

Student Update

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**CPFI 2014
National Student
Retreat and Annual
Conference**
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CPFI Annual Conference: South Carolina Edition

Friendship, Fellowship, Knowledge and more!

I see no better way to spend one week of your summer other than surrounded by students and professional members of the practice of pharmacy who believe in and serve the same almighty God that you serve. This is exactly what happened at the



CPFI Annual Conference and National Student Retreat. From day one of the Student Retreat, friendships were being formed spanning more than 12 states and 16 colleges of pharmacy; from Maryland to Texas, and Minnesota or North Dakota all the way to Florida! Before we gathered in the Springs Ballroom for our first talk on "Joy in Humility" you could see old friends rushing up and greeting each other in the parking lot with huge smiles and even bigger hugs.

Our mornings opened with praise and worship (lead by some of our talented CPFI members). The energy created by the hearts of the gathered students was palpable and incredibly moving. I



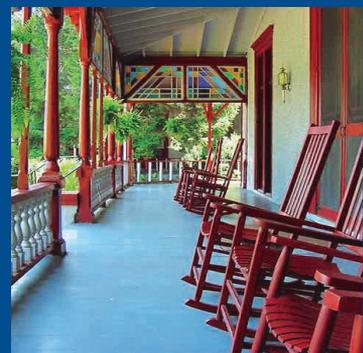
thought it would be tough for the speakers to follow after that, but every one proved me wrong! We were blessed to have speakers from many different backgrounds and professions come together to share not only their testimony, but also words of wisdom that we may never have heard otherwise. We heard from pharmacists, both retired and active, a physician, the Executive Director of the Fellow-

ship of Young Christian Professionals, and even some pharmacy professors. Each talk had a depth to it that made it impossible to not see God speaking through each of these people, directly to the students.

One of the perks of being in Myrtle Beach for this retreat was that, just steps from your hotel room, you could be waist deep in the Atlantic Ocean. Many students took full advantage of this and spent many breaks playing soccer, throwing Frisbees, catching some rays, or just floating and relaxing in the ocean, enjoying the gift of our wonderful Creator. But I believe the shining moment of this conference, and a favorite of many students, was gathering with the professional members on the last night to worship together on the beach. What made it so special, was that as we sang, "Your grace abounds in deepest waters," you could look out to the ocean and see the truth behind the words, then look up at the stars and be in awe of his splendor. I look forward to seeing everyone again next year and meeting new students and pharmacists that want to share in the love of our amazing, incredible God.



Austin Greanias
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Join us in Flat Rock this June for fellowship, networking, high rope, worship, and much more. The program will be released by the next newsletter. Looking forward to seeing YOU there!



BIBLE SMUGGLER

CONVERT OPERATION

The Bible Drive is Back On!

Congratulations to the Southeast Region (Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina) on winning the Bible Drive Competition for 2014! That region has been awarded a \$200 scholarship from CPFII to go towards a regional retreat for this school year. The National Student Council of CPFII has challenged regions to continue the competition for this next year and we encourage your chapter to get involved. The Bible Drive was started by one of our members as a way for us who have been given so much, to give to those who have so little.

Every Sunday morning the crowd heads to church, ready to engage in this week's sermon. The Pastor begins his sermon by asking the congregation to pull out their Bible, be it a hard copy, an electronic version on their Kindle, or smart phone. He proceeds to read a passage that he will later expand upon and challenge the people to apply in their daily living. Now, picture this day a little differently, like Reverend Richard Wurmbbrand, a pastor in Romania during the Communist reign, would have. Churches were old factory buildings, the basement of a fellow

believer's house, a deserted alleyway, or anywhere that was out of sight of the police force patrolling the streets. The sermon was preached not from a Bible, or any written scripture, but from the memory of one brave volunteer who chose to speak out against government control for his Lord and Savior. Rev. Wurmbbrand recounts the struggles of serving God during this time of persecution in his book titled *Tortured for Christ*. At the end of his story he presents a call to action for lukewarm Christians of the Western world. He challenges us to help our fellow believers — first through prayer and second through sending the written word to Christ followers of the oppressed nations overseas.

