had the opportunity to meet with them.

There was also an enjoyable retreat for the nursing students in our hospital. The chaplains coordinated a very meaningful 'activity time' in which spiritual truths were set in fun filled participatory activities. This was followed by a time in which there was a session about forgiveness and eternal life in Christ.

Visits to staff homes has begun in a small way. It was a privilege listening to the stories of their ongoing engagement with our mission. Some of them have given most of their years to our work and held on amidst the ups and downs of their lives. Singing and praying with them has been such blessing to us.

The visits to our patients at the bedside has been a very enjoyable part of the work. We are very touched by the way many of our patients have welcomed us and shared their anxieties and fears with us. Many of them have been happy to have us pray for them. Life enriching literature and calendars have been shared with many of them.

It has been a privilege to participate in our hospital programs like the dedication of the new quarters and the Lamp Lighting Ceremony and the small program on Republic Day.

We also had a very meaningful 'Healing ministry week' in the Hospital from 9th to 15th February. The CMAI booklet with devotions were thought provoking. Every day one of our staff members shared on the given text. On 14th Feb we had a time where all staff and students were invited for a special service in which the truths learned during the week were summarized. We also printed small stickers saying 'I am a healing minister of Christ' in the local language. Many of our staff and students wore it on our ID cards and bags. Some of us still use it to remind ourselves about who we are. On the whole, the 'healing ministry week' was a blessing.

Amidst these works we have also found small unplanned but enriching times of fellowship among ourselves where we have discussed our mission and planned our inputs.

All glory and honor belong to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ



HEALING MINISTRY WEEK

Insight from a Healing Servant of Christ

“Freely you have received, freely give”. Matthew 10:8

We as a family of SMH, have been carrying the Mantle of Christ since 1866. With the advancement of science & technology in the medical field, our involvement in the His Ministry can be termed professional and technically as **“Scientific Health Care Business”** since monetary transactions are involved in it.

In the virtue of the verse **Freely You Have Received, Freely Give**, we need to Ponder, Remember and Follow 5 points which could be implemented by us Free of Cost in this Healing Ministry.

1. Daily Self Confession: Self questioning: - **Who Am I?**

- I am Child of Lord Jesus Christ.
- Redeemed (saved) by His precious Blood.
- Anointed by the Holy Spirit
- Called to do His Healing Ministry.

Our Lord expects us to accept this truth and make the confession

2. Values taught by Christ to be offered Free of Cost by us:

- Love
- Hope
- Faith & Compassion
- Integrity to work wholeheartedly unto the Lord when we are unseen by any one.
- Justfullness
- Industrious
- Diligence

3. With Calm & Composed Mind:

Whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not to men. Colossians 3:23.

In the strength gained by His Living Word to work quietly in all the situations. To work with:

- Joyful heart
- With smile on the face
- With encouraging words

4. To Innovate new ways within ourselves:

- To help the poor & needy patients in whatever way is possible to us.

5. All these could be accomplished in our lives only when we live in:

- One Accord
- One Mind
- Edifying each other in the light of the His Word.



All the above values could be Developed & Practiced in our lives only when our life is closely knitted with the Holy Spirit, which helps us to commit our lives fully in His service.

“But the Holy Spirit will come on you and give you power. You will be my witnesses. You will tell people everywhere about mein Jerusalem, in the rest of Judea, in Samaria and in every part of the world.” Acts:1:8



SMH Happenings - Major News & Events

"In the Cross of Christ, I Glory."
Church of South India, Vellore Diocese.
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD NEWS DIOCESE
CSI VD Bishops since 1976 **Diocesan Ministries**

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*The Medical Superintendent, Staff and Students of Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet
 Thank and Praise God for the Successful Healing, Teaching and Preaching Ministry of CSI Vellore Diocese*



The staff and students of Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet joyfully and proudly participated in the Golden Jubilee celebration programs of CSI Vellore Diocese organized by our beloved Bishop **Rt. Rev. H. Sharma Nithiyanandham** on 26th, 27th and 28th January 2025 at CSI Central Church, Vellore. Our Nursing and AHS students participated in the singing competition and cultural program.

We thankfully remember the Former Bishops and Officers of CSI Vellore Diocese who have served to build our Diocese and to share the Good News, Heal the Sick and Educate the Downtrodden. We thank and praise God for His faithfulness. We are proud of our heritage, delighted in our present blessings and strive to inspire for a bright future.

In the Golden Jubilee year of our Diocese, the newly built staff quarters block in the SMH premises (Two 3 BHK & Six 2 BHK Houses) was dedicated by our beloved Bishop in the presence of **Ms. Susan Swanson**, President, **Mr. Virgil Scudder**, Vice President, **Ms. Clive Conner**, Secretary of Scudder Association, USA on 28th January 2025.

