

Greetings from President Herb!

Well, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Can you believe that we are already in the second month of 2009? I don't know where the time goes. By the way: Happy Valentine's Day!

CPFI is moving ahead - but not as fast as the calendar is moving. One of our bright spots is the number of students we have joining CPFI. This really started several years ago when Tom Robertson, University of Florida College of Pharmacy, Jacksonville Campus, started the Student Retreat in Orlando. He received help from Palm Beach Atlantic University and although Tom was not able to participate in the event last year, Mary Ferrill, Dana Brown, Lisa Brown and PBA students Stacy Carson, Shayna Prescott and Katie Reep from Palm Beach Atlantic University organized the event. Julie McDonald, one of the newest pharmacists on the Board, continually receives calls from pharmacy schools that want to start CPFI chapters. She volunteers to coordinate the student activities for CPFI all over the country. We are really growing with students. THANKS TO JULIE, MARY, DANA AND ALL FACULTY ADVISORS, AND STUDENTS.

CPFI needs some help recruiting pharmacists to be members of CPFI. I would like to see each member ask just two pharmacists to consider joining CPFI. We need the numbers to keep our office going and to continue our service to the stu-

Global Missions Health Conference November 12 to 14, 2009 Louisville, Kentucky

Join us in Louisville, KY from November 12-14 for one of the largest medical missions conferences in the world. Now in its 14th year, this conference draws over 2000 participants, including over 600 students from around the country. Continuing Education (CE) is available for pharmacists, in addition to other practitioners. For more details, see the website at: www.medicalmissions.com. dents and missionaries. More importantly, we need the pharmacists responding to God's call to minister to all of the patients that we come in contact with. Not only do we have a great annual meeting each year, but our journal and newsletter are filled with articles that inspire us to become better pharmacists through our relationship with God.

Our annual meeting this summer will be held Sunday, June 21 through Wednesday, June 24. Fred Eckel and Lisa Brown have developed a great program (see the insert along with the registration form) with all of our speakers giving talks on pharmacy subjects and how we can relate to serving patients through the knowledge of God, our Savior. This year we will be meeting at the Gregory School of Pharmacy at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. We will be staying in the dormitories and eating at the school cafeteria. It should bring back some good memories.

I look forward to seeing all of you who can come down to sunny Florida in June.

In Christ's Name, Herb Hames President, CPFI



CPFI Assistant Director Nena Lindrose Promoted to Administrative Director

Due to Nena's hard work and expanded responsibilities, her job title has been changed to Administrative Director. Please call or send Nena an e-mail to thank her for her continuing service to CPFI.

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GHO UPCOMING TRIPS:

GHO must have applications complete with all credentials, travel permission form, and waiver to be considered for acceptance to the trip.

DATES	LOCATION	SPCLTY/STATUS
Jan 17 - 30	Liberia	Trip is Closed
Jan 24 - Feb 7	Ecuador	Trip is Closed
Jan 29 - Feb 12	Ethiopia	Trip is Closed
Feb 7 - 21	Honduras	Urgent Need
Feb 14 - 22	Nicaragua	Urgent Need
Feb 28 - Mar 8	Haiti	Trip is Closed
March 6 - 15	Vietnam	
March 7 - 15	Nicaragua	Trip is Closed
Mar 14 - 22	El Salvador	Urgent Need
Mar 28 - Apr 5	Mexico	
April 2 - 13	Moldova	
April 11 - 18	Mexico	Ophthalmology Surgery
Apr 18 - 26	Nicaragua	
Apr 18 - May 2	Ecuador	OB-GYN Surgery
Apr 23 - May 4	Siberia	
May 14 - 28	Afghanistan	
May 21 - June 1	Siberia	
May 22 - June 7	Zambia	
May 23 - 31	Nicaragua	
May 27 - June 7	Zambia	
June 12 - 20	Ecuador	
June 19 - July 4	Zambia	
June 20 - 28	Nicaragua	
June 20 - 28	El Salvador	
July 18 - 26	Nicaragua	
July 18 - 29	Mexico	
July 28 - Aug 7	Burkina Faso	
July 30 - Aug 9	Ghana	
Aug 1 - 9	El Salvador	
Aug 8 - 16	Haiti	
Sept 3 - 14	Moldova	
Oct 17 - 25	Mexico	Urology Specialty Team
Oct 17 - 25	Guatemala	
Oct 24 - Nov 1	Mexico	OB-GYN Surgery and Clinic

GHO is no longer accepting applications for "closed" trips. *All trips welcome Physicians, Dentists, Pharmacists, Physician Assistants, Physical Therapists, Optometrists, Nurses, Techs, Students, Interpreters, and Non-Medical volunteers unless noted as a specialty team. For more information, call 423-844-1000 or email gho@cmda.org.

Faith Script Newsletter and Christianity & Pharmacy Journal Submission Deadlines

The deadlines for each edition of the newsletter and journal are listed below. We welcome articles with a Christian focus. Newsletter #1: Newsletter #2: Fall Journal: July 1

Newsletter #4:

September 1

- November 15 Spring Journal: December 1
- February 1 Newsletter #3: June 1

GHO HAS THE FOLLOWING **URGENT NEEDS:**

El Sembrador, Honduras Feb 7 - 21

Who: Primary Medicine & Dentistry, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Nurses & Logistics (non-medical helpers), 1 - 2 Pastors Status: Accepting applications Project Fee: \$1,350 plus international airfare (subject to change) Team Leader: Jack Shuler, DDS

Sebaco, Nicaragua Feb 14 - 22

Who: Primary Medicine & Dentistry, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Nurses & Logistics (non-medical helpers), 1 - 2 Pastors Status: Accepting applications Project Fee: \$1,200 plus international airfare (subject to change) Team Leader: Bill Sasser, DMD

San Salvador, El Salvador March 14 - 22

Who: Physicians and Dentists! Status: Accepting applications Project Fee: \$1,200 plus international airfare (subject to change) Team Leader: Ken Nippert

If you have any further questions, please contact GHO at (423) 844-1000 or gho@cmda.org.

