

22 November 2015

Dear Companions of the Road,

Greetings from St Columba's Hospital for probably the last time as far as I am concerned for my 35 years of working here will conclude at the end of this week. There-after I shall be moving to Hearnganj (a locality named after Dr Hearn who was one of the original five doctors to establish the Hospital in 1892) to a house as yet un-named but which should have as its occupants Dr Pushpa Dass, two students, two boisterous and inquisitive puppies and myself. Most household effects have been moved already but a fair amount of adjustment will still have to be made and I anticipate a few weeks or even months of unpacking numerous cartons and trunks which contain all that was accumulated and, as yet not discarded, over the past many years. Books there are and will be read, eyesight permitting, but until I can arrange for a computer I think that I shall feel rather out of touch with the rich informative opportunities etc provided via the Internet. However, this void will no doubt provide additional time for the day to day involvements of life such as cooking and cleaning, exercising, visiting, sleeping and dreaming, thinking and praying.

Be that as it may, I should very much like to take this opportunity to very sincerely thank all Friends, Well-wishers and Supporters who have given so much of their precious time and energy to support the Hospital and its Staff, including myself, by their unfailing prayers, good wishes, concern and encouragement. Knowing that that there were some people who were interested in, and who cared about, the Hospital, its Patients and its Staff and their well-being made the not-so-good times much easier

*to bear and deal with and the good times much,
much better and enjoyable.*

*As for the future, who can say? If we commend everything
into God's hands the outcome can only be good.*

*Thanking you once again and wishing every one of you
and your families and your friends A Very, Very Happy
Christmas and a New Year filled with Many, Many
Blessings.*

Yours sincerely,

Shirley Imam