

CERTIFICATE FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

From the time he could remember, Dr Tarun Kumar Biswas wanted to be a doctor. His grandfather and maternal uncle were doctors, and his grandfather had worked in a mission hospital near Kolkata for a brief period.

Dr. Tarun recalls sitting with his grandfather in his clinic, observing, absorbing and learning. Having dedicated teachers both in school and college strengthened his resolve to do medicine.

Dr Tarun joined Christian Medical College Vellore in 1981 for his undergraduate medical training. Here, he says, he learnt so much more than medicine. He was deeply influenced and inspired by Prof. P. Zachariah (Physiology), Prof. Mary Jacob (Anatomy), and Prof. T.N.S.Varma (Biochemistry). He had several close friends who guided and counseled him on many an occasion- Drs. Anand Zachariah and Prasad Mathews were two such pillars of support, while Drs. Prabir Chatterjee and Johnny Oommen challenged and motivated him.

On completion of his training, Dr Tarun joined the Assemblies of God Hospital in Kolkata as part of his service obligation. In 1992, he returned to CMC Vellore for his postgraduate training in Paediatrics. Again, he humbly acknowledges the art of paediatrics that he learnt, and is particularly indebted to Dr. Prabhakar Moses. He returned to the Assemblies of God Hospital in 1992 and worked there for four years. In 1996, he went to Libya and worked at the Ai-Egailat Hospital, Al-Egailat, as Paediatrician for Government of Libya from 1996 to 1999. On his return he stared at an uncertain future in Kolkata, when he

heard about the need for Paediatrician in the Herbertpur Christian Hospital, Herbertpur, Uttarakhand. Dr. Tarun has been there ever since and is presently the Deputy Medical Director of this 120- bedded hospital situated in the beautiful Doon Valley.

Apart from the busy schedule as the Consultant Paediatrician in Herbertpur, Dr. Tarun has several other responsibilities in the Hospital, including chairing the Infection Control Committee, and reporting AFB, TB and other infectious diseases. He has undertaken several collaborative studies with CMC Vellore, including studies on Toxicology and Snake Envenomation Syndrome. He is involved with the Distance Education Programmes run by CMC Vellore, including the MD Family Medicine Course.

Beyond his work and responsibilities, Dr. Tarun has given and continues to give of himself to the wider community in Herbertpur. He has worked as a youth leader and has initiated programmes for the care of differently-abled children. At present, he is involved with the care of underprivileged children of patients with leprosy. He hopes to work with the elderly in the future.

For his years of faithful service to others, in keeping with the motto of his *alma mater*, Christian Medical College, Vellore is proud to honour Dr. Tarun Kumar Biswas with the *Certificate for Meritorious Service* for the year 2018.