Meet Christian Author, Speaker and Fellow Pharmacist Jennifer Sands and experience her powerful testimony of faith... at this year's CPFI Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 11 at 7 pm

When Jennifer's husband Jim was killed in the terrorist attack on September 11, her life was forever changed. Yet she would come to discover another life far beyond anything she could have asked or imagined... she became a new creation. The old is gone, the new has come.

Jennifer has addressed many different audiences, both nationally and internationally, both Christian and secular, as she shares her compelling story of overcoming trials in life through faith and trust in God. She brings a depth of candor and intimacy to all her events, and her powerful and inspiring message of hope impacts all audiences.

Jennifer candidly detailed her raw emotional and spiritual journey in her first book, A Tempered Faith (2003), endorsed by Joni Eareckson Tada and Philip Yancey. In her second book, A Teachable Faith (2005), endorsed by Steve Saint and Janette Oke, Jennifer openly shares her own struggles and faults with lighthearted, entertaining candor as she illustrates the lessons and spiritual truths that God has taught her. Together, the two books track her four year post-9/11 transformation from tragedy to victory in Christ.

Jennifer was born in Point Pleasant, NJ, and earned her pharmacy degree from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1989 and is a member of Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International. She currently resides in New Jersey, where she continues to work part-time as a pharmacist. However, the primary focus of her work is devoted to Christian writing and speaking on a local, national, and international basis.

"Whether it is through my books, my website, or my speaking engagements, my mission is to glorify God and His kingdom. I know that the One who truly understands pain and loss – far more than any of us can ever fathom – will help me to accomplish that." Jennifer Sands

What others are saying about Jennifer's message:
"You are so blessed with the gifts of writing and speaking and bringing your audience along with you... how exciting that God is taking you higher as you journey with Him! You are proof that His best work is accomplished when we depend completely upon Him!"
Joann Jorda, Event Planner, Tri-State Christian Women's Conference, Burlington, Iowa

"I have seldom - if ever - had a guest who is more sincere, more honest, more real, and more authentic than Jennifer Sands. Her reaction and response to 9/11 - what led her to where she's at today - is a powerful and phenomenal story."
Dr. Robert H. Schuller, Pastor Crystal Cathedral Garden Grove, California

"Your visit and testimony were a remarkable time for our church members! When I heard their response and saw the outcome of how the Lord worked in their hearts and lives that night, I was silenced. All glory, power, and wisdom be to God for bringing you here to Nazareth! Thank you for coming so far to share with us...you have touched so many people with your words of hope and encouragement."
Fadi Ramadan, Child Evangelism Fellowship International, Nazareth, ISRAEL

"The women here at Houston's First Baptist Church are still talking about you! You are a great speaker with a powerful message...you blessed us beyond anything you can comprehend - we truly felt the presence of the Lord as you spoke! You gave hope to so many, and I pray that God will continue to bless you and that lives will be changed."
Carolyn O'Neal, Director of Women's Ministries, Houston First Baptist Church

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GHO HAS THE FOLLOWING URGENT NEEDS:

Where: Honduras, June 17-25, 2006  
Who: Need one Nurse, Physician or PA  
Status: Accepting applications  
Project Fee: $1,100 + $642.70  
International Airfare - Total $1,742.70  
(subject to change based on taxes and surcharges at time of ticketing)  
Team Leader: Phil Aday, MD  

Where: Nigeria, June 16 -July 1, 2006  
Who: Surgeons, Ophthalmologist, Anesthetists and scrub Nurses, Anesthesiologists & CRNAs, OR Nurses, Primary Care Physicians, Nurses, Dentists, Physical Therapists, Dental Hygienists or Assistants  
Status: Accepting applications  
Project Fee: $1,500 plus international airfare (subject to change based on taxes and surcharges at time of ticketing)  
Team Leader: Bob Coulter  

Where: Kitwe, Zambia, June 21 -July 8, 2006  
Who: Dentists, Dental Assistants, Status: Accepting applications  
Project Fee: $1,500 + $1,682.20 international airfare. Total $3,182.20  
(subject to change based on taxes and surcharges at time of ticketing)  
Team Leader: Dr. Sam Molind

Campbell Pharmacy School Offers Elective in Missions Work

Jannesah Marion, a third-year pharmacy student from Pennington Gap, Va., has always been interested in missions. She is a born-again Christian and her father, an independent pharmacist, set an example with his mission involvement on the local level. Jannesah would like to carry on his legacy to other parts of the world.

The same can be said of pharmacy student Amanda Whiddon, of Lynchburg, Va., who is a past president of the Campbell University chapter of the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International.

“I grew up in a Christian family and was influenced by the life of missionary Lottie Moon,” Whiddon said. “We talked about missions a lot in Girls in Action in my church, but I had kind of gotten away from that. I really wanted to put mission work back into my life.”

Many of the 14 students enrolled in Campbell University’s first pharmacy missions course had similar reasons for taking the one credit “mini” elective course designed to prepare them for pharmacy mission opportunities. By participating in a mission trip and completing other work, students can also receive credit for one of their elective one-month rotations required in their fourth year of pharmacy school.

“This class was created for students who may be interested in full-time or short-term mission work,” said instructor Bill Gentry, a Campbell alumnus and vice president for Medical Affairs at KOS Pharmaceuticals, Inc. “It will teach students how to set up a short term mission trip and expose them to medical missions with a particular emphasis on the role of the pharmacist.”

According to Gentry, who has participated in several mission trips to Haiti, Honduras and Ecuador, the pharmacist’s role on these trips can be all-encompassing.