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The Joy of Serving with CPFI Student Groups

By Julie Lynch McDonald, Pharm.D.

Over the past 1½ years it has been a sincere delight to observe the expansion of CPFI Student Affiliated Groups from 31 to 58, plus making contacts at an additional 23 campuses. Furthermore, student groups are no longer limited to the US, as we are communicating with a university in Thailand. However, the truly exhilarating part of working with student groups is the numerous stories of lives impacted, which is best communicated through sharing a few of their stories:

"CPFI is really getting off to a good start here. Several people have told me how grateful they are that we have this organization at school now and how the meetings are like the calm amidst the storm. I've had a couple people in the past week approach me and ask how they could join. One of them was eating her lunch in the same classroom where we were having a meeting and wanted to join after sitting in on it. That was really encouraging for me. We also started a prayer partner system where people could sign up and be randomly paired with another CPFI member to meet throughout the quarter to pray for/with them. I know for me at least, it has been a definite blessing getting to know the girl I'm paired up with." Amanda Davis Loma Linda University

"It was a blessing to be asked by students to be the advisor for the future CPFI organization. I realized a need for a Christian presence within the college, as some of our students are/were struggling in their courses and at home. Once the student approached me about it and started discussing CPFI with other students, I have noticed many faculty and students feeling great about the organization coming to life on our campus. I believe it will be an excellent opportunity for our students to get together and share God's word and know there is a support system out there of people who care about them." Candace Chelette University of Louisiana at Monroe

"Joining CPFI really changed who I am as a Christian. My faith used to be something very private to me that I rarely spoke about to anyone. I had no idea how to even begin talking to others about Jesus Christ and the changes that He made in my life. Through fellowship with faculty and fellow students at CPFI-hosted events such as Bible Study and other fun gatherings, I became comfortable discussing who I am in my faith and have grown so very much in my relationship with Christ as a result. Four years later, talking about Jesus is one of my favorite things to do!" Amanda M. Williams, Pharm.D. Wingate University graduate 2008 (Amanda is currently volunteering to assist student groups with a desire to host a state prayer breakfast).

"At the time that I became a member of CPFI, the pharmacy school that I attended did not have a student group. The Lord quickly put it on my heart and the hearts of two friends, Callista and Karen, to initiate a student chapter within our college of pharmacy. Therefore, my experience with student groups comes primarily from the development of an inaugural student group. Callista, Karen, and I worked hard to form bylaws and complete the necessary steps. We faced amazingly little opposition as God paved the way for our group to become official. Through all of this, my relationship with them deepened into a friendship that I greatly cherish. I have built memories with them that I treasure, and the common bond we share in Christ makes our friendship special. Their prayers and

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National Student Council

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By Julie Lynch McDonald, Pharm.D.

support have helped me through some difficult times, and I am so grateful that God brought them into my life. Since becoming a member of CPFI, I have seen amazing things come from large student groups, but our small group will always hold a special place in my heart." Lisa Brown, Pharm.D. Midwestern University at Glendale (Lisa is currently volunteering with a new initiative to reach out to recent CPFI student member graduates).

As student groups expand, the needs and opportunities develop as well. Recently, through the CPFI National Student Council, we asked for volunteers to serve as Student Regional Directors with the charge of facilitating communication between student groups within a region and seeking opportunities to collaborate on projects such as regional retreats/dinners, outreach projects and prayer breakfasts. Thus far, three students have volunteered: Janine O'Dea from University of North Carolina for the South-Atlantic Region, Amanda Davis from Loma Linda University for the South-West Region, and Johnna Dees from University of Houston for the South-Central Region.

Ways You Can Get Involved With CPFI

- Visit a local college CPFI student affiliated group
 Students truly value having professional members visit their group to provide guidance, ways to incorporate faith in your practice, and so forth
 - For more information contact Julie Lynch McDonald at Julie.CPFI@gmail.com
- 2. Host a prayer breakfast at your state pharmacy meeting
 For more information contact Mande Williams at mandepadg@yahoo.com
- Write an article for publication in the journal or newsletter
 - For more information contact Mary Ferrill at Mary_Ferrill@pba.edu
- 4. Share about the organization with your coworkers

As always, your prayers and dues are critical to CPFI!

Additionally, we are earnestly seeking professional CPFI members willing to serve as a guest speaker and/or mentor for a local student group. Students have a strong desire to interact with professional members and learn how they incorporate their faith in their practice and how to keep a balanced life. For more information email Julie.CPFI@gmail.com and please keep pharmacy students in your prayers!

Welcome Austin Andrew Brown to our CPFI Family



Austin was born January 8, 2009 at 10:42 am, weighing in at 7.7 Ibs and 20" to proud parents Dana and Greg Brown.

Revelations 3:8: I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

When God leads you to the edge of the cliff, trust Him fully and let go, only 1 of 2 things will happen, either He'll catch you when you fall, or He'll teach you how to fly! The power of one sentence! God is going to shift things around for you today and let things work in your favor. God closes doors no man can open and God opens doors no man can close. Have a blessed day and remember to be a blessing...