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Note Regarding Finances

EHA is a registered Canadian charity (BN#89783 7829 RR0001), authorized to provide tax receipts for any monies received. Tax receipts are generally mailed out at the beginning of the year for donations received in the previous calendar year. Thank you to our many donors who give cheerfully, generously and often sacrificially. 97% of the funds raised goes directly to projects in India. This is possible because of the many hours of volunteer work. Rae-Anna, our Admin support person, is the only one on our payroll. Also, EHA Canada does not subsidize travel to India – Board members and others that go pay their own way. Our books are audited annually. EHA Canada is an associate member of CCCC.

Dear Friend,

Each of the seasons is beautiful in its own way. The lazy days of the summer months are over, to be replaced by autumn and its spectacular colors. EHA Canada is back to business. We have recently appointed an office assistant, enjoyed a visit from Mary Ellen Sellers, welcomed a new partner, heard good news from South Sudan, made an appearance on Facebook and created our own web site. Read about all this and more in this newsletter. You can learn even more by visiting our web site: **www.ehacanada.org**. Above all, remember EHA, India and the poor in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Abraham Ninan

Mary Ellen's Visit

Mary Ellen Sellers visited Saskatoon in mid-September. Mary Ellen has been working in



Raxaul in North Bihar for about 12 years. A physiotherapist by training, she takes Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) into the villages. She was concerned that a number of disabled children were not accessing care because they could not, or their parents would not, take

them to the hospital. They were hidden away. Beginning with one other worker, she now has a team of 8 people who bring hope to children and their families. Mary Ellen spoke at a "Samosa Night" sponsored by EHA Canada, and to a group of health care professionals and students. Thank God for her faithful ministry to many hapless children who had nothing to look forward to. EHA Canada is privileged to have partnered with her over the past many years.

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Here is a story of one of the children who have benefited from CBR:

Saleema (name changed to protect privacy) is a 2 year old girl who lives with her parents and extended family in a village in Bihar. When she was first brought to Duncan Hospital for assessment she was very weak and was not able to lift her head or hold things with her hands. CBR staff started visiting her home to carry out therapy activities with her along with her family. On the suggestion of the CBR team, her family fabricated a supportive chair out of locally available material. Sitting in the chair with supervision has helped her to develop in her ability to hold her head up.

Saleema can now hold things with her hands for a few moments. She particularly likes shiny wrapping paper and will try to hold it and move her head so she can look at it. When she is lying on her stomach, she can now lift her head and her parents say that she sometimes rolls by herself. She is also expressing more interest in interacting with other people. Her grandmother says that she is improving day by day and is happy to tell others in the neighbourhood about her progress.



EHA Canada Website

The EHA Canada website is now up and running. You may access it by going to www.ehacanada.org. We will post regular news items and prayer requests. You may read about our current projects there. You may also donate online through CanadaHelps if you wish.

Introducing Rae-Anna Hedlin



Rae-Anna joined EHA as an Administrative Support person. Rae-Anna combines a degree in Anthropology and Entrepreneurship with skills in organization and a heart for missions. Though working part-time, she has already streamlined our office practices, created the website, put EHA on Facebook, crafted a new brochure and prepared this newsletter. Thank God for her and pray for her and us that we may faithfully work for the benefit of the needy and for the glory of God.



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Partnership with Living Truth

We are very pleased to inform you of a major partnership we have had with Living Truth TV. As you know, Living Truth TV is a ministry of Peoples Church in Toronto. We met with the leaders of the TV program at the Missionsfest in Toronto in 2011. To cut a long story short, Dr. Charles Price and his team visited Herbertpur and Chhatarpur hospitals in January 2014. They focused on two needs: the Nursing School in Herbertpur and a Maternal and Child Block for Chhatarpur. Three documentaries were produced and broadcast in the spring of this year in Canada, the US, UK and Australia. As a result a substantial amount of money was raised. We have remitted the funds to India and, in fact, the building project in Herbertpur has already begun. Here is what Pastor Charles said about Herbertpur: *"I have been in many places and you walk into this building and there is a peace, a calm, a sense of the presence of God"*.

You can watch a 20-minute clip on our website. We can also send you copies of the series if you write to us. Thank God for Living Truth, Peoples Church and the generous donors from many countries.



India Trip

Three of our Board members are planning a trip to India in January 2015. We will visit some of the units where we have projects, explore the possibility of having an exchange program between EHA nursing schools and Canada, and do some teaching and ministry. Please pray that we will obtain visas, have safe travel and effective ministry.



South Sudan Initiative

I was recently involved in a skype conference as part of the steering committee of the South Sudan project. It was exciting in more ways than one. There were people on the call from three continents. But more important is the fact that this very novel venture has taken off and is running very well. As you know, Drs. Anil and Tina Cherian, long-time EHA workers, felt called to serve in this difficult and challenging situation in the youngest nation on the planet. South Sudan is a country of vast need, not the least of which is in the health and development sector. When he left India for South Sudan in January this year, Dr. Cherian was refused entry because of an eruption of violence there. The team therefore made its headquarters in Kampala, Uganda and began negotiations with the governments of South Sudan and Uganda, the Mengo Hospital, and various aid agencies to start the training program in Kampala. Through God's grace and some dogged and skillful negotiations on Anil's part, the ICMDA National Institute of Health Sciences started in July this year with 51 South Sudanese students. Anil and Tina have assistance from tutors from India and Egypt as well as local staff. EHA is not involved in funding this project but we do urge all our friends to pray for this multinational collaborative effort. There will be teaching and service opportunities for Canadian volunteers in the future. We will keep you posted.