

The College Motto award 2013

Dr Adeline Sither

The motto of the Christian Medical College at Vellore “Not to be ministered unto, but to minister” exists to challenge the hearts of young students at CMC to accept God’s calling to live for the service of others. Adeline Sither (or more affectionately known as ‘Addy’ to many) is the recipient of the CMC motto award for 2013. This is a tribute to her selfless and painstaking 16 years of mission service in Papua New Guinea in the spirit of Christ.

After her graduation from CMC Vellore, Addy served for 2 and a half years at the ETCM mission hospital at Kolar in Karnataka. During this time she heard about the need for a medical doctor in the remote parts of Papua New Guinea. She prayerfully responded to this need as a call from God. This was a decision made in total surrender to God to serve his purposes in an underserved part of this world.

Addy demonstrated her selfless service by stepping out of her comfort zone to work in a culture that must have been so alien to her. Addy is an excellent doctor and could have had many good job prospects in India. However she felt compelled to use her God given gifts to serve the tribal people groups of Papua New Guinea.

Over the past 16 years Addy has been steadfast in her work for the people of Papua New Guinea and her Lord Jesus. Day and night she has not only done the work of a doctor, but also administrative tasks and laboratory work. She has also worked hard to enable partnership with other agencies to ensure good healthcare provision for those in the most difficult to access areas of Papua New Guinea.

The significance of Addy’s work comes from the numerous lives which have been transformed in Papua New Guinea. She has been a catalyst in promoting health in the remote parts of this region by community development and capacity building initiatives. She has lived out the gospel by her incarnational lifestyle with total dependence on the Lord Jesus.

“Not to be ministered unto, but to minister” can be lived out in such a variety of ways. Adeline Sither, with the help of the Lord Jesus, has lived out these words and is determined to carry on doing so.

Her life is an inspiration to all the young graduates of the Christian Medical College who want to fulfill the vision of Aunt Ida.

Awarded at the Annual Alumni Reunion in Vellore on 10th August 2013.