



Spring 2011

Annual Meeting Returns to Springmaid Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC

President's Note:



The CPFI 2011 Annual Meeting will be on June 9-12 at Springmaid Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC. The theme is "Serving Others." (Mt 25:40) Our first continuing education (CPE) activity will be at 3 pm on Thursday. That evening will be our worship service at 7 pm and ice cream social at 8 pm. Additional CPE activities will be Friday and Saturday morning for a total of 12 contact hours. An optional dinner show and social event will be on Friday evening at the Dolly Parton Theater. The show will be "Pirates Voyage." It begins with an interactive experience and moves into a main arena where pirate ships battle, reminiscent of the pirates who once sailed the Carolina coast. Cost details are on the registration form. Saturday afternoon will be free time and that evening will be a banquet and singing at the beach. Sunday's schedule consists of worship at Springmaid or in the community, time on the beach, and departures. The CPFI Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday morning and early afternoon, all are welcomed to attend. *Check the Website or contact the office for additional details. Plan to join us at Springmaid in June!*

Our two main goals for this year are strategic planning and improved communication with our members. The CPFI Strategic Planning Committee devoted an entire day to strategic planning at our November 2010 Board meeting in Louisville, KY. We reviewed and updated our mission statement and identified our organizational strengths and weaknesses. Our shortened mission statement is now "To serve Christ and the world through pharmacy." Reaffirmation our core values helped remind us that CPFI is different from other pharmacy organizations. CPFI is a ministry. We are in the process of identifying important initiatives to move forward, and their implementation strategies.

Miracle in the Making

Deanna Fernandes

CPFI NSC Representative, University of Florida, Gainesville

Watching for God to be at work is a boost to faith. It involves a step of faith to see God work. When I joined my CPFI chapter it had a couple of members with a few goals. The time to change officers came, and I became President, believing the group could grow. What God did was beyond my imagination.

Changes began as we regularly gathered for prayer. Membership grew from a couple of students to eighty. Opportunities for service and witness opened, as we made ourselves available. We served a nursing home and helped raise funds for numerous causes. A step of faith came when we gave all donations to our CPFI chapter to these causes. As a result, we received "Student Council's Student Organization of the Year" award from the university. God made us a light to the campus. A challenge came when our faculty advisor announced retirement. God was faithful with a recently hired faculty member. She was familiar with CPFI and asked if we needed an advisor, completely unaware of our need.

Remember to pray, knowing that God will provide. If you will open yourself to the possibilities, He will help you to grow in ways you never imagined.

Part of our effort to improve communication with the membership involves a computer conversion. This requires replacement of our 'home grown' database to a more interactive Web-based system. We have spent the last several months working on the infrastructure for the new system so that we will be able to better serve you in the future. The new system will also allow the leadership team access to the membership wherever the leadership team happens to be. Once the new system is fully implemented, you will receive notices that will provide information about the new capabilities. I have provided additional details on page 4.

CPFI is a ministry that is dedicated to helping practicing Christian pharmacists and future pharmacists to integrate personal faith into every aspect of daily life. Please let us know how we can assist you.

In his service,
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CPFI is a registered 501(c)3 organization. We depend entirely on your tax-deductible gifts and membership donations for the financial support of our ministry. Gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. (Consult an accountant regarding tax deduction.) 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. Below 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 or www.cmda.org).

