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## 2005 Annual Meeting Highlights



This year's 18th Annual CPFI meeting started off with a bang, or should I say band? We were blessed to have the band, Decision perform for us at the Sunday evening service. The band members included Wayne Canipe, Eric Taylor, Brian Key, Randy Burress

and Matthew Warren (a pharmacy student at Wingate University). They played both contemporary and traditional Christian music. We are so thankful to the band for their awesome music as well as their generosity because they played for free and performed to perfection! A love offering was taken after the service to help pay their travel expenses. The concert was followed by an ice cream social.

There were approximately 95 pharmacists, students and technicians registered for the meeting and about 200 total in attendance with family members. Monday morning started with stimulating CE topics, and followed with a night at the Dixie Stampede. The closing banquet was held on Tuesday

night followed by singing hymns on the beach. I recommend that you mark your calendars now for next year's meeting in Myrtle Beach on June 9 to 14, 2006.

We had a total of 20 pharmacy students in attendance from the following schools: North Dakota, Kentucky, Wingate, West Virginia, South Carolina, and Palm Beach Atlantic. It was great to spend time with such young, energetic, and bright students! A student collection was taken at the banquet to help sponsor students to attend the annual meeting next year. Thanks to the CPFI members' contributions, we were able to give each student \$50 to help with their cost of the meeting this year. We would like to provide more to the students for next year. If you would like to contribute to the student fund, please send a check to CPFI and write "student" in the memo section. All money collected will be distributed to students who attend the annual meeting next year. Thank you for your willingness to invest in the future of CPFI.



## Dare You to Move: CPFI Student Retreat in Orlando!

By Tom Robertson

Calling all pharmacy students and advisors! Plan to join us in Orlando, Florida on September 9 - 11, for the 2005 CPFI Student Retreat. The retreat promises to provide opportunities for fellowship, worship, learning, service, and FUN! Topics to be presented include:

- Faith and Professional Development
- Peer Campus Ministry
- Pharmacy-based Mission Trips
- Strengthening your CPFI Campus Chapter
- CPFI National Update and More!

We'll also participate in a local service project and take in the sights and sounds of both Universal's City Walk and Disney's Night of Joy! Cost to register is only \$25 which includes a ticket to Night of Joy (a \$35 value!) and all meals except Friday dinner. Additional information can be found on the CPFI website at [www.cphi.org](http://www.cphi.org) or by contacting Tom Robertson at (904) 244-9590 or [tarob@cop.ufl.edu](mailto:tarob@cop.ufl.edu). See you in Orlando!

### Night of Joy

"Rejoice to the rockin' sounds and movin' messages from

some of today's most powerful voices in Contemporary Christian music. Live concert performances on stages throughout the **Magic Kingdom**® Park showcase the best of Christian Pop, Rock, Urban, and Gospel music. It's a magical, musical celebration of inspiration and joy!" Artists performing on Saturday night include: The Newsboys, TobyMac, Donnie McClurkin, CeCe Winans, Kutless, Superchic[k], Tree63, Further Seems Forever, Kierra Kiki Sheard, and Stellar Kart. For more information on the Night of Joy, go to:

<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/wdw/parks/specialEventsDetail?id=NightofJoySpecialEventPage&bhcp=1&>

### Faith Script Newsletter and Christianity & Pharmacy Journal Submission Deadlines

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Newsletter #1: November 15 | Spring Journal: December 1 |
| Newsletter #2: February 1  | Fall Journal: July 1       |
| Newsletter #3: June 1      |                            |
| Newsletter #4: August 1    |                            |

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## CPFI Website Undergoing Changes

By Ron Herman

The CPFI website has been undergoing some enhancements recently. We now have:

- a listing of student chapters
- an announcement about an upcoming student retreat in September
- our publications, the *Faith Script* newsletter and the journal *Christianity & Pharmacy* are posted
- an updated history of CPFI
- and we have added our position statement on Conscience Clause to our beliefs page. (see page 3 of this newsletter)

There are still other changes that are being made, but please take some to check out the new information. The guestbook is not functioning properly yet and you still cannot access the membership database. Also, you can print out a membership application, but online membership payment is not yet restored. We hope to have these operational again soon. Thanks for your patience as we try to improve our service and enjoy the enhancements that are now available.

