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# Mina Fund Newsletter

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## Update from Broadwell

by Bill Bayer

When Dr. Thomas and his wife Sunitha arrived at Broadwell Christian Hospital in 2008, the 100 year old building lacked adequate infrastructure and was in a state of severe disarray.

Until April 2014, Dr. Thomas and Sunitha were primarily on their own, only occasionally joined by another couple or junior doctor. During this period, Dr. Thomas not only acted as a surgeon, but also managed obstetrics, gynaecology, ultrasound,

medicine, paediatrics & neonatology, anaesthesia and administration.

With your support, the Mina Fund helped Dr. Thomas expand surgical care and trauma services with a new orthopaedic and physiotherapy department, orthopaedics operating theatre, ENT, general surgery and obstetrics, an intensive care unit, and an emergency room.

The Orthopaedic and Physiotherapy outpatient block was constructed in 2015. At that time, Dr. Emil joined the hospital to lead the Orthopaedics department, along with Mr. Johan, the physiotherapist. Next, the Casualty/ICU building was built, to

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Broadwell completes a record 940 surgeries, made possible in part through financial support from the Mina Fund.

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# Broadwell Christian Hospital update

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free up space for the future operation theatre.

At the beginning of 2016, work on the operating theatre started by demolishing the roof of the main building. A nearly state-of-the-art ortho operation theatre was equipped with an operating theatre table, C-arm machine, good operating theatre lights, laminar airflow, and air handling units. Two more operating rooms were constructed, and renovation of the hospital's original operating theatre is now in its last phase.

2016-17 saw 940 surgeries completed at Broadwell - the largest number of operations in its history. Most of these surgeries were performed in the new operating complex,

which came online in August 2016. The new operating theatre complex has also markedly improved the quality of operations Broadwell is able to perform, and the number of orthopaedic surgeries continues to increase, as news of the availability of orthopaedics at the hospital spreads.

The Mina Fund is proud to continue more than a century of support for this hospital. Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from The Peterborough K. M. Hunter Charitable Foundation, the Mina Fund is close to our \$7,000 infrastructure goal for 2017. Your support of this goal will help purchase cardiac monitors and other critical equipment that Broadwell will use to save lives!

**Please donate to the Mina Fund today, at [minatrustfund.ca/giving](http://minatrustfund.ca/giving).  
Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for donations of \$25 or more.**

## Giving

by Alexandra Bayer

Alexandra Bayer, great-granddaughter of Dr. Mina, contributes a thought-provoking selection of poems about giving:

A MAN WITH A GIVING HEART  
CAN UNSETTLE AND UN-NERVE YOU.  
YOU THINK "WHAT'S HE SELLING?"  
HE ASKS "HOW CAN I SERVE YOU?"

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by Bill Bayer

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It takes only about \$1/day to change a life, so donation in any amount makes an impact!

### Have A Heart

Sometimes life can break a heart -  
it cannot stand the strain.  
But no one lives a life, we know,  
that does not have some pain.

There are so many people,  
so many broken hearts,  
needing just a little help -  
perhaps a few spare parts.

Your gift can save a mom or dad  
or help a child survive.  
You can mend a broken heart  
and keep someone alive.

Your life can keep on giving  
even when you're gone.  
You will go on living  
as someone else lives on.

You see, there are so many lives  
that you can help to mend.  
Be a gift. Have a heart.  
Be the one to save a life:  
your life will live again.

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