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects

Mar 5 - 13, 2011 Masachapa, Nicaragua	Jun 18 - 26, 2011 Calshi, Ecuador
Mar 12 - 26, 2011 Ethiopia	Jun 18 - 26, 2011 La Union, El Salvador
Mar 12 - 20, 2011 Tela, Honduras – <i>Trip Closed</i>	Jul 16 - 24, 2011 Matagalpa, Nicaragua
Mar 19 - 27, 2011 Cap Haitien, Haiti – <i>Trip Closed</i>	Jul 22 - Aug 6, 2011 Kenya – <i>Trip Closed</i>
Apr 9 - 17, 2011 San Juan-Rio Coco, Nicaragua	Jul 24 - Aug 6, 2011 Agbeve, Ghana
Apr 14 - 27, 2011 Moldova – <i>Trip Closed</i>	Jul 30 - Aug 7, 2011 La Union, El Salvador
Apr 16 - 23, 2011 Dominican Republic - <i>Urgent</i>	Aug 13 - 21, 2011 Villa Sandino, Nicaragua
May 14 - 22, 2011 El Naranjo, Nicaragua	Oct 7 - 22, 2011 Tarba State, Nigeria
May 20 - Jun 3, 2011 Afghanistan – <i>Urgent Need</i>	Oct 8 - 27, 2011 Mumbai, India
May 28 - Jun 4, 2011 San Marcos, Honduras	Oct 14 - 28, 2011 Wafongdian, China
May 28 - Jun 5, 2011 El Salvador	Oct 15 - 23, 2011 Bluefields, Nicaragua
Jun 11 - 18, 2011 Managua, Nicaragua	Oct 22 - Nov 5, 2011 Chennai, India
Jun 12 - 26, 2011 Kitwe, Zambia	Oct 28 - Nov 11, 2011 Tigray Region, Ethiopia
Jun 18 - 26, 2011 Isla de Ometepe, Nicaragua	Nov 1 - 13, 2011 Tikapur, Nepal

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).

Editor's Comments

Timothy Welty, Editor

As you read in this issue, a top priority for CPFI in 2011 is more effective communications. Publications are integral to this effort. To assist in communication improvement, **the Faith Script, CPFI's newsletter will be going electronic in future issues.** Enhancements to the Website will allow us to easily put the newsletter in an electronic format and improve member access. At the same time, we realize that not every member has reliable access to the Internet and electronic resources. With this in mind, each member will be contacted and given a choice of electronic or print versions of the newsletter. Additionally, small quantities of the print version will be available for promotional and display purposes.

While we strive to improve use of publications, the current economic environment challenges the publishing effort. Costs of production and printing of high quality printed materials are expensive. We have controlled these costs using volunteers with skills in editing and proofreading. However, layout, design, and printing costs remain. Please be in prayer for us, as we explore options that allow us to maintain high quality, but are not excessively expensive. If you possess skills that may be helpful to us or are aware of resources that can benefit our publishing efforts, please let the CPFI office or your editor know.

Communication is often thought to come from the leadership. However, interaction between members is also important. Publications enhance this type of communication. A couple of ways you could be involved in effective communication is the submission of high quality, relevant articles and items for publication, and providing suggestions for other publication and communication tools. Your submissions are greatly needed.

Student Chapter Updates

R-U Aware: Student Chapters Take Action on the Issue of Medical Abortion

Amanda Davis, CPFI National Student Council Chair

Student CPFI chapters are preparing to launch a student-led health awareness event. The campaign, titled R-U Aware, aims to educate health care workers and the general public about the dangers surrounding the use of medical abortifacients, including RU486.

The need for this campaign was prompted by last year's approval of ulipristal acetate (ella[®]) in the United States for use as post-coital birth control. Ulipristal acetate belongs to a similar pharmacologic class as RU486, so it poses an ethical dilemma for pharmacists and may be a hazard for women seeking emergency contraception. As this drug makes its way into pharmacies across the United States, the need for wide-spread education on the scientific evidence is crucial to help Christian pharmacist make informed ethical decisions.

Under the leadership of the National Student Council (NSC), CPFI student chapters will interact with students and professionals in a range of health care fields, as well as those working with women in pregnancy care clinics, to provide education and training on the uses and properties of drugs such as RU486 and ulipristal acetate. By empowering health care workers and health educators with evidence-based information, they will be better equipped to provide necessary information to the women under their care. Additionally, the campaign's efforts to promote general public awareness of the effects of these drugs aims to create health literate communities that will trend away from the use of medical abortifacient agents

This campaign marks a big step in the progress of the NSC and is a testimony to the role that students can play in important pharmacy-related issues. It gives students an opportunity to practice integrating compassionate care and pharmacy practice, while fostering the growth of Christian leaders in the field of health care. As the NSC embarks on this new journey, we hope to set the groundwork for the continued involvement of CPFI student chapters in health awareness endeavors in the years to come.

