

CITATION
Alumni Award of Distinction - 2015
Christian Medical College Alumni Association

Ms. Ann Bothamley

The Christian Medical College Alumni Association is proud to present the Alumni Award of Distinction 2015 to Ms. Ann Bothamley for her commitment and years of dedicated service to the Christian Medical College, Vellore, and our Alumni, as a staff of CMC and after her retirement.

After completing her schooling in Surrey, Ms. Ann Bothamley did her Nursing training at the Nightingale training school, St. Thomas Hospital, and her certificate training at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, London. Following this, she also took courses in various hospitals and colleges in London, including the Royal College of Nursing Ward Sisters' course, Hospital and Nursing and Administration course and the General Intensive Care course. Ms. Bothamley came to the Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore

in 1968 under the Auspices of the Baptist Missionary Society and continued till her superannuation in 1998.

During her period in CMC, Ms. Bothamley was incharge of 'M' ward , and took on additional responsibilities

of designing the coronary care unit, initiating and teaching the coronary care course for staff nurses and planning and formulating the nursing protocol for the bone marrow transplant unit.

At a difficult time in the life of CMC, Ms. Bothamley took on the responsibility of running the Laundry department along with Ms. Thomson and some medical students.

Another of Ms. Bothamley's contribution was the starting of the M -Ward sale. There was already a practice

of collecting contributions to give small gifts to the attenders and sweepers. To supplement and make this more sustainable, Ms. Bothamley started the M-Ward sale through which staff in CMC would contribute in

cash and kind towards providing gifts for lesser paid staff. Today, the sale (now called A Block sale) provides money every year for the PTP fund as well.

During her tenure in M ward, Ms. Bothamley, along with Mrs. Anu Mammen, set up a play room for children admitted under Haematology, a facility which was later shifted to the A Block.

In keeping with her calling to be a missionary and with her immense faith in God, Ms. Bothamley, along with

Ms. Thomson, started Bible studies for women interns and student nurses in their residence in the hospital campus. They also conducted Bible studies for sweepers and attenders in the evenings in a small mud hut with a thatched roof, with the light of a petromax lamp. From 1975 to date, Ms. Bothamley has been conducting a Bible class for teenage girls at the St. Johns Church, Fort, Vellore.

Another significant contribution of Ms. Bothamley was the starting of Balanilayam. It was in 1979 during a

visit to the Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatram that Ms. Bothamley realized the difficulty faced by doctors working in the mission field in providing good education for their children. Within a few years,

Ms. Bothamley, along with Ms. Thomson, were looking after five children in their house on the campus while continuing their work at the hospital. When finding a house in Vellore for these children did not succeed, they proceeded towards buying land and building a hostel. This started with Ms. Bothamley depositing 100 Rs into a bank account, following which money poured in from all over the world.

Balanilayam, a home away from home, located in Bagayam, opened in 1990 and will be celebrating 25 years

this August.

In recognition of her services to Health Care for the people of India, Ms. Bothamley was awarded the 'Member of the Order of the British Empire' in 2004 from the British High Commissioner and aptly the ceremony took place within the CMC family in the Big Bungalow garden.

After her retirement, Ms. Bothamley returned in 2006 in the capacity as a Pastoral carer and supporter of Haematology patients, something she has continue to do for the past 8 years.

On a request from the Principal of Ida Scudder a few years ago, Ms. Bothamley has been taking Scripture classes for the 11th and 12th grade students, and has also been available each week to speak to any student.

Ms. Bothamley's latest project is the Bridge House Project on the New hospital campus at Kannigarapuram where Haematology will be located, where patients can stay and also receive ongoing pastortal care and support.

The Alumni Association joins the CMC community in thanking Ms. Ann Bothamley for her immense contribution to our campuses and to our alumni through her exemplary characteristics of integrity, high level of commitment, compassion and professional excellence and is proud to honour her with the Alumni Award for the year 2015.