

Memories of Dr Howard Searle

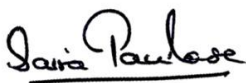
Dr. Howard Searle was the founder Director of Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA) India, from 1969 to 1973. Howard Searle gave up his personal mission and career as a missionary surgeon to serve a larger cause of the Kingdom of God. The Mission hospital leaders who were part of the initial founding of EHA, represented some of the big Mission agencies who had their own perspective of how things should be done. The role played by Howard in interacting with the expatriate leaders and getting them together, supported by other like-minded mission doctors in different institutions, was what made all these institutions come together to form EHA, despite notable differences. Howard was a great net-worker and a person who saw himself as serving the national Board's dreams and desires!

For 4 years Searle gave up his missionary calling to be a surgeon in Achalpur, for this greater cause, spending most of his time travelling on trains, meeting with many young Indian doctors to challenge them to take up leadership roles in mission hospitals. He used to tell us that his office was his brief case. With a brief case full of files, he would travel around India to motivate Indian leaders to join EHA.

Within 4 years, Howard Searle had identified a national leader, Mr Lalchuangliana, who would take the organization forward. Howard left the country, moved to Bangladesh and back to USA. His heart was still with EHA and in USA he created a EHA-USA to support the desires and plans of EHA in India. He was a Missionary doctor who was deeply committed to the Kingdom of God, building leaders, and constantly exploring ways of supporting the dreams and plans EHA India had!

Coming over to Chicago and staying with Becky and Howard and they coming over and staying with us in India – we as a family learnt much. His only desire was to be a servant of God in the context of what was happening in India. His memory and personal relationship with many people whom he had met, and then following up on them, was a great model for us. His passion for the Kingdom of God was contagious.

EHA as an organization, the Board, the hospitals, projects and staff, many of whom Howard knew personally, will miss him. May God be with Becky, the children, grandchildren and extended family as they grieve the loss of Howard.



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