“The pharmacist is usually responsible for acquiring all of the medications for the trip, serving as a care provider and coordinating the medical clinic’s supplies,” said Gentry. “It is really amazing how much is required.”

The idea for the missions course sprang from a group of faculty and alumni called the Pharmacy Missions Task Force. The task force was appointed by Dean Ronald Maddox and has sought to determine ways that pharmacy missions work could be brought to the attention of Campbell pharmacy students and alumni. The impetus for the appointment of the task force came from a meeting between Josiah Whitehead, assistant dean of External Affairs for the pharmacy school; Bill Taylor, assistant professor of Clinical Research at the Research Triangle Park campus and Corey Furman, who was recently named a Distinguished Alumnus of Campbell University. Jim Boyd, associate professor of Pharmacy Practice; Bob Garrett, assistant professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Larry Swanson, professor and chairman of the department of Pharmacy Practice, also serve on the task force with Bill Gentry, Corey Furman and Bill Taylor.

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All in the Serve: 2nd Annual CPFI Student Retreat in Orlando
by Tom Robertson

Calling all pharmacy students and advisors! Plan to join us in Orlando, Florida on September 8 -10, for the 2006 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
- 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 or by contacting Mary Ferrill at (561) 803-2736 or mary_ferrill@pba.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 Kingdoms 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: Kirk Franklin, TobyMac, BarlowGirl, Jeremy Camp, Smokie Norful, Hawk Nelson, ZOEgirl and Tonex. For more information on Night of Joy, go to: http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/wdw/parks/specialEventsDetail?id=NightOfJoy

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The deadlines for each edition of the newsletter and journal are listed below. We welcome articles with a Christian focus.

Newsletter #1: November 15  Newsletter #2: February 1  Fall Journal: July 1
Spring Journal: December 1  Newsletter #3: June 1  Newsletter #4: September 1
Paychecks from God

When you are employed in the “world of work,” you receive regular checks from your employer, and you know pretty much what to expect and when. When you work for God, however, you don’t necessarily receive your rewards in the same way, although we know the rewards are far better than we can imagine.

When I became disabled in 2005, I asked the Lord to make me useful. I did not ask for a paycheck, but He worked on those who were responsible for my disability insurance and secured that for me. (A miracle if there ever was one!) But the “paychecks” He has been sending me since then are far more rewarding than the financial ones I had come to depend on since 1963.

My first paycheck from God came in the form of my seven-year-old neighbor, “Laney.” (Seven going on forty is probably more correct). She comes over to play Barbie dolls with me. She came over one day while her Dad was helping hubby with a stubborn tractor. I was in the basement designing a new quilt pattern so we got her some crayons to “help.” As we were working, she said to me, “I love to come over here ‘cause you make things to give people and it makes them happy.” Out of the mouths of babes... (Matthew 21:16)

My second paycheck came through the US Mail from the children of my former boss, thanking me for a quilt I had made them. It was a beautifully crayoned representation from the three year old, of the quilt I had sent them. It was filled with kisses and hugs.

The same day, a 13-year-old daughter of a dear friend and former co-worker came over with her Mom to learn to crochet. She sat on my lap in the Laz-E-Boy to learn as we are both left-handed and that was the only way I could show her. Normally 13-year-olds are not very demonstrative to adults, but when she left, she gave me a big hug and said she loved me and could she come back for another lesson. She later sent me a two page “paycheck” note and a pot holder she had crocheted all by herself. It hangs proudly in my sewing room.

God’s paychecks are unexpected and come in the most interesting packages. Try spending some time soon with a young person and teach them something fun that you know how to do. I guarantee, it will be the best thing you do all day!

Love,
Norma

P.S. I had more surgery in December, 2005, and was feeling pretty useless. But God sent a huge paycheck anyway. I had been postponing re-starting hubby’s and my jail outreach and told God I would do it as soon as I got better. He decided I was better enough one day when I got a call from a new visitor at church who needed a ride to bail her hubby out of jail. I picked her up and brought her Mom along (to provide bail). “Mom” was very quiet during the ride, but expressed her thanks when I dropped them off. I thought nothing more about it until several months later, when I got a call that “Mom” wanted to go to church! The daughter explained that her Mom had never expressed an interest in anything spiritual, but was impressed that a perfect stranger would help them. Well, “Mom” went to church a few times and left a message on my answering machine three weeks ago that not only did she want a ride to church, but she was ready to be baptized into Christ! Upon hearing this message, Hubby and I did a happy dance all over the kitchen. Yes, the dogs joined in! This is the greatest paycheck we can receive on this earth, to encourage another to put on Christ. So don’t give up if you are not seeing fruit from your ministry. Remember the prayer of Jabez (I Chronicles 4:10) and ask God to enlarge your territory!

P.P.S. Being home all day, every day, has really made me appreciate the friends who have come over, called, sent food, flowers, cards, emails, etc. Why not think of someone today who may be shut in and contact them? I guarantee you will receive more than you give!

How They Made their “Decision”

Also at the annual meeting this summer, we will be blessed to again have the band, Decision perform for us at the Sunday evening service during the ice cream social. The band members included Wayne Caripe, Eric Taylor, Brian Key, Randy Burress and Matthew Warren (a pharmacy student at Wingate University). They play both contemporary and traditional Christian music, so everyone should be able to find songs they recognize and enjoy. The band has been writing their own songs and will soon start the process of creating their own CD.

We are so thankful to the band for volunteering their awesome music as well as their generosity because they play for free and perform to perfection! A love offering will be taken after the service to help pay their travel expenses.