If you would like to learn how you or your student chapter can be more involved with this campaign, please contact Amanda Davis at ardavis@llu.edu.

Student Announcements

Guest Speakers. Looking for a guest speaker for chapter meetings or events? Contact Jennifer Dunkle (jennifer.dunkle@ttuhsc.edu) to find out if there are CPFI professional members registered as a guest speaker in your area.

International Chapter Partnership. If you'd be interested in connecting with other pharmacy students around the globe, sign up your chapter to be part of our International Partnership Program and help support your pharmacy brothers and sisters worldwide! Contact Callista Carlton (Callista333@gmail.com) for more information

CPFI Chapter Awards. Want your school to earn recognition for its amazing CPFI chapter? Keep track of your chapter's involvement and email it to ardavis@llu.edu anytime before June 1, 2011 to be considered for chapter of the year. Winners will be announced at the CPFI Annual Meeting in June.

Changes at CPFI

Our membership database is being replaced with a new system called 'MemberClicks'. There are two other professional pharmacy organizations transitioning to this system. Once complete, CPFI members will enjoy a more interactive website. It will provide options available only to members and enhanced public options. You will be notified when conversion is complete. At that time you must log on to our new website and update your membership information.

Member benefits will include the ability to **search** the database for other CPFI members and a **job forum** where members can post job openings and seek employment notices. It will also include a **prayer wall** where members can share special prayer requests.



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Upcoming Events

- **2011 APhA Annual Meeting
CPFI Prayer Breakfast**
Mar. 27th 7:30-8:45 am
Sheraton Hotel (Cirrus Room)
Seattle, WA
- **CPFI 24th Annual Meeting**
June 9 – 12th
SpringMaid Beach, SC
- **CPFI 7th Annual Student Retreat**
Oct. 1 – 3rd (proposed)
Winchester, WV
Shenandoah University

The site will continue to list CPFI (GHO) opportunities for short term missions and also provide a forum for other **mission groups** to share their requests for pharmacists.

An exciting enhancement is the **student center**. Resources for student chapters will be available, such as student forums to exchange ideas for

student chapters. This allows us to expand support of the fastest growing segment of our membership.

An important addition for the CPFI office will be the capability to allow for **online registration** for the annual meeting and joining or renewing CPFI membership electronically.

Report from Nicaragua Mission Trip

Dear CPFI,

It was 11:30pm last Sunday (11/21) when I arrived safely home following my return from Nicaragua. It had been an exciting, and exhausting 9 days, and your prayers were evident throughout.

Along with 32 other North American team members, and a host of Nicaraguan nationals (serving as translators, logistical coordinators, ministry directors and more), I had a privilege of seeing – and, participating in – some of God's incredible work in another part of our world. And, wow...is He ever working!

Our team's primary focus was serving a variety of medical, dental and optometry needs of the people near a small community, Cuapa, Nicaragua. Cuapa is the home of a single, small evangelical church. It is led by a pastor who 3 years ago gave up nearly all his worldly possession when he heard that the only church in Cuapa was closing. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, he moved his family to Cuapa, took up residence in the tiny "house" next to the open-air church facility, and determined to continue this important ministry to the locals. Our team used our skills in delivering medical care combined with our willingness to be used by the Holy Spirit to deliver spiritual care, to draw the Nicaraguans to Jesus and connect them to the local church.

In a period of approximately 4 days, our GHO-sponsored team ministered to the physical needs of more than 2,000 people. We had the privilege of witnessing nearly 300 of them indicate their acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior! Please pray for these many new Christians...that they would grow in their knowledge of, and faith in, our Lord Jesus Christ. And, pray for the many others we served...that the seeds planted would sprout and bear fruit in the days ahead.

Again, I want to thank you for your incredible, prayerful support of me, and our entire team, during our experience in Nicaragua. In addition, I am very grateful for the \$500 scholarship that CPFI applied to the expenses of this trip. It is a blessing it is to receive support from colleagues. I pray that your engagement in prayer and financial support will be returned as showers of blessings from our Lord.

With love and appreciation...and, a desire to make Him known (Proverbs 1:7),

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