

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

I read the article, "Emergency Contraception: Available Over-the-Counter?" in your July/Aug, 2003, newsletter. You stated in the article that Plan B (levonorgestrel) "prevents" pregnancy 89 percent of the time and that Preven "prevents" pregnancy at least 75 percent of the time. The correct term is not "prevents", but should be "aborts" pregnancy. You specifically stated elsewhere that these agents prevent implantation of an embryo. Thus, these agents abort pregnancies, not prevent them. Even Christians can be misled by the use of improper terminology.

Frank Nice

Editor's Note: We excerpted this article and printed their definitions "as is". The words "prevent pregnancy" have been used in publications with respect to the use of Preven and some other "morning after" products. Thanks for your comments.

Tom Bonifield's Latest Missions Trip News: Honduras—to Stay!

God is in the process of putting together my third section of 20 year segments in my life. The first as a drugstore owner (1956 to 1976); a short interval for preparation and the second as a bivocational church planter (1980 to 2000); another short interval and the third as a missionary pharmacist (2004 to 2024) at which time at the age of 96, I'll consider retiring!!

I will be arriving in Honduras the first week of January, 2004, if all goes well to stay as a missionary pharmacist. God has been opening doors right and

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CPFI: What a Great Bunch of Godly People!

By Annette Villanueva

I thought the Annual Meeting was going to feature a bunch of stuffed-shirt, boring pharmacists. (I've never been around Pharmacists before and I had a misconstrued preconceived idea about them.) I didn't know what to expect as this would be my first opportunity to attend a CPFI event. I had come on staff with CPFI in Nov., 2002. My friends from school, with whom I attend three classes a week, said, "Have fun on your vacation". I replied "It's not a vacation; it's a working trip".



Annette Villanueva

Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs Update

1. CPFI needs people to lend a hand at the Annual Meeting in

Colorado Springs next summer. Please e-mail Norma (ROBINSON@esumail.emporia.edu) if you are interested.

2. Interested in a CPFI polo-type shirt? We are taking orders for CPFI logo shirts to be delivered at the Annual Meeting. Please specify SIZE (S-3XL), and color (Royal Blue, Black, White, Purple, or Stonewashed blue) and send your check for \$22.50 for each shirt to Allan Sharp at CPFI, P.O. Box 449, Blountville, TN 37617-0449.

But after I arrived in Myrtle Beach, SC, for the Annual Meeting, it didn't seem like work. And the stuffed-shirt, boring pharmacists I thought I would meet were actually very warm, friendly, and loving. I knew God had a purpose for me there, but I didn't know what it was until after I got there and started meeting the pharmacists, their families, and even the workers and guests of the hotel. Remember we were always told not to judge a book by the cover—well, it is very true.

I've had people say "no wonder you're so thin". They would see that I wasn't eating very much, or they would see me drinking my Slimfast (which I drink for the protein and vitamins). Actually, this is

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MISSION MOMENTS

Prayer Request for CPFI of Nigeria

Wilson Erhun, Ph.D., FPCPharm, national president of the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship of Nigeria, asks for prayer for the group. They are asking that fellow CPFIers pray for the group's ministries of dispensing medicines and that the Lord provide the funds and means for future harvesting of souls. The group also asks for prayer for all of its future missions endeavors.

Haitian Medical Mission Task Force Seeks Pharmacist for Spring Missions Trip

The spring of 2004 is the next missions trip on the schedule of the Haiti Medical Mission Task Force. This organization needs a pharmacist to join its missions expeditions to Haiti, which are undertaken several times a year. The team already includes physicians, nurses, engineers, teachers, administrators, students, pastoral care, and even good hand holders. The team has not included a pharmacist in the past, but is seeking one, according to Cynthia Calhoun, secretary for the Mission Task Force. The team went this past fall,

and is looking forward to the spring trip.

"Locally, we are trying to collect 50 white, twin bed sheet sets and 100 poly cotton towels for Hospital Ste. Croix in Leogane, a 120-bed hospital just south of Port-au-Prince. The conditions there are dire," explains Cynthia. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Also, Cynthia suggests that if you live near a Bed, Bath and Beyond store, you might want to purchase and send gift certificates that the Task Force can use to buy linens for the mission effort. Donations should be sent to The First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, MI, with Haiti Mission-HSC on the memo line. The following includes the full address to which you can send your donation:

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

If you have questions, feel free to e-mail: either Cynthia at cinbrumar@aol.com or Bob Snyder at bobsnyder1@compuserve.com.
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WHAT A GREAT BUNCH

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the first time in my life, other than as a baby, that I have been this thin. I used to weigh over 333 pounds, and I have lost 200. It wasn't easy, nor was it painless. But I have suffered with obesity and morbid obesity most of my life. With God on my side, and the help of my husband of 17 years, I was able to lose weight. I have dieted, exercised, and had two surgeries to help accomplish my weight loss. Since my first surgery in 1996 to lose weight, I had to change the mental image I had of myself. I still saw myself as a very large person who had trouble sitting under a booth at a restaurant. My eating habits had to change also. I still like most of the same foods, but now I know and understand my limits.

I believe God has given me a heart for people who are overweight because I can relate and understand the feelings that being overweight bring. My weight loss began when the Lord showed me how to start focusing on others rather than myself. I began to pray for those I knew who were struggling with their weight and trying to lose. Now, I want to encourage those who have tried to lose weight but have failed.

We have to believe that all things are possible with God and to ask Him to help and guide us concerning a weight problem.

Now...back to the Annual Meeting. I met the most fascinating people. There were people of different nationalities, different denominations, and people of all ages who attended. Through spending time with one of the pharmacists, Anita, the Lord showed me part of the reason I am working here at the CPFI office. I wanted to cry at that moment because I had so much to thank God for my job.