## GLOBAL HEALTH OUTREACH MISSION TRIP CALENDAR

For more information on these mission trips, call 423-844-1000 or e-mail [gho@cmdahome.org](mailto:gho@cmdahome.org) or The Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA). You can also contact Ronald Herman, [ronherman@mchsi.com](mailto:ronherman@mchsi.com) to learn more about short-term mission trips.

July 30 - Aug 7

Haiti

Sept 24 - Oct 2

Honduras

Aug 19 - Sept 3  
 Note Date Change!!

Kenya

Oct 1 - 15  
 Afghanistan

Aug 6 - 14

El Salvador

Oct 22 - 30  
 Honduras

Aug 12 - 26

China

Nov 5 - 19  
 Ecuador

Aug 27 - Sept 4

Honduras

Dec 3 - 11  
 Honduras

\*All trips welcome Physicians, Dentists, Pharmacists, Physician Assistants, Physical Therapists, Optometrists, Nurses, Techs, Students, Interpreters, and Non-Medical Volunteers unless noted as a specialty team.

### GHO has the following Urgent Needs:

- **Pharmacist** - Tela, Honduras - Jul. 23 - 31, 2005
- **Pharmacist** - China - Aug. 12 - 26, 2005
- **Pharmacist** - San Marcos, Honduras - Oct. 22-30, 2005

## Calendar of Events

### Global Missions Health Conference and BOD meeting

November 10 to 12, 2005  
 Louisville, KY

### ASHP Prayer Breakfast

December 6, 2005  
 Las Vegas, NV

### APhA Prayer Breakfast

March 19, 2006  
 San Francisco, CA

### 2006 CPFI Annual Meeting

June 9 to 14, 2006  
 Myrtle Beach, SC

### 2007 CPFI Annual Meeting

July 6 to 11, 2007  
 Asbury College, Wilmore, KY

From the South Carolina Pharmacy Association this year: Volunteer of the Year - **Herbert J. Hames**, RPh CPFI President and Pharmacist Recognition - **J. Dan Bushardt**, RPh CPFI Member

**Congratulations!** To **Heather Williams** for receiving a \$750 scholarship from CPFI to help offset some of the expense and to support her efforts in participating in a missions clerkship during her fourth year at Palm Beach Atlantic. The elective rotation exposed Heather to pharmacy practice in a missions-related setting using the medical platform for evangelism. Heather went to Cochabamba, Bolivia in May, 2005 and presented her mission experience at the CPFI annual meeting.

## CPFI Board of Directors Approves Conscience Clause

*At this year's Board of Director's meeting, the Board approved a Conscience Clause. The Clause is posted on the CPFI webpage under About Us--Beliefs.*

### Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) Conscience Clause

Pharmacists have the moral and legal responsibility to refuse to dispense a prescription that, in the pharmacist's judgment, might be harmful to the patient, either directly or indirectly. Therefore, the Board of Directors of CPFI supports the right of all pharmacists to refuse to dispense a prescription that goes against their moral conscience.

No regulatory authority should be allowed to force a pharmacist to dispense a prescription against his/her best judgment or refer a patient to another healthcare provider.

Likewise, a pharmacist should not engage in any activity that impairs a patient from seeking care from another provider.

Furthermore, the Board acknowledges the responsibility of Christian pharmacists to follow Biblical principles including the sanctity of life and recognition that life begins at the time of conception. Therefore, CPFI supports the right of Christian pharmacists, based upon Biblical principles and their moral convictions, to exercise their conscience within the realm of professional practice.

Approved: Board of Directors, June 14, 2005

*A warm welcome to CPFI board members, both new and current, for the 2005-2006 year. The new board members were voted in during the annual meeting in Springmaid Beach.*

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*New Board Members with Officers.*





# Missions Moment

Washington State University Pharmacy Training Experience  
Provides a River of Grace in an Abandoned Children's Valley of Need



The following description of a mission experience is provided by Katherine (Kitty) Anderson. Kitty is a 2005 graduate of Washington State University who completed a missions elective rotation in China during her fourth year of pharmacy school.

The plane is taxiing for take-off to Hong Kong. I had a desire to go to China for about 25 years, and had an interest in sponsoring orphan education scholarships in various countries. The China Pharmacy experience was an opportunity of a lifetime! My interest in children, China and pharmacy flowed into a wonderful opportunity to see babies' lives saved and technological leaps forward in a newly established hospital laboratory and pharmacy that I would be visiting in China.

