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To the Friends of Menno-Clinic, India

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## From the Children

*Contribution received from the Emma Mennonite Children's Department.*

It's a typical Sunday morning as children bustle about finding their seats and catching up on the week. Only this morning is just a little different. It's the day they pick where to give the money they've been collecting for missions. What should these children, ages 1 ½ through the eighth grade, do with the \$2,916.46 they have collected—almost a whole year's worth of dimes, quarters and dollars?

Sonda Yoder, the Children's Department superintendent, gives several suggestions. You guessed it, the kids picked helping Menno-Clinic, India. The Clinic is in need of a multi-purpose vehicle and this seemed the best pick for the children. One of the children was so excited about the idea that he blurted out—"Yeah, let's get enough to buy them a 'Hummer'". (That would be interesting--a Mennonite sponsored health clinic with a Hummer®. The enthusiasm was well intended).

At first, the vehicle will be used to help in the construction process-- to run errands, pick up materials, and haul people. Once the Clinic is open, it will be used as an ambulance. It will also be used to provide transportation for doctors and volunteers for the Clinic.

Emma Mennonite children seem to believe in the needs of the Clinic. This isn't the first time they've heard the need and responded. Soon after Doc Yarlaggada first revealed his vision for the Clinic, they gave \$3,000 to sponsor a room. With a small tear forming in Doc's eye he accepted that check from the children.

*"For the Kingdom of God belongs to men who have hearts as trusting as these little children's." Luke 18:17*

The estimated cost for the multi-purpose vehicle is \$16,000. Contributions will be gratefully accepted from anyone who feels led to help with this need.

--Ben Hunsberger

Contributions can be sent to:  
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## What's Happening

By Greg Schrock

As the Menno-Clinic, India Board continues the work and plans for the building of the Clinic in Chiluvuru, India, we become more aware of the difficulty in communication between countries and cultures. An architect from India has begun work on some initial drawing of the building itself and we, as a Board, are eagerly awaiting an opportunity to view these plans.

Olga will be leaving December 26 for Chiluvuru (returning January 31.) She has quite an agenda for her trip. Olga will be making contacts with several contractors, as well as making an on-site visit with the architect. She plans on setting a ceremonial cornerstone. The village is excited about the coming clinic and with the site clearing work and roadwork that has been done, anticipation is building. Olga also intends to make a down payment on a multi-purpose vehicle for the clinic.

As a Board we continue work on some of the documents that will be needed for volunteers to India--travel policy, covenant, and waiver of liability. We are also working on a list of qualified individuals to go to Chiluvuru at different times to oversee construction, as well as making some initial contacts with people that have India and medical experience to serve on the Board of Directors.

While there has been some delay in receiving drawings of the clinic building, it is a time of anticipation as the day of beginning to physically build the Menno-Clinic comes ever closer.

*Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

*--Psalms 95:2*

## A Word from the Board

By Goldie Lambright

The beautiful colored leaves, the bright flowers, and cool nights inform us we are entering another season. The fall fruits and decorations remind us Thanksgiving is not too far in the distance. Yes, Thanksgiving reminds us of all we have to be thankful for.

As we think of the many blessings from God—spiritual, material, and good health—we remember we are blessed abundantly. With these blessings also comes a responsibility. Jesus said, "As you have done it to the least of these, you have done it unto me." We are blessed with opportunities to share with others, both at home and in other countries

Since traveling to India, especially to the village of Chiluvuru, and seeing the great need for a medical clinic, we answer God's call and respond to this need. We thank our Heavenly Father for the resources we have and ask Him to guide us as we continue to work toward building a medical clinic for our brothers and sisters in Chiluvuru. I thank God for giving the vision to Doc and Olga Yarlagadda and allowing us to be apart of serving Christ in Chiluvuru.



## Financial Corner

### Menno-Clinic, India Fund September, 1999

Cash	\$115,332.95
Land	<u>11,900.00</u>
Total Assets	127,232.95

### Receipts September, 1999

Donations	1,706.50
Interest	<u>316.37</u>
Total Receipts	2,022.87

Menno-Clinic, India is a mission program of the Emma Mennonite Church. Board Members: Greg Schrock (Chairman), Harvey Chupp, Goldie Lambright, Larry Miller, John Murray, Subbarao V. Yarlagadda, and Olga Yarlagadda