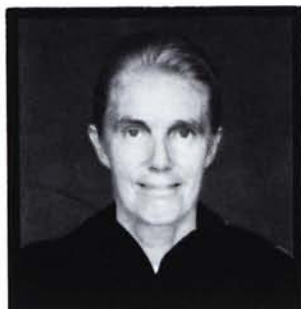


OBITUARY

Dr. C. M. E. Matthews



With extreme grief and deep sorrow we, the members of the Christian Fellowship Community Health Centre, Santhipuram, Ambilikkai, India, inform you that our dear sister Dr. C. M. E. Matthews met with the untimely end of her sojourn in this world at 8 a.m. on 10 March 1989 from a road accident while traveling on a motorcycle to one of our mini-health centers.

The deceased, although a British citizen by birth and education, was a thorough "Indian for Indians." After taking a doctorate in nuclear physics, she decided to sacrifice all of her life and possessions for the sick and the poor of rural India.

The noble missionary served our country for nearly a quarter of a century, mainly in four places in Maharashtra and in Tamil Nadu. In the latter she is well known in the rural areas around Vellore, Yellagiri and

Nilgiri Hills, and Ambilikkai and its surrounding villages. She is survived by her 95-year-old ailing mother and a brother and his family in the U.K.

We were fortunate to have her as a member of the Christian Fellowship at Ambilikkai during the last nearly 8 years. Her missionary zeal and deep commitment and service to the poor and the sick, her indomitable spirit, inexhaustible energy and great concern and vigilance against social injustice in whatever form irrespective of time and place, knew no bounds.

Her contribution to our Fellowship Society at Ambilikkai, and her sincere service to the community around and ever-active dynamism and zeal as a missionary of the Church Missionary Society, London, are beyond words. We request you to pray for a worthy substitute for this irreparable loss. We express our deep sense of gratitude to the bereaved, especially the Church Missionary Society in London and her mother and beloved brother.

—Dr. Jacob Cherian