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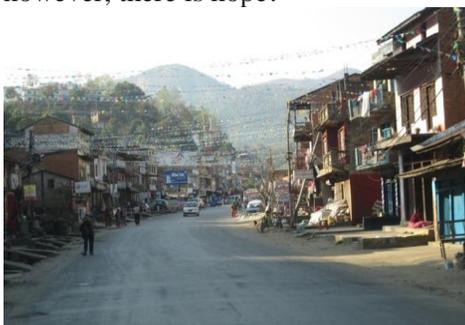
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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I, Send me!" Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

A message from the
President

"If you *really* believe what you say you believe is *really* real, your life would reflect it!" We pondered this statement and in the end, we bowed our knee before God and said- LORD, Love Through Us! – **Please join with us in this ministry!**

Nepal is a country nestled in between India and Tibetan China and is one of the world's poorest nations. Despite its small size and harsh mountainous landscape it is home to a very large population- 29 million people. Many factors play into the growing sense of hopelessness there, some being the lack of basic infrastructure, education, access to healthcare and the hopeless despair and emptiness of Hindu ritual, poverty, corruption and the caste hierarchy. This reality is hard to face day-in and day-out and its effects are taking a toll, especially for women who are the load bearers of this heavy weight. Recent studies in Nepal have shown that suicide ranks as the number one cause of death for women in their childbearing years. With Christ however, there is hope!



(Town off the Prithvi Highway between Kathmandu to Pokhara.)

A few years ago, God burdened our hearts for people who live in the "third world" setting, outside of easy access to medical care.



(Kathmandu from the air.)

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KEEPING PERSPECTIVE

I will be celebrating my 76th birthday this month. I once thought that age was ancient, but now I think of myself as middle-aged. It is all a matter of perspective. Is the right perspective also needed to live life as a Christian pharmacist? Yes, it is. Even as a lifelong Christian, I have found that growing old does not make it easier to maintain the right perspective on things. I still need to work at seeing and maintaining God's perspective; It is something that I work at constantly. Let me share several needed perspectives I am continuously re-learning.

My life is not about me, even when I am doing good things as a pharmacist. In Luke 10:20 (NIV) Jesus says, "However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven." Jesus reminded the disciples, as He reminds me as I read His word, that our focus needs to be on what God has done for me, not on what I do for God, even as a Christian pharmacist. I tend to focus on what I have done to make myself seem more important when the outlook I need is that it is all about God, not even a little bit about me. Even at my age I still have to work at keeping this perspective right.

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The more we explored this burden through short-term missions, the louder we heard His call to “Go”. Jeff is a clinical hospital based Pharmacist with a background in ED/ICU nursing and Kim is a Veterinarian. We have been appointed with World Venture for long-term service to Nepal and are seconded to International Nepal Fellowship as our in-country receiving agency. We have also partnered with MedSend, Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International, Christian Medical and Dental Associations and Christian Veterinary Mission.

In Nepal, we will begin our service by working at Tansen Mission Hospital in Tansen, Nepal where Jeff will be a consultant to physicians and nursing staff in the areas of medication therapy, health care promotion and disease prevention. A major goal of this ministry is to develop a residency program to teach Nepali pharmacists the application of their pharmacy education.

After the establishment of this program, we look forward to working in remote villages training rural individuals who are motivated and equip to be trained in human and veterinary “first aid response” and proper medication usage. With this training, they will be able to serve the people in their local area that are currently outside access to basic healthcare. Women’s support groups, literacy, nutrition and basic hygiene will also be incorporated. What a beautiful way to build trust, share the gospel message and provide hope through this very relational ministry.

A medical visa has been granted to us beginning August 1st. We are seeking like-minded individuals and organizations to be key financial supporters of this work, as we are unable to receive government funding for this ministry. Currently we are 30% supported and need to be at 100% funding before receiving the work visa. If you are interested in partnering with this ministry, please contact us at jktanguay@gmail.com or thetanguays.com.

