

Student Update

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Dr. Rick Sareca who contracted Ebola last year

2015 Global Missions Health Conference

The Global Missions Health Conference was an absolutely wonderful experience! At the conference I was able to meet a doctor who survived after being infected with Ebola while responding to the outbreak in Africa. I also listened to Dr. David Stevens speak about having 468 patients in a 100 bed hospital and having to decide which children would receive treatment and which would be left to die. Lastly, all in attendance were inspired as Aileen Coleman, an 85 year old nurse, spoke about continuing to work at a tuberculosis clinic in the Middle East that she and a colleague began over 40 years ago.

The theme of this year's conference was "Find Where You Belong". The point of emphasis that I took away from that was that we all have a mission field. Even if we are not called or unable to go overseas to serve as missionaries, nothing prevents us carrying out the Great Commission of Matthew 28:16-20 right here at home! So the question each Christian must ask themselves is not whether we will go, but where do we belong?

Hudson Taylor said, "The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed." I am grateful to attend a pharmacy school that provides students with the opportunity to obey the Great Commission.

I look forward to my summer mission trip to Dominican Republic and possibly returning to this conference in 2016.

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Operation Christmas Child

NATIONAL



COLLECTION

WEEK

2015



Operation
Christmas
Child



THE PROCESS:

Step 1: Choose a gender and age

Step 2: Fill with gifts

Step 3: Pray for the child that receives your gift

Step 4: Donate \$7 and receive a tracking label to follow your gift

Step 5: Drop your shoebox gift off at a drop-off location

Don't have time to run to the store build your shoe box online at:

www.samaritanspurse.org

Challenge your Chapter to get involved

**Tell us all about it!
#ChristmasCPFI**

Outside Our Comfort Zone: Student on Mission to Honduras



Often times the Holy Spirit presents us with opportunities to step outside of our comfort zone and trust him, such an opportunity presented itself this past spring for one of my Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE) – an indigent care rotation that included a medical mission trip to Honduras. I was unsure and nervous about the opportunity because I do not speak Spanish and I had never been out of the country for a mission trip. But through much prayer I was certain that this was where the Holy Spirit was guiding me. So, I hopped on a plane with my preceptor on August 1st and began an incredible weeklong journey. Through the non-profit organization, Shoulder-to-Shoulder, a brigade team is sent twice a year for the people of Guachipilincinto to receive medical care. Our team consisted of professionals from family medicine, physical therapy, infectious disease, and pharmacy. We held morning clinics and afternoon home visits, providing care to approximately 110 children and 130 adults.

Throughout the week, two words personified themselves to me: humility and graciousness. The people of Guachi have very little, but they showered us with overwhelming hospitality and gratitude – giving when they barely had enough to survive, waiting hours to be seen and then shedding tears out of pure gratitude when we provided Tylenol for their back pain. It was a beautiful thing to see and receive God’s love and grace through a community that I would have never encountered, had I not stepped outside of my comfort zone and followed the Holy Spirit’s lead.

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Upcoming Events

National Collection Week

When: November 16 – 22, 2015

Where: At your chapter or online

Regional Meetings:

What: North Pacific Regional Retreat

When: January 8 – 9, 2016

Where: Loma Linda, CA

*Check with your regional director to find out if your region is hosting a retreat and for information on location

2016 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

When: June 8 -12, 2016

Where: Springmaid Beach, SC

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