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(Good Tidings)

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To the Friends of Menno-Clinic, India

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## Doctor Chosen for Clinic

A large step of progress has been made, and prayers answered in the employment of Dr. George Pradhan as the medical doctor for the Clinic. Dr. Pradhan was one of the first to respond to an advertisement placed in the Christian Medical Association of India Journal. Though at an age that some would consider retirement, he is enthusiastic about new challenges and by his own description "a workaholic and fully service minded". He is said to be very good in talking with patients and a conscientious person. Olga also attests to his friendliness, commenting specifically on his casual manner in relating to children in the village.

Dr. Pradhan has had a wide variety of experience both on a local and international level. He received his MBBS from Madras Medical College in 1950. He worked in a government rural dispensary from '55 to '69 and again from '74 to '79. During the Vietnam War he worked for 5 years as a Volunteer Doctor Team Leader in association with MCC. Between '79 to '87 he was employed by the Zambia Government as medical superintendent of a 350 bed general hospital, and subsequently as Provincial and District Medical Officer. Recently he has worked as a volunteer in cyclone relief, and also in rural health programs serving the poor in several of the tribal areas of India.

The Board has employed Dr. Pradhan with a 2-year commitment, and we welcome him as a member of our team. We look to him for guidance in many of the details of organization and planning related to setting up and starting the medical work in Chiluvuru.

## A Word From The Board

By John Murray

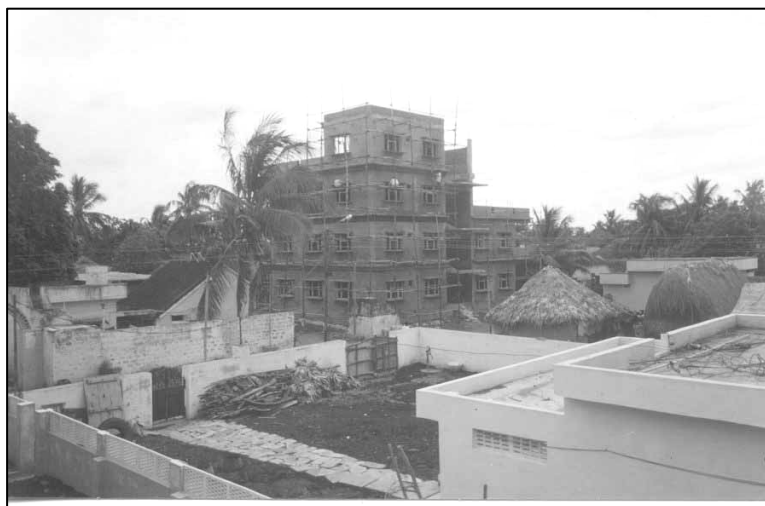
Since the last Menno-Clinic, India newsletter, the world has changed dramatically. The terrorist attacks of September 11 and the US led bombing of Afghanistan have dramatically escalated cycles of violence and fear. It has brought a new level of uncertainty and anxiety to international relations and international travel. It has cast a new unease in relationships with persons of other cultures and other religions.

These world events certainly have had an impact on the ongoing development of Menno-Clinic, India. We have had to alter travel plans. We will need to plan future travel with more care and a greater attention to what is happening on the world stage. It will likely make some of the red tape that we will need to go through from time to time more tedious.

But the world events have not stopped progress on the clinic. The building continues to progress as scheduled. It appears that it will be completed on time and within budget. This reality is a credit to the local project manager, Narasimham, for his diligence and skill and to the vision and ongoing efforts of Subbarao ("Doc") and Olga Yarlagadda. We have also been able to hire Dr. George Pradhan (see related article) a native Indian Doctor with a gentle, caring spirit whose manner of care and interaction with the people of Chiluvuru seems to match the vision and mission of the clinic. Dr. Pradhan will begin work in November securing supplies and hiring staff with the goal of being functional by January 1, 2002.

In an even deeper sense, the world events make the work and mission of Menno-Clinic, India even more important and more profound. Our three-fold mission of presence, service, and proclamation becomes even more essential in representing the image of Christ to the world. We seek to be present to build relationships of respect, understanding, and trust. We seek to serve the needs of others in vulnerability rather than exercise power to serve our own perceived needs. We seek to proclaim in our actions and in our words the gospel of peace, healing, reconciliation and hope. In the midst of a world torn apart by threats and violence there can be no greater calling, no more important mission. That is our call as Christians wherever we are, wherever we live. That continues to be our call to the village of Chiluvuru.

We continue to invite you to participate with us in the call of Christ through your faithfulness in showing Christ's love to your neighbors and to those in need around you. We invite you to participate with us in the work of Menno-Clinic, India with your prayers and through your financial contributions as we make the shift from purchasing bricks and mortar to medications and supplies.



Clinic building as of October 2001



### Financial Corner

#### Menno-Clinic, India

April 30, 2001

Cash	\$79,000.07
Land	<u>\$104,000.00</u>
Total Assets	\$183,000.07

#### Receipts & Disbursements

Sept. 1, 2000 through August. 31, 2001

Donations	\$36,708.00
Interest	<u>3,852.07</u>
Total Receipts	\$40,560.07
Expenses	<u>9,328.58</u>
Net Receipts	\$31,231.49