



The Faith Script

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Greetings from Herb

With the resignation of our administrative director in June, we have looked at several options to carry on CPFI. After much discussion and much prayer, we decided to sell our office in Blountville, TN and move to a Christian University. Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBA) Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy made us a proposal that we felt would suit our needs.

The Gregory School of Pharmacy at PBA has offered to "rent" us an office and a storage area. We are making plans to move by the end of February from Blountville, TN to the Gregory School of Pharmacy in West Palm Beach, FL. Praise God! He has provided us with a new executive secretary. Her name is Jennifer Hudson. Please join me in welcoming her to our CPFI family. Pat will be training her before the office relocates. We are so appreciative for all Pat has done for us during this transitional period.

We put our office up for sale, it sold, and we are to be out of the building by February 28, 2007. I feel things have just fallen into place according to God's plan for us.

Our new address will be CPFI at PBA, P.O. Box 24708,

West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4708. Our toll-free number will remain the same: 888-253-6688.

Mark your calendars now for the dates of Sunday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 13, 2007, for our annual meeting. It will be held at Springmaid Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC,



beginning with supper and then worship. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will give you, the pharmacist or technician, 12 hours of live CE plus a lot of love and fellowship to go with the CE. As always, all speakers will be speaking from a Christian point of view. We expect to have some classes for spouses and a student room for the students to hang out. Our Board of Directors will be meeting on Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9. You are welcome to come and sit in on the board meeting. Springmaid Conference Center will be glad for you to come early and enjoy the beach. I don't think there will be any rooms after Wednesday, but check if you want to stay over. The CPFI board of directors looks forward to seeing all of you at the annual meeting.

Please keep CPFI, the Board of Directors, and PBA Gregory School of Pharmacy in your prayers as all of this transpires.

CPFI Luncheon a Great Success

A CPFI luncheon was held for attendees of the 2006 American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) meeting in St. Louis on Thursday, October 26. Approximately 55 people attended, making this the best-attended ACCP-CPFI luncheon to date. The keynote speaker was Ene I. Ette, Ph.D., FCP, FCCP, President and CEO of Anoxis Corporation in Natick, MA and recipient of ACCP's 2006 Therapeutic Frontiers Award. Dr. Ette's talk, entitled "The Target of Faith," encouraged attendees to set high goals and have a bold faith that God will provide for all of our needs.

This meeting was particularly memorable in that it also witnessed the return of Harvey Whitney Jr. after 11 months of recovering from a serious illness due to necrotizing fasciitis. Harvey, along with his wife and daughters (Tina and Kim), and clinical pharmacy friends from St. Louis (John Ponzillo and Hedva Barenholtz-Levy), each testified about their experiences of supporting Harvey during his illness. Their powerful stories revealed how God not only helped each of them through the crisis but completely restored Harvey's health against improbable odds. God has truly answered the many prayers that were offered up for his complete recovery.

CPFI thanks Dr. Ette, his family, and all those who were present for this special event.

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GHO HAS THE FOLLOWING URGENT NEEDS:

Where: Haiti, March 3 - 11, 2007
Who: Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists, Physical Therapists
Status: Accepting applications
Project Fee: \$1,100 plus international airfare (subject to change based on taxes and surcharges at time of ticketing)
Team Leader: Roger Boehm, D.C.C., Ph.D.

Where: India, March 10 - 24, 2007
Who: Dentists, Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacist, Physical Therapist.
Status: Accepting applications
Project Fee: \$1,700 plus international airfare (subject to change based on taxes and surcharges at time of ticketing)
Team Leader: Samuel Molind, DMD

Where: Mexico, April 14 - 21, 2007
Who: Urologists, OR Nurses, Scrub Nurses, Nurses, Anesthesiologists.
Status: Accepting applications
Project Fee: \$1,100 plus international airfare (subject to change based on taxes and surcharges at time of ticketing)
Team Leader: Theron Hawkins, MD

Where: Cuenca, Ecuador, April 21 - May 5, 2007
Who: Nurses and Interpreters
Status: Accepting Applications
Project Fee: \$1,100 plus international airfare (subject to change based on taxes and surcharges at time of ticketing)
Team Leader: Ross Rumph

