

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." *Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)*

I thought it fitting that as we enter this season of Thanksgiving we look at Paul's prayer of thanksgiving for the church in Philippi. Every time he remembers this church, he offers to God thanksgiving because they brought him great joy. They had been a strong partner in spreading the gospel ever since they first met. I feel the same way about you. Our membership in CPFI has been so faithful in supporting our ministry as we seek to be a witness to the world through our daily walk with God and through the profession that He has allowed us to be a part of. For many of us this ministry has been an important factor leading us to

decide to follow Christ and has helped us to seek Him. This has allowed you to be a blessing to the patients you serve. Paul prayed, and so do I, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day that we are united with Christ.



The past 18 months have been an extremely challenging time for many healthcare professionals. We have often had to remain on the frontline of the battle with this current public healthcare crisis. We have worked above and beyond our normal comfort zone to care for our patients and provide vaccinations to keep the spread of COVID in check. I think many of us are all feeling exhausted. As Paul continued to pray in verses 7 and 8, so I pray for you, "It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus." You have done an excellent job and I commend each of you. At the same time, I long to gather with you to encourage you and share my love for you and for Christ. Gatherings are starting to occur and for that I am thankful. We have had several pharmacists participate in GHO trips that have started up with enhanced protection protocols and smaller teams. I am looking forward to seeing a few of you at the Global Health Missions Conference in Louisville in November. I am also absolutely thrilled that we will be able to join together in person for the annual CPFI conference at Bonclarken in Flat Rock, NC, in June. (Details on next page.)

November 2021

~A message from the President~

In Luke 6, Jesus tells us that when we put his words into practice, we are like someone building their house on rock. However if we do not put his words into practice, we are like someone building their house on sand. He goes on to describe what happened when the stream broke against each house. The house on rock "could not shake," but the house on sand immediately fell and had great ruin.

The storm did not skip the house built on rock. The stream rose to both houses just the same. But when it hit, the house on rock stood. Which foundation are you building your life on? When the storms hit, what foundation do you stand on? Jesus offers to be our trustworthy, reliable, solid ground through any storm.

Daniel J. Wilson, President

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 (NIV)



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CHRISTIAN PHARMACISTS FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL P.O. Box 1154 Bristol, TN, 37621-1154 Email: office@cpfi.org Toll free: 888-253-6885 It has been good that we have been able to utilize technology to remain in touch, but there is something special about fulfilling the instruction in Hebrews 10:25 to "not neglect the gathering together."

God has been so good to me this past year and I have so much to be thankful for. My mother is now at peace and in no more pain, once again with my father, and even though she is missed I am thankful for her homegoing. God continues blessing my family and even though my son continues to require special care, he brings so much joy to all who know him; I cannot help rejoicing in God's goodness. I think it is only fitting that I conclude with the next 3 verses of Paul's prayer for the Philippians: "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

God's richest blessings to each of you.

Ron Herman, Executive Director

Save The Dates! June 1 to June 5, 2022 CPFI 2022 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat



Bonclarken Conference Center 500 Pine Drive Flat Rock, North Carolina, 28731

National Student Retreat: June 1 to June 5, 2022 Annual Conference: June 2 to June 5, 2022 Registration opens Monday, January 3, 2022 Samaritan's Purse is looking for pharmacists!

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Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good. Pralm 107.1



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Sample of 2021 Annual Meeting Recordings

To enjoy a recorded sample of the online content from the 2021 Annual Conference, please click the following links. We hope these examples will cause you to consider joining us for next year's CPFI annual conference where we will meet in-person in Flat Rock, NC in June 2022. Readers who click on the links should be able to see the raw, recorded sessions in their entirety.

- CPFI 2021: Dr. Joy Greene: The Feeling of Belonging (Devotional Session) <u>https://media.cedarville.edu/Watch/m6X8Cja5</u>
- CPFI 2021: Dr. Daniel Hussar: New Drug Update https://media.cedarville.edu/Watch/Jz38GaAp
- CPFI 2021: Dr. Jake Grasser and Dr. Jeffrey Bates: A Pharmacist's Journey to the Mission Field: Samaritan's Purse https://media.cedarville.edu/Watch/Yo4i7BMq

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Publications

CPFI welcomes 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 <u>GHO website</u> which can be accessed from the CPFI website <u>www.cpfi.org</u> or the CMDA website <u>www.cmda.org</u>.

GHO has begun to resume scheduling of some trips after about 50 trips were cancelled this past 10 months. New safety protocols have been implemented and each trip participant will need to complete online training before being accepted to participate on a team. <u>Please note</u>, recent governmental restrictions may force the cancellation of some of these trips. Here is the upcoming schedule but be aware that some of these may still need to be cancelled:

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects	
Nov 5 – 13, 2021	<i>Mar 19 – 27, 2022</i>
Ecuador	El Salvador
<i>Nov 12 – 21, 2021</i>	Mar 31 – Apr 9, 2022
Athens, Greece	Eastern Europe
Jan 15 – 23, 2022	Apr 2 – 10, 2022
El Salvador	Nicaragua
Jan 21 – 29, 2022	Apr 22 – May 1, 2022
North Africa	Gambia
Feb 4 – 16, 2022	<i>May 7 – 15, 2022</i>
Northern Ghana	Nicaragua
Feb 12 – 19, 2022	May 28 – Jun 5, 2022
Nicaragua	Honduras
Feb 12 – 21, 2022	Jun 4 – 12, 2022
Bethlehem (Full)	El Salvador
Feb 12 – 26, 2022	Jun 10 – 24, 2022
Ethiopia	North Africa
<i>Mar 12 – 20, 2022</i>	Jul 23 – 30, 2022
Dominican Republic	Nicaragua
<i>Mar 12 – 19, 2022</i>	Jul 30 – Aug 7, 2022
Nicaragua	Honduras
Mar 19 – 27, 2022	Sep 9 – 18, 2022
Ecuador	Bolivia

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, <u>kwallhands@gmail.com</u> the Mission Committee Chair for additional information.

