



Spring 2010

## CPFI Student Scholarships Awarded

Seven pharmacy students were awarded CPFI Student Scholarships to assist them in academic course work that integrates their Christian faith with the profession of Pharmacy.

Melissa Franson, Jenny Lee, Laurel Legenza, Matthew Malooly, and Erica Wagner from the University of Wisconsin, College of Pharmacy received scholarships for participation in an independent study course in conjunction with a medical mission trip to Honduras during June 2010. They will work with a multidisciplinary team, including medical and nursing students, to set up free clinics.

Two students from St John Fisher University Wegmans School of Pharmacy, Jenette Casey and Alexandra Danforth, also received scholarships to assist in completion of the community service/volunteer requirements of their curriculum. Jenette will participate in a medical mission trip to El Salvador in August 2010 to work with other health professionals in a mobile medical camp. Alexandra will work in May 2010 at Maseno University Hospital in Kenya under the supervision of Kenyan doctors and nurses. Later, she will work in the pharmacy at Mbaka Oromo Primary and Secondary schools.

Congratulations to all 7 students. Please be in prayer for them and their summer experiences. For more information on the CPFI Student Scholarship program visit our Website [www.cphi.org](http://www.cphi.org).

## CPFI Welcomes New Editor

CPFI is grateful for the editorial leadership provided faithfully by Dr. Mary Ferrell for the past 5 years, as she oversaw the production of the *Faith Script Newsletter* and the journal *Christianity & Pharmacy*. Dr. Timothy E. Welty, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Kansas assumes these editorial responsibilities with this issue. We thank him for volunteering for this responsibility. See page 3 for comments from the new editor.



## A note from the President:



CPFI was privileged to enjoy the leadership of President Herb Hames for the past 5 years. We experienced some major changes under his capable leadership as we transitioned our office from Bristol, TN to the campus at Palm Beach Atlantic University, Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy. He trained two different administrative directors. We have seen regular membership maintained and significant growth in student members, with the assistance of Julie Lynch McDonald and her student leadership team. Herb, thanks so much for allowing God to use you and we look forward to your continued involvement on the Board!

I think it is also fitting to pause and acknowledge the recent accomplishments of our administrative director, Nena Lindrose, who came to us with a background as a paralegal. During her nights and weekends Nena has completed a bachelor's degree in organizational management at Palm Beach Atlantic University from the MacArthur School of Leadership. She was also inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society at a luncheon on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Well done Nena, and thank you for your faithful service to CPFI.

Strategic planning and improved communication are two major goals for the year. The office is updating our accounting and membership tracking systems, so be on the watch for new means of communicating and a revised website in the near future.

**Ron Herman**

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### CPFI is subject to Financial Accountability

CPFI is a registered 501(c)3 organization. We depend entirely on your tax-deductible gifts and membership dues for the financial support of our ministry. Gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. (Consult an accountant regarding tax deduction of dues.) We are grateful for the many members who make regular contributions beyond their dues to support this ministry.

*The Faith Script Newsletter* and *Christianity & Pharmacy Journal* would welcome articles with a Christian focus. If you are interested in contributing, please draft your manuscript and submit it directly to the CPFI office or to the editor. The deadlines for each edition of the newsletter and journal are as follows: Newsletter #1: November 15; Spring Journal: December 1; Newsletter #2: February 1; Newsletter #3: June 1; Fall Journal: July 1; Newsletter #4: September 1.

## Short Term Foreign Mission Opportunities

CPFI has agreed to partner with the Christian Medical and Dental Associations, the Fellowship of Christian Nurses and the Fellowship of Christian Physician Assistants to send out short term medical teams under the group Global Health Outreach. The primary care teams usually are one or two weeks in length. We strive to have 2 pharmacists on each team. Here is a list of some upcoming trips, but for a complete list of the possible projects and dates, go to the GHO website which can be found from the CPFI or CMDA websites ([www.cpfi.org](http://www.cpfi.org) or [www.cmda.org](http://www.cmda.org)).

### Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects

<b>June 16 - July 2, 2010</b> Zambia – <i>Urgent Need</i>	<b>Oct 2 - 10, 2010</b> Mexico – <i>GYN Clinic &amp; Surgery</i>
<b>June 18 - July 3, 2010</b> Nigeria – <i>Urgent Need</i>	<b>Oct 9 - 17, 2010</b> Jamaica
<b>June 19 - 27, 2010</b> Dominican Republic - <i>Urgent</i>	<b>Oct 16 - 23, 2010</b> Mexico – <i>Urology Surgery</i>
<b>June 19 - 27, 2010</b> Ecuador – <i>Trip Closed</i>	<b>Oct 16 - 24, 2010</b> Dominican Republic – <i>Prison Min.</i>
<b>June 19 - 27, 2010</b> El Salvador – <i>Urgent Need</i>	<b>Oct 16 - 24, 2010</b> Mexico – <i>Ophthalmology Surg.</i>
<b>June 19 - 27, 2010</b> Nicaragua – <i>Trip Closed</i>	<b>Oct 16 - 24, 2010</b> Ecuador
<b>July 10 - 18, 2010</b> Nicaragua	<b>Oct 23 - 31, 2010</b> Nicaragua
<b>July 29 - Aug 8, 2010</b> Ghana	<b>Oct 23 - 31, 2010</b> Guatemala
<b>July 31 - Aug 8, 2010</b> El Salvador	<b>Oct 26 - Nov 8, 2010</b> Nepal
<b>July 31 - Aug 8, 2010</b> Honduras	<b>Oct 27 - Nov 8, 2010</b> Ethiopia
<b>July 31 - Aug 15, 2010</b> Kenya	<b>Nov 6 - 13, 2010</b> Mexico
<b>Aug 14 - 22, 2010</b> Nicaragua	<b>Nov 13 - 21, 2010</b> Nicaragua
<b>Sept 3 - 17, 2010</b> China	<b>Nov 19 - 28, 2010</b> Burkina Faso
<b>Sept 25 - Oct 9, 2010</b> India – <i>Trip Closed</i>	<b>Dec 4 - 12, 2010</b> Nicaragua

The website also provides a link for each trip introducing the team leader and gives an estimate of the cost associated with the trip. It is possible to apply online to participate in the trip of your choice. If you have further questions you can contact Ron Herman, the Mission Committee Chair for more information or to apply for a mission scholarship ([ronherman@mchsi.com](mailto:ronherman@mchsi.com)).

## Comments from the Editor

A number of years ago on a trip overseas I gave a presentation on spring and Easter celebrations in the United States. The audience asked several questions. One was particularly interesting, "Why do you celebrate Easter at this time of year?" On the surface answer seemed easy, because Easter and is connected Passover. However, it caused me to reflect on the meaning of Easter, and the newness that we all enjoy with the coming of spring. It is undeniably one of the more refreshing times of year when new life seems to explode all around us. The connection with resurrection is obvious. While not wanting to draw any theological conclusions, could it be that God planned from the beginning of time to illustrate resurrection, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, through the bursting new growth of spring?

This issue of Faith Script marks a transition. As the new editor for this newsletter and the journal, Christianity and Pharmacy, I am greatly indebted to those who have previously filled this position. Having worked with the first editor, Harvey Whitney, as he strove to publish the first CPFI publications I know this is not an easy responsibility. Editors who followed also deserve great credit for their diligence and perseverance. They have served well in maintaining and developing the Fellowship's publications.

It is my desire to see the publications grow, accomplishing several goals. The first is simple; to meet the needs of the members. With a diverse membership and variety issues needing consideration, this is not easy. It requires membership input, wise judgment, and careful prioritization. One person cannot do this alone, so your input as a member is important. A second goal is to provide a forum for the expression of thoughts, ideas,

insights, and experiences of CPFI members. As Christian pharmacists, we all face similar issues, concerns, and experiences. Through the sharing of individual perspectives we continue to learn, grow, and develop in Christ and in service to others through our profession. I want to encourage each member to consider contributing toward this goal by submission of articles for publication consideration. A third goal is to engage our thoughts and minds in discussion, debate, and evaluation of issues vital to Christian faith and our profession. While this undoubtedly will highlight differing perspectives within Christian faith, it is entirely Biblical. We are encouraged in Scripture references renew our minds and thoughts. If we are to be conformed to the image of Christ we must perceive the way sin has corrupted our thoughts and understand God's thoughts and Christ's perspective. This goal demands patience, perseverance, forgiveness, and clarity of communication.

The ultimate goal is to make Jesus Christ known. This should be done in a way that attracts and does not detract, in way that is filled with compassion, understanding, humility, and service. When thinking of this, I am drawn to the example of Christ, as described in Philippians 2; humility and servant hood leading to exaltation of Christ. May we all strive to see this happen through CPFI publications, our professional service, and our individual lives. Through the power of His resurrection we are agents of renewal in a broken world.

