



## **CPFI Mission Committee Report Nov. 12, 2020**

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### **Short term mission projects:**

We thankfully have continued to have pharmacists and student pharmacists go on short term mission projects with Global Health Outreach (GHO) teams, college of pharmacy teams, and church teams. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of short-term medical mission teams have been drastically less than in previous years. Thanks to the CPFI members who have participated this year. As the transportation industry opens up and new vaccines and approved COVID-19 treatment medications become available, we look forward to pharmacists, student pharmacists, and other servants serving in 2021.

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 this past June, and have promoted this opportunity while meeting with students at Campbell University, Ohio Northern University, and Mercer University, and a virtual meeting with students at 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](http://www.everystudent.com)).

## Support for our African Outreach:

Bob Watt reports: Due to rebel activities and political unrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), approvals for the pharmacy projects (Hope Pharmacy Association and its model pharmacy, Hope Pharmacy Ituri-Bunia) languish, awaiting necessary official signatures. The malaria clinical trial using the natural plant *Artemisia annua* research is being sabotaged by powerful forces preventing availability of inexpensive natural products which are effective in treatment of malaria, HIV/AIDS, TB, etc. This is discouraging, primarily because the very ones who are most in need cannot access these products. Bob is thankful for email and WhatsApp technology that helps maintain frequent contact with brothers and sisters in the church and medical communities. These faithful ones carry on in-the-midst of much uncertainty and even danger. Let us continue to pray for them.

## 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 put together 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