



Nurses in Remote Areas

This Senior Public Health Nurse and her husband and family, after years of struggle, were well established in this obviously remote area.

But not so the great majority of Nurses in the remote areas



Disengaging from the Battlefield of Strategies

Public transport is limited in the extreme, timings are not adjusted to accommodate Nurse's duty hours although this could easily be done. Nurses are denied hospital transport that is available for personal use, by other professional health workers.

Nurses are thus forced to walk many kilometers in the heat and the rains to fulfill their duties by day and night.

In the lushness of the natural physical environment there is a desert, a wilderness, a mountain, that has to be traversed by the hot weary feet of Nurses.

Nurses who, having organized family in their primitive home that lacks most of what is considered basic needs, before walking to the CHC or PHC. Then, after a full duty, retrace those steps to once again meet the needs of the family

The accommodation of most Nurses, and the majority of single Nurses, is not even basic, no doors on very substandard accommodation, no security and no company.

It takes much more than official and unofficial complaints, reports and reviews to bring justice into the Health Services and to achieve justice for Nurses even in a State like Meghalaya that has so much in its favour.

Nurses need the same kind of 'mission with a vision' that the IWEP (Integrated Women's Empowerment Program) and the NGO comprising the Young Women's Christian Association, Khasia Jantia Presbyterian Synod, Shillong and Garo Baptist Convention, who, among other achievements, have built a Working Women's Hostel as a basis for Women's welfare development for destitute – widows, orphans, deserted wives and women in distress.

Nurses in the remote areas must be strengthened, supported and sustained as women with recognized physical, mental, emotional and professional provision for their basic needs.

Nurses helping Nurses

Restore bridges by demolishing fear inducing stereotypes is one way in which each one can say with joy 'My utmost for His highest'.

