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Deborah Kilpatrick, Ph.D., R&D director in Cardiac Therapies, Abbott Vascular (formerly the Vascular Intervention group of Guidant Corp in Santa Clara,

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Sitting (from left) Ashok Zalpuri, sales manager, Primary Care; Denise Charts, regional manager, Foundation Financial Assistance Program; Pat Ames, manager, Foundation Global Outreach. Standing (from left) P.K. Tewari, district manager, Primary Care; and Rajeev Yadav, territory business developer.

employees. "Everyone we met was very gracious, and extremely passionate about the work they do," said Pat Ames, Clara Abbott Foundation Global Outreach manager. "Our visit reinforced for Abbott employees in India that we care about them and are here when they need us."

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Most recently, The Foundation visited several facilities in India where Abbott has approximately 1,000 employees. Representatives from The Foundation visited with commercial employees in Mumbai, manufacturing employees in Goa, and sales employees in Delhi and Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) to share The Foundation's mission, as well as to gain a better understanding of their operations and communication processes. In addition, The Foundation facilitated financial education classes, which were attended by more than 190

This year, The Foundation will visit 10 countries. In the next two months, their itinerary includes stops in Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Brazil and Peru. For more information about The Clara Abbott Foundation programs, visit <http://clara.abbott.com>.

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