Blessings,
The Tanguays



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Sometimes life can get difficult. Without sharing my many difficulties with you, I sometimes find myself jumping to the conclusion that God is not on the job; I’ve been abandoned. I Peter 4:12-13 says, “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed.” By changing your perspective, suffering can be seen as part of a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner. This viewpoint keeps us from losing faith, and instead grows our faith as we wait upon the Lord to do His work in us.

Working at maintaining the right perspective may be part of what Paul had in mind when he told the Philippians in Phil 2:12, “Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling”. Yes, our salvation is a gift but we still have to work at becoming more Christ-like. Keeping the right perspective on life helps me do that.

Fred M. Eckel, President



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CPFI welcome's articles with a Christian focus. If you are interested in contributing an article for possible publication in our journal, Christianity & Pharmacy, please submit your manuscript directly to the CPFI office or to the editor. The deadlines for the journal: Spring Journal, December 1; Fall Journal, July 1.

Short Term Foreign Mission Opportunities

CPFI partners with the Christian Medical and Dental Association, the Fellowship of Christian Nurses and the Fellowship of Christian Physician Assistants to send out short term medical teams through Global Health Outreach. The primary care teams are usually one or two weeks, and our goal is to have two pharmacists on each team. Below is a list of upcoming trips. For a complete list of the projects and dates, visit the GHO website which can be accessed from the CPFI website www.cpfi.org or the CMDA website www.cmda.org.

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects

<i>Jan 10 – 17, 2015</i> Nicaragua	<i>Apr 23 – May 4, 2015</i> Moldova
<i>Jan 23 – Feb 7, 2015</i> Cambodia	<i>May 8 – 23, 2015</i> Afghanistan
<i>Feb 7 – 15, 2015</i> Nicaragua	<i>May 16 – 24, 2015</i> Nicaragua
<i>Feb 20 – Mar 6, 2015</i> Ethiopia	<i>May 23 – 31, 2015</i> Honduras
<i>Feb 21 – Mar 1, 2015</i> Honduras	<i>Jun 6 – 13, 2015</i> Nicaragua
<i>Feb 28 – Mar 8, 2015</i> El Salvador	<i>Jun 13 – 21, 2015</i> Ecuador
<i>Feb 28 – Mar 8, 2015</i> Nicaragua	<i>Jun 13 – 21, 2015</i> El Salvador
<i>Mar 3 – 14, 2015</i> Tikapur, Nepal	<i>Jun 20 – 28, 2015</i> Nicaragua
<i>Mar 6 – 15, 2015</i> Vietnam	<i>Jun 20 – 28, 2015</i> Dominican Republic
<i>Mar 7 – 15, 2015</i> Honduras	<i>Jun 20 – 28, 2015</i> El Salvador
<i>Mar 13 – 22, 2015</i> Jordan	<i>Jul 11 – 19, 2015</i> Dominican Republic
<i>Mar 14 – 21, 2015</i> El Salvador	<i>Jul 11 – 19, 2015</i> Nicaragua
<i>Mar 21 -28, 2015</i> Haiti	<i>Jul 25 -Aug 2, 2015</i> El Salvador
<i>Mar 21 -29, 2015</i> Dominican Republic	<i>Jul 31 – Aug 15, 2015</i> Nairobi, Kenya
<i>Mar 21 -29, 2015</i> Nicaragua	<i>Aug 1 – 9, 2015</i> Nicaragua
<i>Mar 21 -29, 2015</i> El Salvador	<i>Aug 8 – 16, 2015</i> Nicaragua
<i>Mar 26 -Apr 6, 2015</i> Ukraine	<i>Aug 14 – 29, 2015</i> Sumba, Indonesia

The GHO website provides a link for each trip, the name of each team leader, and the estimated cost of each trip. You may apply on-line to participate in the trip of your choice or e-mail Keith Allhands, the Mission Committee Chair at kwa@dch.org for additional information.