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To the Friends of Menno-Clinic, India

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India at 80+?

By Jim and Nelda Miller

S. Paul Miller, (too many Paul Millers so it has always been S. Paul) first went to India under Mennonite Board of Missions in 1941. He crossed the Pacific on a ship in a convoy of ships for protection—the War you know. He arrived finally in Bombay where Vesta Nafziger was waiting for his arrival and their wedding day. His arrival date was unknown as all communication had dates, times, and ship names censored out of it. They and their family lived and worked in India in a variety of capacities for the next forty some years until they “retired” and came to live in Goshen. Since retirement S. Paul has made 18 trips back to India, for differing lengths of time, to work on various service projects that his experience had uniquely prepared him to complete.

The first full time project that he supervised was the moving of the Union Biblical Seminary campus from Yavatmaal to the metropolitan area of Pune. This entailed the purchase of suitable land and then the construction of all the buildings for the seminary. Everything from the bare ground up—classrooms, library, chapel, housing for staff and students, food services, maintenance facilities, water towers, storage, and much more. Big job, long project. He has also been involved in the construction of a hospital, and a nursing school with associated buildings.

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A Word from the Board

By Dr. Subbarao V. Yarlagadda

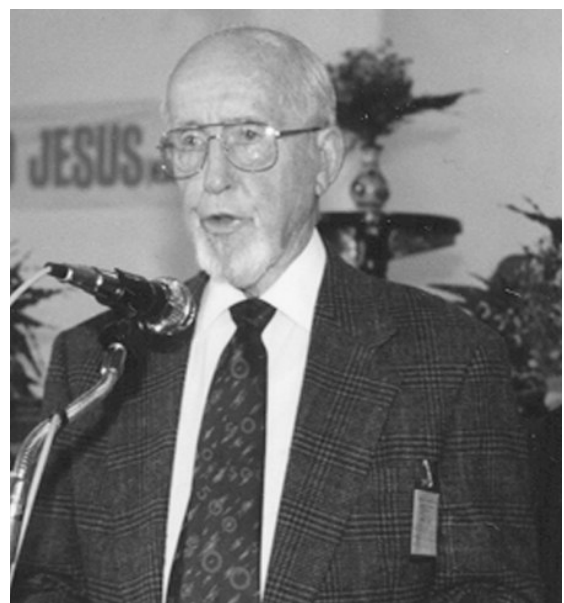
When we communicated our vision for Menno-Clinic in Chiluvuru, we hoped to finish the building by the end of year 2000. It's very difficult to get things done in a country like India--the wheels turn very slowly. The weather is unpredictable, as this is the monsoon season. Projections and deadlines are difficult to keep. However, by the Grace of God, we are on schedule as of now. The building is half done, and we still think most of the work can be done by the year-end.

As we speak, Mr. S. Paul Miller is in Chiluvuru at the work site. S. Paul spent most of his life in India as a missionary with a lot of construction experience in India. S. Paul will give us a spiritual presence in Chiluvuru and also assist Mr. Narasimham, our project coordinator in India. Thanks be to God things are going good. Soon after the building is done, we will start serving the people. Keep praying for this project so it may serve Christ in the poor.

Khuda Hafeez (God be with you)

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He felt he had finally made his last trip to India; the first since the loss of Vesta. But he couldn't leave it at that. Menno-Clinic, India really needed someone to be a presence in India during the construction phase. He saw his opportunity; he saw his responsibility. He heard once more the call that the Lord makes to serve Him by serving the "least" of his people. S. Paul jumped at the chance. Why go to a foreign land to serve when you are eighty something, when physical tasks are difficult due to Parkinson's, when all of your family is here in the United States? Because God called him 60 years ago to go to India; and God has given him long life and good health; and God has prepared him through years of experience to serve in this capacity; and because after 60 years, India is not a foreign land. The people are his people, not foreigners. God gives us so much, let us be willing to find the ways to give back to the Lord!



Menno-Clinic, India Fund June 30, 2000

Cash	\$141,041.49
Land	<u>11,900.00</u>
Total Assets	152,941.49

Receipts & Disbursements 9/1/99-6/30/00

Donations	29,982.28
Interest	<u>4,106.65</u>
Total Receipts	34,088.93
Expenses	<u>6,357.50</u>
Net Receipts	27,731.43

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