

VISITS OF ELCA-REGIONAL CONSULTING

Rev. Dr. Chandran Paul Martin consulting regional representative for South Asia-Global Mission ELCA recently made a tour to Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh (LHCB). His visit lasted five days that includes a complete follow up of the Integrated Health and Community development Project. LHCB officials were well informed and prepared for this tour and treated him with gesture.

His tour mainly focused on the project site of Integrated Health and Development project based in Sreerampur, Dumki, Patuakhali, spent most of the stay in Bangladesh there. His complete tour details with visuals are presented day wise below:

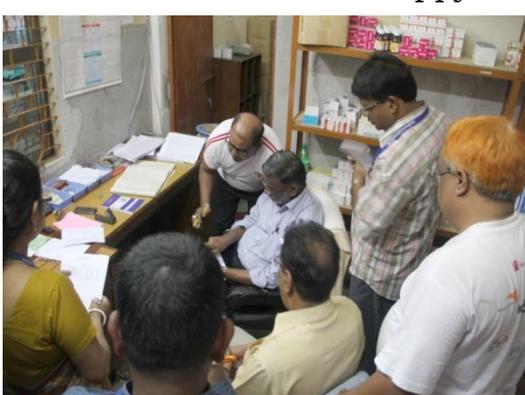
June 16 2015:

It was a rainy Tuesday when Mr. Chandran took his warm greetings in LHCB, Dumki. After refreshment he immediately land on. His aim was to utilize every second of this short trip to Dumki. He first visited the Hospital. Took a good look on the under constructing canteen and gave positive response. Later visited hospital laundry, sterilization system and pharmacy, he was happy with the hygiene issue and appreciated the Varsity of medicine stock in the pharmacy.

He also checked the reception and registration point of the hospital. Talked with the responsible personnel and took note. He was happy with the procedure and



Staff informing about canteen WIP



Having time in pharmacy

highly appreciated our hospital management software. Our employee also gave him a brief about the software and how it was being operated.

Mr. Chandran later visited the accounts department. He checked the accounting software and took necessary information for his record. Our accounts head at Dumki showed him how they keep the accounting records, what types of vouchers and for which purpose they were used and other necessary accounting manuals that's being a part of our regular accounting. Our employee enriched by his comments and suggestions also appreciated valuable guidelines.

After lunch he was seat in a meeting with all the departmental heads. Everybody had time for their sayings and Mr. Chandran listen them all very attentively. They all had a constructive discussion regarding the program and its progress. He also inaugurated our newly built website (www.lhcb.org.bd). Mr. Pius Serao, Executive Director of LHCB gave a brief speech regarding the website and answered every raised question. Mr. Chandaran liked the module of our website and said it was very informative, resourceful and entitled with all the government guidelines.



Discussion with accounts head

At the evening, Mr. Chandran sits with the Local Advisory Committee. Md. Hafizur Rahman - Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Dumki Upazila; Mr. Saiful Islam Mridha – Sreerampur Union Parishad Chairman and community leader and Mr. Abul Kalam Azad –President, Dumki Chambers & Commerce & Community Leader was the committee members present in the meeting.



Inaugurating LHC website

Local thana Officer In Charge (OC) was also invited and present there. Mr. Chandran



Meeting with local advisory committee

had a good time with the local members. Committee members gave lots of suggestions regarding the organizational welfare and local thana OC ensured Mr. Chandran about the security and law enforcement. The meeting ends with a dinner.

June 17 2015:

Wednesday our team organizes a very early morning start to our Matiavanga Health and Community Development Centre which was inaugurated by Mr. Chandran himself in his last visit. He spent the whole day there and talked with the medical team there. He also had some lengthy conversations with local people and asked them whether the intention behind the centre is justified. He praised our team for their dedication towards work and made the project an appreciating one. At the evening a meeting with the doctors followed by a dinner had been arranged at calvery guest house in the hospital premises. Mr. Chandran thanks the group of doctors for their contribution in the community developments and also advice them to be more proactive to address more patients.



Dr. Justine representing the doctors



Happy faces of Matiavanga. Picture taken by Mr. Chandran himself

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June 18 2015:

He first conducted the morning devotion and later spent the morning hours with the nurses. Heard from them about the working environment and also some other issues. He requests them to be more dedicative and caring. Our nurses also gave him positive feedback and appreciated his concern towards our community. Later at the afternoon on the same day he set for his return journey to Dhaka.



Listening to nurses

June 19 2015:



JPOC meeting over Skype

Having some rest in the guest house after a long and restless visit in Dumki Mr. Chandran set on short meeting with the Dhaka Officials in the guest house. He had a good look on all the documents and queried some issues with the financial consultant. He also spent some valuable time with LHCb board Chairman. Later, he attended the JPOC meeting over Skype. They discussed some recent raising issues and also gave decisions on some pending issues. On June 20, 2015 he catches the afternoon flight to Chennai and ends the trip to Bangladesh.