

CPFI Annual Conference

Saturday, June 2, 2018, 2:00-3:00PM

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Title: "What a Pharmacist Learned from Teachable Moments in Africa"

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this presentation, the participants will be able to:

1. Identify new opportunities in pharmacy brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.
2. Recognize a "God Moment" when it happens in the midst of daily pharmacy activities.
3. Analyze an apparent pharmacy failure in order to see God's sovereign hand at work.

Let's look at each of these objectives in more detail:

1. **Identify new opportunities in pharmacy brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.**
 - a. Lost job at NanoSystems/Elan (5/2009)
 - b. Opened door for renewed mission activity with Plesion/CMML
 - c. HIV/AIDS project—TNT
 - d. Excellent results in 1 month
 - e. Hope is in our God! This is such an appropriate theme for our CPFI conference.
"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations!" (Charles Swindoll)
2. **Recognize a "God Moment" when it happens in the midst of daily pharmacy activities.**
 - a. Dr. Furaha refused DLA tablets for HIV; Dr. Daddy accepted them for malaria
 - b. Preliminary study with 120 malaria patients (4/2016)
 - c. Two specials cases published in *Phytomedicine*ⁱ
 - d. Plans for a 600-patient DLA/ACT clinical trial at Rwanguba Hospital, DRC
 - e. Hope is still in our God!
3. **Analyze an apparent pharmacy failure in order to see God's sovereign hand at work.**
 - a. Training, unexpected delays, security issues, clinical trial started (10/2017)
 - b. Unexpected failures with tablets & laboratory analyses; halted trial after 88 patients
 - c. DLA milling issues; failure to find gametocytes; need to change the research team
 - d. Waiting more than 6 months to get answers; decide whether to proceed and how
Don't ever pray for patience—God will send tribulation as His best means of teaching you patience! These times of waiting are never easy, but if we rush ahead of God in our own wisdom, then we are doomed to failure. Proverbs 3:5-6 are my life verses. Remember, God has not finished writing this last chapter!
 - e. Hope will always be in our God!

ⁱ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0944711317300570>