



JARS OF CLAY BURSARY

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ~2 Corinthians 4:6-7

Background

This bursary scheme originates out of weakness. As Cynthia Clay's health deteriorated, at the age of 50, she was determined to bless missions despite her weakness. She wished to bless the health work in India of her relative Nathan Grills and left a bequest in her will. Likewise, other members of the Clay family, Eunice and Fred Clay, despite being in their mid 80's and in failing health, also remain committed to raising support for mission in India. They serve tirelessly making and selling jam, sitting on mission committees and faithfully praying for the work. In their weakness, as "jars of Clay", these faithful servants have shown God's all surpassing power which has seen the development of a bequest to encourage potential health missionaries to explore missions. Similarly, many potential health missionaries who venture out and follow God's calling will emanate from a position of weakness. This weakness reminds us that as we go out to serve the Lord in missions, we don't necessarily have to be strong. As fragile clay jars we may more effectively show Christ. So, in spite of your imperfections, don't be afraid to explore serving God in health missions

Purpose

To help those with a commitment or interest in long term missions to gain exposure to health missions.

Application

Applicants need to write one page explaining how this short-term bursary will assist them develop their interest in serving God long term in health missions. Applications close on July 30. Please forward applications electronically to the CMDFA missions chapter (via your State Missions Rep). Applications also require a brief reference from a person in leadership at the applicant's church.

Value:

\$1000 per year

Priority areas:

-This bursary is only awarded to support travel to India, with a preference for the North, for a minimum of 3 weeks.