



CPFI Mission Committee Report June 03, 2021

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Short term mission projects:

Pharmacists and student pharmacists are being allowed once again go on short-term medical mission projects with Global Health Outreach (GHO) teams, college of pharmacy teams, and church teams. Global transportation restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have been eased. The number of short-term medical mission teams for 2021 will remain less than in pre-2019 years. Thanks to the CPFI members who are participating this year.

The journal, newsletter, and webpage continue to promote future GHO opportunities. The Mission Committee continues to offer scholarships for pharmacists and students who desire to participate in short-term outreach projects. While we made these funds known to those gathered during our National Student Retreat virtual meeting a year ago and have promoted this opportunity while meeting with students at Campbell University, Ohio Northern University, Mercer University, and the University of Arizona, we have not had any applicants to date this year for our scholarships.

Outreach resources:

The pharmacist's handbook manual for short-term medical missions, the *Best Practices* paper, prescription labels for copying, and a sample formulary, are all available on the CPFI website.

Some people after reading our website page that lists our beliefs might want to know more about how they can have a relationship with God. As a result, there is a link to a page that helps seekers have their questions answered, and then tries to help them come to Christ

(www.everystudent.com).

Support for our African Outreach:

Bob Watt reports: There has been no progress made in the past year in the pharmaceutical projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), (Hope Pharmacy Association and its model pharmacy, Hope Pharmacy Ituri-Bunia, and the malaria clinical trial using the natural plant *Artemisia annua* project). Paul Kabanga Kapuya and Bob work closely to follow-up on the various pharmacy projects. Paul was recently encouraged by some changes in the government to perhaps open the doors for some of the stalled projects, and to even add new dimensions to the projects via the CPFI-DRC chapter that he remains completely committed to. Paul and a counsellor to the DRC President (a Christian) are to have a meeting with the Minister of Health soon. Hopefully, this will result in the pharmacy projects finally being able to move ahead. Please pray for this meeting and God's Will to prevail. Bob is thankful for email, WhatsApp, and Zoom meetings with DRC medical and church colleagues.

Equipping pharmacists for outreach:

How often do you prescribe specific and appropriate doses of grace that may bring your patients a step closer to a right relationship with God? Many of us in healthcare struggle with guilt and inadequacy in this area. But there is hope.

Grace Prescriptions is designed to teach you to share your faith with patients in ways that safeguard the important ethical principles of respect, sensitivity, and permission. Originally taught in the popular *Saline Solution* course, these concepts are proven to be effective as thousands of lives have been transformed. *Grace Prescriptions* builds on this legacy. It is taught by co-authors Walt Larimore, MD, and William C. Peel, ThM. The program comes as an eight-DVD (14-Modules) with an instructor's manual and participant's manuals for small group presentations. Further information may be obtained from the CPFI or CMDA websites. If anyone has interest and would like help with a plan to keep the issue of personal outreach before each of us, please let myself or someone on the Mission Committee know.

Respectfully submitted, *Keith Allhands*, chair