

CITATION
ALUMNI AWARD OF DISTINCTION
Christian Medical College Alumni Association

Drs. Denny and Joe Fleming

The Christian Medical College Alumni Association is honoured to present the Alumni Award of Distinction 2017 to Drs. Denny and Joe Fleming for their many years of selfless service to the community and students of the Christian Medical College, Vellore.

Dr. Denny Fleming joined the Clinical Pharmacology unit of the Department of Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology in 1998. She was instrumental in initiating the development of the Modern Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Services and the Clinical Pharmacology Laboratory in CMC. Dr. Denny patiently trained the faculty and technical staff in the operation of the highly technical HPLC Equipment and to apply pharmacokinetics as an integral component of patient care. She was associated with the International Association of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring and Clinical Toxicology (IATDMCT) which enabled the Department to host two national conferences in collaboration with this organisation. Over the past two years, she has been involved in setting up the assay and processes for detecting inborn errors of metabolism. The planning of the logistics, pricing, execution of this assay and reporting were given the utmost care- an example of the dedication and commitment that Dr. Denny embodies.

Dr. Joe Fleming joined the Department of Clinical Biochemistry in 1998, where he has been instrumental in introducing Standard Operating Procedures for laboratory tests. Extremely meticulous in his work and documentation, he played a major and crucial role in the Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory acquiring NABL accreditation. His expertise was evident- from simple things like routine tests to complicated equipment like the ICP Mas Spectrophotometer- and one that was freely shared with his colleagues and staff. Dr. Joe was actively involved in research and teaching, serving on several research projects and supervising doctoral candidates.

Colleagues and staff in both Clinical Pharmacology and Clinical Biochemistry appreciate and value the love, dedication, integrity and humility that marked their professional work and life. As Dr. Denny would remark, *'Do what is right in God's eyes and He will take care of you and the Department'*.

It is this same spirit that they brought to the community life in CMC. They have been involved with the spiritual nurture of the community, speaking at retreats, leading Bible studies for students, and serving on the College Chapel committee. Through their biblical and theological insights, they have helped many find meaning and purpose in their lives. Dr. Denny is well known for her talent in dramatics and theatre, and has directed countless Easter and Christmas plays. As one student puts it, *'How Dr. Denny passionately incorporated Jesus into every act, every song and everything is something we all can learn from.'* Their home was open to staff and students and many have found a second home in their warmth, love and generosity. Loving remembrances from several batches of students recall how their lives have been enriched by *'Aunty Denny and Uncle Joe's words of encouragement, philosophical and spiritual discussions, baked goodies and hearty meals, and wide open welcoming arms....'* Drs. Denny and Joe have truly exemplified the love of Christ in their lives and work with their belief that our lives must be *'spiraling steadily around and towards Jesus.'*

The Alumni Association joins the CMC community in thanking Drs. Denny and Joe Fleming for their immense contribution to the Christian Medical College, its staff and students and is proud to honour them with the Alumni Award for the year 2017.