Where: Managua, Nicaragua, May 26 - June 3, 2007
Who: Nurses, PA's, Primary Care Physicians
Status: Accepting applications
Project Fee: \$1,100 plus international airfare (subject to change based on taxes and surcharges at time of ticketing)
Team Leader: Emmanuel Ngoh, DMD

Where: Kitwe, Zambia, June 9 - 23, 2007
Who: Pastors, Dentists
Status: Accepting applications
Project Fee: \$1,500 plus international airfare (subject to change based on taxes and surcharges at time of ticketing)
Team Leader: Bill Bridgforth, MD

For more information on these mission trips, call 423-844-1000 or e-mail gho@cmdahome.org or the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA) at 888-230-2637. You can also contact Ron Herman, ronherman@mchsi.com to learn more about short-term mission trips.

CPFI Genesis Chapter: Encouraging Pharmacy Students in International and Local Outreach

By Julie Lynch

In November 2006, Palm Beach Atlantic University Genesis Chapter of CPFI promoted community outreach to pharmacy students through two main activities and a Bible Study. The primary goal of the chapter was to help meet the needs of others as an expression of Christ's love. The secondary goal was to encourage all pharmacy students to engage in outreach by facilitating opportunities, communicating the needs of others, and describing the Christian responsibility to serve. The chapter led a Bible Study titled "Missions: Overseas and at Home" followed by an international outreach with Operation Christmas Child and a local outreach with Hands of Love Food Program.

The chapter Vice President, Brooke Bergmann, formed a team, who leads a School of Pharmacy Bible Study every other month. In November, this team prepared the "Missions: Overseas and at Home" Bible Study. The study began with the chapter Historian/Publicist, David Brown, asking students to examine how they express their faith and followed with a Biblical message on serving others. After the message, chapter members shared about outreach activities in which they have been involved. Shanielle Rypma described a mentoring outreach she participated in with middle school students. The chapter Webmaster, Sylvanus Awoniyi, spoke about a devotional website he started to share God's Word



and provide a network of believers. I shared about local trips designed to bring joy and the Gospel message to those in hospitals, children's shelters, and nursing homes. A key theme in the Bible Study was one does not need to travel overseas to help those in need.

The final component of the study was students preparing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. In the weeks prior to the Bible Study, the chapter Outreach Coordinator, Krista Llewellyn, had informed students about Operation Christmas Child and requested students to bring materials to pack shoeboxes on the day of the Bible Study. Also prior to the Bible Study, donations towards the shoebox shipping costs had been collected from faculty. Further preparation included chapter members purchasing plastic shoeboxes, stationary, tissue paper, and other packing supplies. Since this was the first time such an activity had been attempted, there was uncertainty if students would be enthusiastic. However, the chapter was overwhelmed when student after student entered the Bible Study with large bags filled with donations. Students genuinely enjoyed packing the boxes and put a great deal of care into each box. The goal was to pack roughly thirty shoeboxes and we were astonished when the total reached eighty-three! Students were delighted to know more than 80 children would receive gifts and the Gospel message last Christmas season due to God's work within the School of Pharmacy at PBAU.



GHO UPCOMING TRIPS:

Dates	Location	Spclty/Status
March 3 - 11	Haiti	Urgent Need
March 9 - 18	Vietnam	
March 10 - 18	Nicaragua	Trip is Closed
March 10 - 24	India	Urgent Need
March 17 - 25	El Salvador	
Mar. 24 - Apr. 1	Mexico	Trip is Closed
April 12 - 23	Moldova	
April 14 - 21	Mexico	Urgent Need
April 21 - 29	Nicaragua	
Apr. 21 - May 5	Ecuador	Urgent Need
May 4 - 17	Afghanistan	
May 26 - June 3	Nicaragua	Urgent Need
May 31 - June 10	Zambia	
June 2 - 10	Ecuador	
June 9 - 23	Zambia	Urgent Need
June 16 - 23	Ecuador	
June 23 - July 1	Nicaragua	
July 21 - 29	El Salvador	
July 21 - 29	Honduras	
August 3 - 17	Kenya	
August 18 - 26	Haiti	
Aug. 17 - Sept. 1	Nigeria	
Aug. 25 - Sept. 2	Guatemala	
September	Mexico	
September 7 - 21	China	
Sept. 20 - Oct. 2	Ghana	
October 13 - 27	Ecuador	
Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Mexico	GYN Surgery
December 1 - 9	Nicaragua	

GHO is no longer accepting applications for "closed" trips.