That's where the organization "The Voice of the Martyrs" (VOM) comes into play. This organization has partnered with many underground churches and is willing to be the feet of Jesus as they deliver these restricted words into hostile territory. So what does all of this mean to you as a Christian pharmacy student? It means that we want to help this organization collect more Bibles than VOM knows how to handle.

Who is CPFII?

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFII) is a worldwide ministry of individuals working in all areas of pharmaceutical service and practice. Our mission is to serve Christ and the world through pharmacy.

Our core values are to:

- Provide fellowship among like-minded professionals
- Challenge and promote spiritual growth
- Encourage the advancement of knowledge and ethics in the practice of pharmacy
- Encourage evangelism and the integration of faith into practice, and
- Provide support and opportunity for service in both home and foreign missions.

How to Enter the Contest:

The basis of starting a successful Bible Drive is understanding why you are doing it. If it is not in your heart, then you will have difficulty convincing others to contribute. Let's start with an easy step-by-step process of how to get your local church or other groups involved with your Bible Drive.

Step 1: PRAY!!!! This sounds simple enough, but as followers of Christ we have to truly listen to God. He will lead you to the find right group, to email the right person, and eventually to know His will for your Bible Drive.

Step 2: Learn more: As pharmacy students I understand that you don't have much time to go out and read for pleasure and do research on non-school subjects, but I promise you will be changed after reading this book. *Tortured for Christ* by Rev. Wurmbbrand is a very short book that can be ordered for free from the [website](#). Towards the end of the book he lays out what Western civilizations can do to help out the more than 50 restricted nations that are not allowed read the Word and let His love soak in daily.

Bible Drive How-to Continued:

Want to see your chapter spotlighted in the next newsletter?

Email

NSC.chairperson@gmail.com with information on your most recent chapter project!

Remember to book Guest Speakers!

Log on to your CPFI account and under the "Student Center" tab is a section labeled "Guest Speakers" where you can search for a speaker by regions. If a speaker you have hosted would like to speak at other universities, direct them to the same page where they can submit information to be available to other students.

Check it out [here](#)

We Need More Submissions!

If you have something you or your chapter would like to share with all of CPFI please submit your ideas to NSC.chairperson@gmail.com

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And the rest of the NSC

Step 3: Communicate: Tell a friend about this project, as a test drive for Step 4. Do not try to convince them based on factoids and numbers you've seen. Rather, let them feel your passion for our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than we are.

Step 5: Keep praying: You may not receive a response right away, or may receive a response that individuals are unable to help you. Neither of these means that you are done. They may be able to direct you to another organization in your city that can help or it may lead you to a discussion with them that opens their eyes to problems happening outside of their community.

Step 4: Contact your local church. If your church has an office with an email address, send them an email that lays describes your project (i.e. what organization you are with, what we would like to do, who it will affect, and how they can help.) Should they contact you and agree to help you, they can either donate at the [VOM website](#) or send the Bibles to the Voice of the Martyrs headquarters at:

VOM
1815 SE Bison Rd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Thank you in advance for helping your brothers and sisters in Christ.

-Austin Greanias
NSC Chairperson

The winning region will receive \$200 towards a Regional Retreat!

Keep track of your numbers and submit them to your regional directors when you get confirmation of the Bibles being sent out. You can find your regional director [here](#). If you have any questions or would like a template email, please do not hesitate to contact me at NSC.chairperson@gmail.com. God bless and we thank each and every one of you for getting involved.

Interested in Missions? CPFI and CMDA have you covered.



CPFI partners with both the Global Health Outreach (GHO) and now the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA) to provide both students and professional members with opportunities to do mission work all over the world. Following the link [here](#), or looking at the postings on the CPFI website, will lead you to the CMDA page where there is a list of locations where help is needed. The CPFI Membership committee is working on getting joint accounts for CPFI members who are registered nationally, which would greatly increase the opportunities available to all of the students who are interested.

You will not be able to leave a mission field unchanged, and there are many fellow students and professional members who can speak to that truth. A mixed medical and non-medical team traveled to Haiti (Including some CPFI students and professional members!). They were only there for 10 days, but one student said that while he was there, God chipped away at the weak parts of his Christianity, molding and forming him according to His plan. The people of Grand Goave were very receptive to the mission team and served us just as much as we served them. It is difficult to understand the true meaning of sacrifice until you see an elderly woman, who seems too weak to stand on her own, rise up and offer you her chair. God has provided life for these people, and they are so thankful for every second of it. We challenge you to share that joy with them. Go, serve, and be the soldier of the Lord that every Christian is called to be!