It was an amazing opportunity to care for abandoned children whose disfigurements and disabilities paled in the light of their amazing will to survive when they required acute hospital care. It was a joy to experience healthy children happy in a warm, nurturing haven of love in the orphanages. Serving in these settings left me feeling as if I'd experienced a metamorphosis of my own.

I organized the pharmacy and worked with nursing staff on protocols. Each day held new challenges. Sometimes we did not know if a child would live another day. The quality of care mixed with grace brought about amazing recoveries, successful cleft palate and lip repairs, and loving outreach to indigents with serious limb infections. The Healthcare Centre also offers excellent care for employees, and I was able to assist with developing ambulatory pharmacy services.

Having arrived on a cusp of opportunity, I had the privilege of watching wonderful advances occur in a few short weeks. The investment of medical personnel from overseas is enabling the energetic Chinese staff to grow exponentially in their skill level and knowledge base. Without them, I could not have instituted a significant upgrade in the hospital medication formulary, nor Dr. Chris, a volunteer from Great Britain who came to serve in outpatient service for the organizations health care workers for a few weeks, her intensive STD educational in-services that were translated into Chinese. Nystatin, frequently used for the fungal infections often plaguing children with cleft palates is worth two weeks wages if purchased from abroad. I was able to develop a formula from tablets. Now they are compounding it at a great savings. And all the nursing staff are trained to do it!

Donations from Palouse Medical Center and pharmacy professors from Washington State University provided much needed medications, a computer for the pharmacy and medical records, glucometers, medical texts, and funds for laboratory equipment. I am grateful to have been an agent of change during an opportune moment of growth.

"And where has Kitty been these past six weeks during her overseas pharmacy rotation?" Those who know her best would answer, "Where she's always longed to be - in the very heart of China."

A challenge to those who wish to change their world - pharmacy is a wonderful opportunity to do so. If missions is on your heart - make the most of your 4th year rotations!

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## Position Announcements

**Corpus Christi, Texas:** Larry Strickland is looking for young Christian pharmacists who would be interested in working in a small town near Corpus Christi, TX with possible ownership of the pharmacy after 10 or 15 years. The person would serve as the pharmacy manager now. Please contact Larry at (361) 646-8870 for further information.

**Glennallen, Alaska:** A permanent Pharmacist is needed to serve at Cross Road Medical Center (CRMC), in Glennallen, Alaska. The pharmacy has been operating with temporary Pharmacists for about a year.

The CRMC has been in operation for over 50 years and began as a ministry of Central Alaska Missions (CAM). CAM was taken under the covering of SEND International, and CRMC was placed under its own Community Board of Directors in 1986, and became totally independent of SEND in 1988. Since that time the center has served as the only Physician-based clinic for an area of Alaska, roughly the size of Ohio, with 3500 permanent residents. Current staffing is two MD's, one PA, one ARNP, and 8 RNs. The CRMC provides 24 hour "urgent care" services, and maintains 4 observation rooms for patients too ill to return home, but not requiring hospitalization in Anchorage. The center is in its second year as a faith-based, Federally Qualified Health Center.

The Pharmacy fills about 85-100 scripts per day, and is staffed with a Registered Pharmacist, and one Pharmacy Tech. The CRMC Pharmacy is open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 am-12:30 pm, and 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The Pharmacist is furnished housing and a salary, which is negotiable. All of the professional staff are Evangelical Christians, and they encourage the sharing of their faith, through word and deed.

The Center is looking for someone whom God is speaking to about serving in a remote, Christian clinic. Alaska is truly a majestic place to live, and offers an exciting lifestyle for those who enjoy the outdoors. Bill Riley and his wife moved there in April 2004, from Valdosta, Georgia. He went there as a Professional Counselor, with the desire to finish the last five years of his "working life," ministering to folks in a far-different place than he had experienced before. Shortly after arriving, Bill realized that the Lord had other plans, as He placed him in the leadership role at CRMC. It has been both challenging, and rewarding. Every day, Bill thanks the Lord for allowing him the privilege of serving God in Alaska.

Please contact Bill Riley at 907-822-3203, or via e-mail <wriley@crossroadmc.org> if you are interested in this opportunity for ministry.