



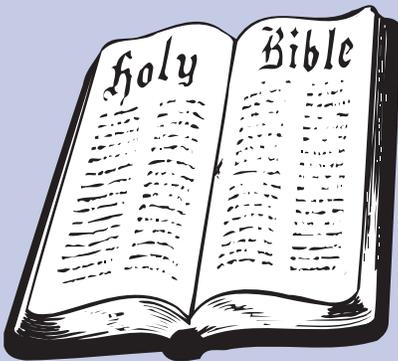
MISSION MOMENTS

Thanks for your prayers! We had a team of 20 people plus local translators who served over a thousand patients last week in Taulabe, Honduras. The local pastors worked in unity to share the gospel with each patient, and there were 89 decisions for Christ! We will never know the full impact of our time there, but CMDA-GHO is going back to Taulabe in April so we may learn more then.

Each team member was affected as well, with the Spirit working through the differences in culture and meeting so many new people.

The Lord uses everyone involved, whether those who pray or those who go. Many thanks to Don Belt and your prayer warriors for supporting us while we were there!

In Christ,
Sandy Sperling, Pharm.D.



In the news...

Eckerd Corp. has taken disciplinary action against a pharmacist who refused to fill a prescription for emergency contraception for a rape victim, the Associated Press reports.

Gene Herr says he refused to fill the prescription because he believed it violated his religious beliefs and was later fired by the company. He says the company also fired two other pharmacists who refused to provide her with the contraception at a Texas pharmacy.

The incident took place on January 23rd, 2004 at an Eckerd drug store in the Dallas suburb of Denton.

Eckerd spokeswoman Joan Gallagher said she could not give details of the disciplinary actions, but that the pharmacist had violated company policy.

"A pharmacist is obliged to fill a prescription if it is a valid, legal prescription," she said. "We do not make exceptions for any moral, religious or ethical concerns with regard to filling the prescription."

Protesters, carrying signs reading "Got Raped? Let someone else help you" and "Rape violates my morals," have been picketing the store this week.

Kathryn Allen, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of North Texas, said the situation could have been avoided if hospitals in the state mandated emergency contraception in sexual assault cases. Other states stipulate that hospitals must make emergency contraception available to victims of sexual assault, but Texas does not.

The rape victim was able to have her prescription filled at another pharmacy in the area, they said.

Eckerd is owned by Texas-based retailer J.C. Penney Co. .

One of our readers sent the following note:

Attention all Medical Professionals: Please take a moment to contact Eckerd's regarding the recent firing of three pharmacists in Texas who refused to fill prescriptions for the abortifacient morning-after pill". The religious rights of these men of good conscience must be protected! You may contact Eckerd by going to: <https://www2.eckerd.com/msgToCustServ.asp> You are then asked to fill in a brief security contact info questionnaire and then you may proceed with your message. PLEASE LET THEM KNOW WE WILL BOYCOTT THEM NATIONWIDE! Sample of the letter we sent is below.

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ANSWERED PRAYERS!

Ron and Bev Hermann and Allan and Helen Sharp had a successful mission trip to Ethiopia in January. Praise God that lives were touched and seeds planted!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June 11-16, 2004 - CPFI Annual Meeting celebrates 20 years of fellowship! Headquartered at Glen Eyrie Resort in Colorado Springs, CO, the meeting features 12 hours of CE in addition to family activities, food and prayer. Invitations to the meeting were mailed in February. Please call the CPFI office if you would like further information.

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.

2004 Upcoming Project Schedule

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

MAY 14-28
Shenyang Province, China



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