Dedication of Dr. Silas Downer Scudder Staff Quarters Block
 (Two 3 BHK & Six 2 BHK Houses)



Lamp Lighting Ceremony of School / Scudder College of Nursing

The **Lamp Lighting Ceremony** of School / Scudder College of Nursing, Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet was held on 28th January 2025 at 6.00 pm in the hospital Chapel.

The **102nd Batch** of 40 Diploma in Nursing students including 4 boys, **6th Batch** of 50 B.Sc. Nursing students and **1st Batch** of 14 ANM dedicated themselves to the profession with the Nightingale Pledge and traditional lighting of the lamps.

A special address to the young budding nurses was given by **Mrs. Alice Sony**, M.Sc.(N), Nursing Superintendent, CMC, Vellore .

The ceremony was presided over by **Rev. Dr. Gideon Jebamani**, Episcopal Priest, USA and **Ms. Susan Swanson**, President of the Scudder Association, USA gave the felicitation. **Mrs. Jessie Sophia Sharma Nithyanandham**, Bishop Amma, **Ms. Clive Conner**, Secretary of the Scudder Association, and **Mr. Virgil Scudder**, Vice President of the Scudder Association USA, graced the occasion.



Hospital Safety & Disaster Management Workshop

The Quality & Safety Office of SMH organised the “**Hospital Safety & Disaster Management and Mass Casualty Workshop**” on 30th January 2025 at the Multipurpose Hall from 8.00am to 6.00pm.

The Workshop started with a short devotion by **Rev. Dr. Samuel Siddhartha** and an address by Quality Officer. 53 delegates registered for the workshop and participated in the interactive sessions and table-top exercises enthusiastically.

Prof. T. S. Ravikumar, Rtd. ED In-charge, CMC, Vellore conducted a session on “**Hazard Identification Risk Analysis**”, “**ED response towards Mass Casualty Management**” and the “**Aspects of Hospital Evacuation.**”



Dr. Immanuel Sathish Gandhi, ED Consultant spoke on “**Pre-hospital care for Mass Casualty Management**” and “**Emergency Codes and their appropriate activation and response.**”

Ms. Silvia, ED Nurse spoke on “**Disaster Triaging Procedures.**”

Dr. T. S. Vijaykumar, Rtd. Scientist, CMC Vellore conducted a session on “**Chemical Safety**” expostulating the various chemical hazards and the appropriate response and handling.



Rev. Dr. T. Aruldas, Rtd. HoD of Chaplaincy, CMC, conducted a session on “**Ethical Concerns related to Disasters.**”

Dr. Naveen, Consultant Surgeon, SMH took a session on the “**Handling and Care of Blast Injury Patients.**”

The table top exercises and simulations on critical care evacuation of ICU, OT, Dialysis unit, ED and other areas, conducted by **Prof. T. S. Ravikumar**.

Mr. Thirumurugan, District Fire Officer and his Fire and Emergency Rescue Services Team members conducted a practical session on Fire Safety Measures with live demonstration where in several staff and students also took part, along with the delegates. During this session, demonstrations on extinguishing of oil fires, use of fire extinguishers and rescue techniques were done with active participation by staff and students.

Live exercises of fire response and patient evacuation in critical areas was conducted in the antenatal ward using staff as patients and rescuers, under the guidance of **Prof. T. S. Ravikumar**.



Republic Day Flag Hoisting on 26th January 2025



Dedication of Two Dialysis Machines donated by Chamundi Die Cast Pvt. Ltd., Ranipet



Dedication of Dental Clinic Room No. 5



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

NEW RECRUITMENTS : We welcome **Rev. Dr. Samuel Sidhartha Swamidoss**, Head of Chaplaincy & Consultant General Medicine as he joins the SMH family to partake in the Healing Ministry.

WEDDING BELLS : We congratulate **Mr. Deena Mark & Ms. Deepika, Ms. Sandhya, Ms. Swaathy, Dr. Nancy Ananda Priya, Ms. Priyanka, Mr. Charan Marshal & Ms. Roja, Mr. Vijay Kumar**, who entered into a new phase in their lives respectively. SMH family members wish them long and happy married lives.

OBITUARY

We regret to inform the sad demise of **Mr. Sathya Seelan** Housekeeping Staff, **Mrs. Pushparani** Retired Housekeeping Staff, **Mrs. Chandra Loganathan**, Retired Assistant Nursing Superintendent of SMH. We pray for God's peace and comfort to their family members.



SITUATIONS VACANT	
General Physician	MD / DNB
Emergency Physician	MD / DNB / MEM
Obs. & Gyn. Consultant	MS / MD / DNB / DGO
Pediatric Consultant	MD / DNB / MEM
Junior Medical Officers	MBBS

Salary as per the Diocesan Medical Board Norms. Application with a copy of Educational Qualification, Experience & Registration Certificates to be sent to the address mentioned below :

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