(More information about the next step can be found on pg 5 in the Global Missions Health Conference article)

Congratulations to the 2014-2015 National Student Council (NSC)



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YOU... Can be part of the NSC too!

If you are part of the **Northeast Region, Rocky Mountain Region, Great Lakes Region, or the North-Pacific Region**: You should consider applying for regional director. Find your region [here!](#)

Contact Kelly Niedzwiecki for more information or apply [here.](#)

Let's get this semester started off right!

Here is a sample timeline to get your Fall Semester rolling:

August

- Recruit incoming students
- Kick off BBQ/get together

September

- Chapter Fund-raiser

October

- Operation Christmas Child collection week
- Service Event

November

- Global Missions Health Conference

December

- Operation Inspiration

The SAC and NSC share some of their favorite verses:

Philippians 4:6

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done.

James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Isaiah 40:31

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

John 16:33

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

Proverbs 12:1

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

The Next Big Thing! Global Missions Health Conference

November 6th-8th
Southland Christian Church
Louisville, KY

This was my first time and Manasseh's second time attending the GMHC in Louisville, KY. It was an absolutely wonderful experience! The worship sessions and plenary speakers were great and it was very nice to see Christian health care professionals coming together with the same heart, same mind, and for the same purpose. I was just amazed at the turn out. I did not expect that there would be so many Christians involved in the medical field with a passion to reach the lost and hurting for Christ through faith and medicine. They were not interested in just meeting physical needs alone, but spiritual needs as well. And the fellowship was so encouraging. There was even a time for just pharmacists and pharmacy students to hang out and network.

Some of the breakout sessions we attended were: Cultural Aspects of Clinical Care in Asia; Strategic Prayer and Stories/Tools from an 11-year Journey in Asia; Pharmacy Discussion Group; Assessing and Addressing Spiritual Needs of Patients; and Beyond Medicine – what else you need to know to be a Healthcare Missionary. These sessions definitely help to build personal, spiritual, and professional life for future mission work.

Manasseh: I really enjoyed listening to the plenary speakers as well. In the first session, Dr. Fikkert spoke about doing short missions without causing long term harm. He said that we should not go on a mission trip as if we were going on a vacation and that our experience should not be at the expense of those we serve. Dr. Fikkert also talked about poverty and how we, as Americans, tend to have an incorrect definition of it. Poverty is not just a lack of material things, but also the presence of a spiritual and psychological deficit. Our understanding of poverty here in the United States is material-based, but rather poverty is the result of broken relationships and, by this definition, we ourselves could also be considered as poor. Poverty is the combined result of economic, political, social, and religious failure. Our relationship with God, others, and ourselves is the driving force and the determining factor as to whether we thrive or not.

Grace: I think my favorite part of the conference was one of the sessions I attended about prayer. The speaker was a lovely spirit filled lady, Mrs. Kelly P. She and her family had recently moved to a previously hostile, small, Asian island nation for missionary work of spreading the gospel. I say previously because every missionary attempt to bring the gospel before had been met with physical violence, aggression, and even death. Kelly explained how they had prayed for God to move on the hearts of these people for 5 years before they felt led by the Lord that it was time to make contact with them. When they finally made contact after those 5 long years of preparation through prayer they were met with joy, relief, and a willingness to learn. The people were so glad to see foreigners and even invited them to stay! This was a shock! It was all because villagers had been having dreams of a man called Jesus and in the dreams He said foreigners would come and help them and tell them about

Him. She then invited us to pray for each other and for her new home. To pray in preparation for the things that God had for us to do, things that He had placed on our hearts. I cannot describe how precious that prayer time was and how sweet the Holy Spirit was in that place. God is and was so good!

I really saw through that session how important a foundation of prayer is even before we begin the good work of Christ. It does not matter whether it is school, a job in community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, or even missions. I loved GMHC so much! It definitely ignited my heart with an even deeper desire to serve for missions both state side and overseas.

Both Manasseh and I are excited about this upcoming year and we invite you to pray with us for the upcoming 2014 GMHC and for what God has in store for those of us who will be able to attend!

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