

Life Lines

IHS Heartbeat

An old man meets God in the dentist's chair

Dr. Latha Mathew coaches I.S. trainers by using examples from her dental practice in India, such as the story related here.

An old man came to get two molars extracted. His hands and jaws were shaking. While waiting for the anesthetic to act, I asked, "How many children do you have?" He said, "Three sons. We have been looking for a bride for my youngest son since five years." I responded: "Our Holy Book tells us that a prudent wife is from the Lord. You could consider praying." He responded, "Yes, I know that only God can help."

His jaw was dislocating every two minutes. I had to keep stopping to put it back in position. He said, "Old age is a series of misery. In spite of having



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three sons, a 17 year-old boy from a poor family is taking care of us. We loved our children and brought them up and they have rejected us." He was weeping.

When the man came back for his suture removal, he brought his son. The son poured out his heart's sorrows. He has tried every god he knew of. Finally, we shared about Christ and told him to taste and see if Jesus is good. We have given him a Bible. I say "we" because my coworkers treated the other patients so that I could spend time with this family.

God directs people to you and me when they can't cope anymore. What a privilege to partner with this great God!

Saline Supply

Training module debuts in Singapore

When IHS piloted a new training module at the end of March in Singapore, the session itself provided evidence of International



▲ Drs. Bob Snyder (l.) and Gábor Györi demonstrate I.S. principles using a role play in Singapore;

▲ Angelina Sandy, HCFI trainer from South Africa, in Singapore

Saline's potential to grow exponentially. Participants were equipped with tools to be workplace witnesses by trainers from India, The Netherlands, South Africa, Hungary and the United States. While the module continues in development, its intended impact is already being felt: new trainers are growing in proficiency and leading their colleagues toward the excellence of Christlike healthcare professionals. By starting small, keeping it simple and going slow, International

Saline trainers are steadily replicating themselves throughout the world. An increasingly effective training module promises to foster this growth according to the providence of God, "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine," (Ephesians 3:20).

Vital Signs

A high school student sees the Lord's esteemed

Luke Rettig, who plans to become a medical doctor, traveled to Singapore with IHS as a mentee of Dr. Bob Snyder. He says, "The Lord crossed my path with many of His esteemed. With surrendered lives dedicated wholly to the Lord, the trainers brought to new light Jesus' command of 'making disciples of all nations.' They demonstrated unity in making Christ known throughout the world."

"This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit." (Isaiah 66:2)

For the Record

“I learned to be conscious to seize opportunities, to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, to lead others with the love of God.” – a nurse who attended I.S. training in Singapore

Please Join Us in Prayer

► For International Saline sessions:

- June 19-20 Vellore, India; Latha Mathew (EMFI) with apprentice trainers
- July 9-11 São Paulo, Brazil; Chris Steyn (HCFI) and Bob Snyder
- July 15-25 Alsace region, France; Chris Steyn at HCFI retreat
- August 21-23 in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India; Latha Mathew
- September 19 Göteborg, Sweden; Gábor Györi (IHS Foundation)
- September 19 Dundee, England; Kevin Vaughan (CMF-UK)

► For Resources:

- Development of the module for those who will train and coach indigenous leaders who are becoming I.S. trainers (see Saline Supply inside this LifeLines)
- British English and Portuguese translations in progress

Praise God!

- Bob Snyder recovered quickly from surgery for prostate cancer and is progressing well in his healing. Thank you for your prayers.

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