

COLLEGE MOTTO AWARD CITATION 2023

Dr D. Accurate Mercy, MBBS batch of 1998, and PG alumnus of CMC Vellore, has touched numerous lives with her sincerity, compassion, infectious laughter, faith, and joy of living, providing holistic person-centred care in the Spirit of Christ. Soon after her graduation, she completed her service obligation at Kulasekaram Hospital - a rural community outreach of Kanyakumari Medical Mission. Later, she worked with EHA at Duncan Hospital, Raxaul, Bihar for 2 years, after doing her DCH in CMC Vellore. She was best outgoing resident for DCH.

Following MD Paediatrics in CMC Vellore, Accurate joined The Leprosy Mission Trust in July 2016 and has been working at TLM hospital in Faizabad, at Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh since April 2017, along with her husband Mr. Bino Berry (Superintendent - Admin) and two young children - Daniel and Julia.

“Serving the known God on an unknown journey” truly depicts Accurate’s life experience in medical missions. She and Bino have been working tirelessly to make healing, inclusion, and dignity a reality for those affected by leprosy and other health conditions disproportionately related to poverty. In TLM, her first realization was that leprosy was not a thing of the past and the work to eradicate Leprosy and its stigma is far from over. She decided to work beyond Paediatrics to meet the needs of the hospital and the local community due to lack of doctors. Understanding the broader health needs of a marginalised population, Accurate contributes to TLM hospital's outreach medical camps to remote villages, schools, and slums, organising nutritional and educational interventions, all the while overcoming language barriers through her kindness, empathy and inclusivity.

She has also trained community volunteers in the early detection of pneumonia, malnutrition and chronic diseases, and bed-side assistants to support clinical services. Their other major initiatives include facilitating reconstructive surgery for post-leprosy sequelae through collaboration with specialists, as well as multiple reparative and restorative activities in the hospital campus, in line with the biblical vision to serve as ‘repairers of breaches and broken walls’. Retaining her interest in research and academics, Accurate is a valuable collaborator for training MPH students from CMC Vellore in field-based epidemiological research. She has also mentored numerous students and postgraduates by sharing her motivation for missions at Shiloh conferences. Presently she is also entrusted with the responsibility of Deputy Superintendent- Medical.

Accurate's life is a living testimony of God using a willing soul, doing ordinary but meaningful things every day, having an extraordinary impact on the lives she touches. By handling external pressures, family concerns and security threat and maintaining healthy working relationships with local leaders, through prayer and dedication to service, Accurate and Bino are an example to us all. Through her consistent dedication to medical missions, her unassuming personality and gentle manner, Accurate embodies the ethos and principle of the College Motto “Not to be ministered unto, but to minister”. As her batchmates we praise God

for her life and are proud to present this citation for the College motto award 2023 to Dr. D. Accurate Mercy.

Christian Medical College Alumni Association

has the honour to present

THE COLLEGE MOTTO AWARD

instituted by the Class of 1949

to

Dr. Accurate Mercy
(MBBS Batch of 1998)

for exemplary faithfulness to the college motto:

NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE

Dr. Smitha Jasper
Secretary

Dr. Alfred Daniel
President

Awarded at the Annual Alumni Reunion in Vellore on the 12th of August 2023.

