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(Good Tidings)

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**Menno-Clinic
INDIA**

Journey Award

Harvey Chupp

"Many individual and communal acts of Christian stewardship happen every day in the Anabaptist world. Yet, they may go unnoticed since they are often not recognized and understood as important acts of faith.

Mennonite Mutual Aid (MMA) has established the Journey Awards to celebrate the vitality of stewardship in the lives of Anabaptists and Anabaptist groups. The Journey Awards clearly acknowledge, define, and elevate the stewardship but do not define it.

Christian stewardship grows out of a relationship with God and recognizes we are all caretakers, not owners of our gifts. Our daily faith walk directs how we are to use our lives and all of our resources."

The above quote comes from the Mennonite Mutual Aid Fact Sheet explaining the concept behind the annual 'Journey Award'. Doc and Olga Yarlagadda along with the Emma Mennonite Church are the third recipients of the 'Journey Award', celebrating our stewardship journey, for the work in Chiluvuru, India.

The Criteria that MMA uses to select individuals or groups to receive this award are:

- They practice and model faith-driven use of resources and gifts.
- Their lives bear the primary fruit of Christian stewardship: sharing their gifts to benefit God's work, others, and the world.
- Their stewardship journey is inspiring to other people of faith.
- They encourage stewardship among others.

A special Awards Ceremony will be held at the Emma Mennonite Church on October 20, 2002. This award is a tribute to everyone who contributed in some way to bring to fruition Menno-Clinic, India.

Our hope and prayer, as a Board, is that the Clinic can serve as a vehicle through which many person will continue to share their gifts to benefit God's continuing work.

Our Next Trip to Menno-Clinic is Around the Corner

Doc Yarlagadda

Six of us will be visiting Menno-Clinic, India on November 8th, 2002. Olga and I will be accompanying Harvey and Carolyn Chupp, Dr. Weldon Friesen, and Larry Miller. This will be the first visit to Menno-Clinic for Carolyn Chupp and Larry Miller.

The trip to Chiluvuru is long and tiring. On the first hop, we fly from Chicago to Amsterdam (about 7½ hours.) We have a layover of about 3 hours in Amsterdam. That gives us time to freshen up and walk around a little. We then fly from Amsterdam to Mumbai (formerly Bombay, India.) This is about an 8½ to 9 hour flight. The flight reaches Mumbai around 11:30 P.M. local time. If we are lucky we will get our luggage and clear the Indian customs. (Olga and I have in the past lost our luggage.) We move on to the Mumbai domestic airport as quick as we can to catch a 3:00 AM flight to Hyderabad. That flight is about an hour. We stay in Hyderabad for that day and take a train to Chiluvuru the following morning. If it's confusing, let me summarize, we start at 10.00 A.M on the 8th here in Shipshewana and reach Chiluvuru at 3:00 A.M. on the 11th. Including the one-day stop over in Hyderabad, it takes us 64 hours to reach Chiluvuru.

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We travel to Chiluvuru as servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, so the rest of the world may see the light of Christ through us. Money and medicine solve physical needs. A mission is doomed unless we meet the spiritual needs of the people. That's why our continued presence and witnessing are at the center stage of the Menno-Clinic mission.

One of Dr. Friesen's challenges in this trip will be finding a permanent primary care physician for the clinic. I recently met an Indian Doctor, Dr. Battina, who practices medicine in Goshen. During the conversation, I told him about our upcoming trip to Chiluvuru and the people that are going. He said he knew Dr. Friesen. Very quickly, he also said Dr. Friesen is a very gracious, humble Christian man. It's that witness, grace and Christian humility, that Dr. Friesen brings with him. Perhaps these virtues are more important than his skills as a physician.

Larry Miller is an accountant by profession. Larry is the treasurer of the Emma Mennonite Church. He is also the treasurer for Menno-Clinic, India. He will have the opportunity to meet our Clinic accountant in India and discuss the bookkeeping details. If someone asks me what comes to your mind if I say the name of Larry Miller, I will have to say that I see Christ's gentleness in him. You have heard the cliché, "Lord doesn't make them any better." That's what I think of Larry. I see Christ in his smile and his gentle demeanor. It's an honor to travel with him.

Harvey Chupp, a life long pastor, serves as Chairman of our committee. We are looking into bringing in a pastor to attend to the needs of the Lambright Memorial Chapel at the Clinic. Harvey is responsible for recruiting someone from the Mennonite-Brethren seminary in Shamshabad. Also, Harvey will be attending a Mennonite-Brethren Conference in Hyderabad. Carolyn Chupp is a nurse and she will be helping at the Clinic while she is there. She is hoping to be able to deliver a baby while she is there. We will have to wait and see. Harvey and Carolyn are very dear to our heart. They serve the Lord every time they have an opportunity. Their enthusiasm to serve the Lord is so inspiring to Olga and me. One time when we were in India, Harvey took an early morning stroll along the streets of Vijayawada. He found hundreds of people sleeping on the street, making pavement their home. Harvey came back to the hotel with tears of compassion in his eyes. I have felt as if it was Christ weeping. Harvey and Carolyn glorify our Lord wherever they go.

Olga and I have a lot of administrative responsibilities and banking duties. It seems there were 70+ people who left the village of Chiluvuru to come to the United States. But only one couple returned. Christ in our lives made all the difference for us. We want the villagers to see that difference. We want the villagers to see that transformation and light Christ brought into our lives. We will be Christ's witnesses and also your witnesses to the villagers.



Financial Corner

Menno-Clinic, India

July 31, 2002

Cash	<u>\$16,051.31</u>
Total Assets	\$16,051.31

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

Donations	\$59,448.12
Interest	<u>794.90</u>
Total Receipts	\$60,243.02
Expenses & transfers to India	118,191.78
Net Receipts	(\$57,948.76)