**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. For more information, call 423-844-1000 or e-mail gho@cnda.org.*

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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
Spring Journal: December 1

Newsletter #2: February 1
Newsletter #3: June 1

Fall Journal: July 1
Newsletter #4: September 1

*For you were once
darkness, but now you are
light in the Lord.
Live as children of light...
Ephesians 5:8*

CPFI Genesis Chapter (con't from page 2)

The following week, the chapter invited students to serve Thanksgiving meals in an underprivileged area with the Hands of Love Food Program. Numerous students had traveled for the holiday, but there was still a strong turn out at the event. In fact, volunteers took shifts serving because there was more help than needed. As a result, volunteers were able to not only serve, but also share a meal with those at the event.

The Genesis Chapter has been blessed by involvement with these events. It is our hope that we provided comfort for those in need to the glory of God and encourage fellow students to be involved with community outreach whether overseas or at home. Furthermore, we wanted to share our experiences to assist other members of CPFI and welcome your feedback.

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Is Christianity Relevant?

By David E. Brown, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Pharm.D. Candidate

Today's society craves to be relevant. Dictionary.com defines "relevant" as "pertinent to, or connected with the matter in hand." We live in a world in which things must seem relevant or they are quickly discarded. Think about the clothes we wear, the textbooks we read, and the news programs we watch. This need for relevancy does not stop at consumer goods and services, but it extends to people and their beliefs. Shortly put, everyone wants to know they matter. Christianity is no different. It was extremely important to Jesus that his messages be relevant. This is why Jesus used farming stories to explain spiritual growth to farmers (Matthew 13:1-23), and why He used treasure stories to explain the value of the Kingdom of Heaven to treasure hunters (Matthew 13:44-45). The apostle Paul did the same thing when he went to Athens (Acts 17:16-34). Athens was a very pagan society with many gods. During Paul's strolls through the city, he found a monument dedicated to "The Unknown God." Paul used this relevant object to teach the people of Athens about the one true God! It was brilliant!

Here is what it boils down to: If we want to present the Good News about our amazing Savior, then we too must make the stories in the Bible relevant to today's society. I am not suggesting that we rewrite the Bible using the analogies of pharmacy or medical clinics; but we need to understand how the teaching of God's Word transcends time and touches our lives today.

Some people say Christianity is losing its relevancy and this is the reason Christian values are slowly receding from our everyday life. It is true that Christianity has experienced

some losses. Most states do not require students to recite the United States Pledge of Allegiance because of the phrase, "one nation, under God." However, God promises in his word that the church would never fade away into nothing (Matthew 16:18). The truth is that Christianity has not lost its relevancy. Christianity, or the discussion of it, is seen in more places than you may realize. One of these examples is network TV. Many sitcoms at some point address Christianity or Christian issues. I recently did a Bible study that included video clips from the TV show Seinfeld, as well as clips from ESPN's Sports Center. Yep, believe it or not, God is being mentioned on prime-time television and on TV channels completely dedicated to sports! The following question may surprise you: Which TV sitcom has included more prayer in it than any other show? The answer: The Simpson's! Just think about how many times Homer casually prays, and they jokingly show God's response. Even though it is being done to make us laugh, it is an excellent example of continuous prayer. The Gospel According to the Simpson's, by Mark Pinsky is an entire book that discusses the spiritual overtones in the Simpson's. Just go to Half.com and do a book search for "The Gospel According to..." and you will find 366 matches!

God is all around us. The idea or concept of God permeates nearly every part of our society. It is in our churches, on the basketball court, in our books, and on our TVs! While people may not embrace Christianity, they are definitely talking about God. It is up to us as Christians to, like Jesus and Paul, use these opportunities to show the relevancy of Christianity and the importance of a relationship with Christ.