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**Menno-Clinic
INDIA**

Reflections of Service

Fay Zook

The Lord brought to our [Fay and Juanita Zook] attention through the Mennonite Weekly Review the establishing of Menno-Clinic, India while it was still in the building stages. Having served with Mennonite hospitals before, we were interested to the point of volunteering our services to help. The Lord and the Menno-Clinic, India board gave us the opportunity to help with setting up operations of the clinic. In January 2002 we accompanied seven board members to India where we were introduced to the work and culture of the Indian people and were present for the dedication of the clinic. The building was not quite finished, but all in the Lord's timing. This delay gave us time to acclimate to the culture, help hire clinic staff and purchase and install equipment. We give credit to Dr. Pradhan, the Indian physician already on staff, with helping us to purchase equipment and become more knowledgeable about India and its people.

Many procedures needed to be formulated and written, forms prepared and printed, and clinic staff oriented. The clinic was fortunate in hiring an experienced male nurse who is also acquainted with pharmacology in order to help set up and operate the pharmacy. Also, a technician trained in medical laboratory and X-ray was hired. A Medical Records system operated by a young Indian woman was set up and a female nurse hired. Other staff included a young, always smiling, Christian woman for housekeeping services and a vibrant 18-year-old night watch guard and all around helper, plus an assistant to him. *(continued on back)*



A Word from the Board

Harvey Chupp

The psalmist in Psalm 104 say's "**You give breath, fresh life begins, you keep renewing the world.**" These words of the Psalmist took on new meaning for me in January 2002.

As our group of nine made our way from Shipshewana, Indiana to Chiluvuru, India to dedicate the Medical Clinic fresh life began for thousands in the village. I think however that fresh life began as well for the small group who had the rare privilege of taking part in the historical beginning of God's healing ministry. Five years of work, prayers, tears, seemed to melt together into tears of joy, and awe as we rounded the corner and saw before us this beautiful four story white structure smile at us.

Rising up out of the ashes of what had been the site of Olga's childhood home stood what we confidently believe will be a place of fresh life, both in body and soul. Our lives are forever bonded and intertwined with the people of Chiluvuru. As we left the village after an intense week of pulling together a medical team, staff, and last minute details, a quiet peace and calm enveloped our group. I think we were all rather awe struck that God would choose us to get involved with His creation on the other side of the world.

Along with the many challenges the board will face in the future we are confident that as the Psalmist said; "**God will continue renewing His world**". It's an honor and privilege to team up with God to bring His healing and hope to the friends of Chiluvuru.

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Our time in India was a personal blessing to us! Perhaps the best part was learning to know the Indian people. We learned from them. As a rule they are a naturally kind, quiet and very hospitable people. Out of the Chiluvuru village population of 13,000 we were informed approximately 7,000 are Hindu, 4,000 Muslim and 2,000 Christian. Our staff consists of both Hindus and Christians working side by side. By working closely with the staff we became the best of friends. Most of them are of the younger generation. Generational and religion barriers were not evident.

Our assignment, for a period of three to four months, was clinic setup and startup. Although additional things remain to be done and more challenges will be met in moving forward, we are confident the staff is ready to meet these challenges.

The Menno-Clinic board envisioned a church to be a part of Menno Clinic's mission. Every Sunday evening a Christian service was held in the Clinic's Lambright Memorial Chapel. The first service was held on February 5. Our communication was very limited due to the language barrier. At first Dr. Pradhan translated for us. Later, Revathi, a young, English speaking woman, having an interest in the Christian message, translated for us. She is a clinic employee. Her mother is a Christian. The service started with an attendance of 13. The highest attendance was approximately 26, many of them identifying themselves as Hindu. The service was mostly conducted in the local Telugu language. Members of Revathi's family and another woman were assigned scripture passages to read. One night there were 9 children there. One little Hindu girl sang a song in Telugu about the two loaves and five fishes. Sometimes a local Christian Woman sang a solo in Telugu. Our theme song was "Alleluia, Amen". These two words are the same in every language in the world! For the Chapel, we purchased a Telugu language Bible and a Children's Bible Story book. These two volumes of God's word are kept in the chapel. Several times children came to the chapel on weekday evenings and read from the Bible, Story book on their own accord. Before leaving for the US we arranged with local Christian pastors to come and give a short message in Telugu. Revathi was placed in charge of the services after we arranged with her continuing Bible readings in the book of Acts. In this chapel service God's Word is being presented. All of us can, and should, pray diligently for this service as the seed of God's word is sown.

Even so, departure was difficult. It was so for them and for us. The last two days before our departure we dedicated to just being with and spending time with the staff. It reminded us of Jesus leaving his disciples with the work he had begun and which he gave to them to carry on to completion. We thank the Lord for having had a part in this work of which the Menno-Clinic board laid the foundation. In the face of all challenges and labor we encountered we were encouraged in the work by a favorite scripture in II Corinthians 4:1,5,7, & 18 where the apostle Paul said, **"Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry we do not lose heart. For we do not preach (or boast about) ourselves, but Jesus Christ as LORD and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake."** And continuing in verses 7 and 18, **"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."** The mission of the Menno-Clinic board is that the physical health of the Indian population of Chiluvuru, India is served, but primarily, that Christ will be lifted up and seen as the provision of salvation for eternity.

Fay and Juanita Zook served at Menno-Clinic, India from January 17, 2002 to May 8, 2002.



Financial Corner

Menno-Clinic, India

March 31, 2002

Cash	\$72,979.21
Fixed Assets	131,086.70
Total Assets	\$204,065.91

Receipts & Disbursements Sept. 1, 2001 through March. 31, 2002

Donations	\$47,522.00
Interest	744.85
Total Receipts	\$48,266.85
Expenses	27,201.01
Net Receipts	\$21,065.84