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## Student Chapter Updates

**University of Wisconsin:** Our Fall events included carving pumpkins, conquering a nearby corn maze, a Thanksgiving dinner and time of prayer, and a Christmas dinner at the home of our faculty advisor, Dr Hutson. We started the New Year

with our 2nd Annual Remembering Adam Nickel (RAN) Charity Bash. Adam, a young pharmacy student, inspired classmates by running marathons for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Adam died from an undiagnosed heart condition shortly after completing a run. The RAN Bash raises money for his cause and a scholarship fund in his name.

**Belmont University:** Our chapter participated with other CPFI chapters in a Leadership Symposium at the Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA) 2010 Mid-Year meeting in Nashville, TN. Several chapter members joined a discipleship study and provided volunteer service in the Greater Nashville area.

**East Tennessee State University:** Chapter members visited a local senior citizen apartment complex, Watuaga Square Apartments, to talk with residents and answer pharmacy questions. We supported the Haitian Relief effort, raising approximately \$500 from class donations. Contributions were given to Samaritan's Purse. The chapter participated in the "Truth Project," a 10+ lesson series that is helpful in bringing a Christian perspective into a world shaped by sin and a non-Christian point of view.

**University of Illinois at Chicago:** The chapter welcomed students and faculty through distribution of candies and Scripture verses at the beginning of the year and in January. A Wednesday prayer breakfast was also held. Several speakers addressed the chapter on topics like Pharmacy Ethics and Christianity, Singles and the Ministry, and Financial Management. A resume writing symposium was held. We held several fundraisers, including projects to sponsor a child, urban minorities' health education, Operation Christmas Child and Haiti Relief. A banquet was held in March for graduating students. Three chapter members received University Chancellor's Awards.

## International Perspective

CPFI, since its early conceptual beginnings in the late 1970's to its actual incorporation in 1984, has always had an international perspective. The founding members insisted that we maintain the term "International" in our name. It has been our desire to give our members a perspective on what God is doing in the lives of people throughout the world. We have always kept a strong focus on pharmacists who were serving around the world in a long-term capacity and striving to provide opportunities and support for those who want to have an impact on a short-term basis using their pharmacy skills and gifts.

We have not had the resources to develop and cultivate CPFI groups in other countries, but have been as supportive as we can be for those other

groups that God has raised up in other countries. We do not credential CPFI chapters in other countries, but we know there are formal groups in Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This latter group was one of the first to become an organized ministry in their country. The development of this chapter is in part due to the assistance a CPFI member, Bob Watt who was a missionary in the country at the time. He worked with a national pharmacist, Paul Kabanga, who helped start a CPFI chapter in the Congo and has headed up their organization for a number of years. Paul is now ready to retire on the pass on the leadership.



Paul has come to a CPFI annual meeting in the past. We just received news that the CPFI group from the Democratic Republic of the Congo is planning to bring a delegation of 16 pharmacists to the Annual Meeting in SpringMaid Beach this June. We invite you to pray as this is no small undertaking. Pray that the consulate will grant all of the necessary visas for the delegates to come. They have been able to raise the funds to cover the air fare, but many are still trusting God to provide the funds for the accommodation at the conference. Several Board members have volunteered to step forward and provide assistance. If anyone else is interested, in assisting these members experience our annual meeting, contact the office and let us know how you would like to help. If you have not registered for the annual meeting there is still time. We are utilizing a new format this year. See the next article for the details.

## Annual Meeting Takes on New Format

The CPFI 2010 Annual Meeting will be in SpringMaid Beach, SC. June 10-13, 2010. The meeting will try a new schedule this year with attendees arriving on Thursday evening with our worship at 7 pm and an ice cream social at 8 pm. The continuing education program will be Friday morning, afternoon and Saturday morning. Friday evening we have an optional Intercoastal Waterway Cruise with Supper. Saturday afternoon will be free time at the beach and Saturday evening we will have our banquet, followed by singing on the beach. On Sunday there will be worship opportunities at SpringMaid or in the community and time on the beach before departure. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the CPFI Board of Directors meeting which is scheduled for Thursday morning and afternoon. The theme for the meeting will be **"Let your Christian pharmacists light shine!"** (*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."* Matt. 5:14-16)

**Check the website or contact the office for a detailed brochure and program outline. Look forward to seeing you at SpringMaid Beach, SC!**



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### Upcoming Events

- **CPFI 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting**  
June 10 – 13<sup>th</sup>  
SpringMaid Beach, SC
- **CPFI 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Retreat**  
Oct. 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
San Antonio, TX  
University of the Incarnate Word