The Lord opened the door at CPFI to give me a rest from all the stress and heartache I had suffered in the past from previous jobs. I feel I have a great job, great boss, and wonderful board members here at CPFI. I pray that with God's help, I will do the best that I can to fulfill my part here with CPFI. I hope others will express, in our Newsletter, Journal, or Website, their experiences with the Annual Meetings. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance or pray with you at 1-888-253-6885 or e-mail me at office@cpfi.org.

I would like to be a Balanced Budget Buddy (BBB) so that CPFI can continue its work.

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— Earle Barton, Treasurer for CPFI

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left with amazing rapidity, so that there is no question. I WILL be on the mission field just 2 months before my 76th birthday!!! PRAISE GOD!!!!

Daughter Pam is still stable: i.e., the bone tumor count had been dropping for the past few months, and her lungs are clearer than they have been in over the last 6 months. There was no drop in the tumor count this past month, so she is "STABLE". She still functions well, for about a 12 hour day, but still needs plenty of rest. Still very active in teaching Jr. Church, and a younger group of children on Wednesday nights.

She also serves as a much needed medical advisory to our Senior Citizens. Her youngest, Brett, who will be 18 in January, has one more year of high school. Then, he will be off to college. He went with his mother and myself on the May mission trip to Culmi, Honduras; he got so excited about missions that he is going on a missions trip in February, 2004, with Ron Brown as the leader. This one is a "prison mission trip", and should be a real eye-opener for Brett.

My compliments to David Vitt on his article "Laying down our desires for the Lord." In the most recent Faith Script, his

Scripture references were appropriate, yet my preference on that is found in the Gospel of Luke 9:23, "Then He said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross DAILY and follow Me."

His insight into Scriptural meaning "To pick up your cross daily means to lay down your very life daily" makes a very clear and understandable invitation to all who desire to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Yes! And follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ WHEREVER that may lead. (Ouch! I'm still quaking as I continue to make my plans into an unbelievable future.)

I was given the privilege of preaching recently. The title of my message? Just the Scriptural location: Heb 13:5: Let your CONVERSATION be without COVETOUSNESS, and be CONTENT "with such things as ye have. A = a negative", or "without"; phil = from philos or brotherly love, in this case a humanistic love; and arguros = elemental silver. Hence, let your very mind be without a humanistic love for elemental silver: a much deeper meaning than "greedy for money" or "covetousness". Basically, as David Vitt said, "lay down all your desires": i.e., "your very life and follow our Lord Jesus Christ as you take up your cross daily!"

Thank you David for your delving into God's Holy Word for a Sunday School lesson that we all need to hear over and over.

May the grace, mercy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
In His Service: Tom

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PRAYER REQUESTS

We received the following request from a new prayer warrior, Jessie W Dzvimbo:

"Pray for women and children affected or infected by HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe. Pray that God provides for them both physically and spiritually.

Pray for all orphaned children living in the streets or on their own for God to raise up spiritual mentors and provide all their needs." Many of you who attended the Annual Meeting remember the report by Ron and Bev Herman about their trip to Africa. The average life span of Africans is 37 1/2 years. Perhaps in this third world country lies one of the highest priorities of mission work to save souls.

NEW FEATURE!! ANSWERED PRAYERS!

My prayer for a part-time pharmacist position in a Christian environment has been answered. I will now have more time for my two-year-old daughter and the family farm while working for a Christian pharmacy manager/owner. It's wonderful how God works in our lives. Praise the Lord!

—Naye Hansen



Global Health Organization Mission Trip Calendar

Contact The Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA) for more information at www.cmdahome.org.



You can also contact Ronald Herman, ronherman@mchsi.com or Andy Anderson, rdandy1@cfw.com to learn more about short-term mission trips.

2003-2004 Upcoming Project Schedule

Nov 15-30, 03
Aparri, Philippines
Needs CRNA, Anesthesiologist

DEC 6-14, 03
Taulabe, Comayagua, Honduras

JAN 10-24, 04
Addis, Ethiopia

JAN 17-24 04
San Cristobal, Chiapas, Mexico
Urology Specialty

JAN 17-31, 04
Cuenca, Ecuador
Surgery

JAN 22-FEB 7, 04
Ghana
Ophthalmology

JAN 23-31, 04
Valladolid, Mexico
Orthopedic Specialty

FEB 7-15, 04
Honduras
Prison Ministry - No minors

FEB 13-22, 04
Suriname
Prison Ministry - No minors

FEB 14-28, 04
El Sembrador, Honduras

MAR 6-13, 04
Palenque, Mexico
ENT Specialty

MAR 12-21, 04
Hanoi, Vietnam
Needs Dentists

MAR 13-21, 04
El Paraiso, Honduras

MAR 13-21, 04
San Salvador, El Salvador

MAR 19-27, 04
Chimborazo, Ecuador

MAR 27-APR 4, 04
Valladolid, Mexico

MAR 27 - APR 9, 04
Cameroon

APR 14-26, 04
Moldova

APR 24-MAY 2, 04
Cartagena, Colombia
Prison Ministry- No Minors

APR 24-MAY 2, 04
Talaube, Honduras

NEWS NOTES.....

Gerry Murphy had changed his e-mail address. The new address is gmurphy104@cfl.r.com. If anyone wants to contact him on the issue of expiration dates of pharmaceuticals, please e-mail him at this address.



A warm welcome to the CPFI board members, both new and current, for the 2003-2004 year. The board members were voted in during the annual meeting at the Springmaid Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach in June.

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