

**“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.”**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:11a (NIV)**

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### Change and Growth

What comes to mind when you hear the word “change”? Webster’s dictionary defines change as “to make something different, alter, to give a totally different appearance, transform”. A myriad of thoughts come to my mind such as the changing seasons, how our bodies change over time, the changing world that we live in, and the political changes that we experience, to name a few.

If you live in a part of the country that has four distinct seasons you are able to see the beauty of God’s creation during the seasonal transition from Summer to Fall. Many people are relieved to experience a reprieve from the heat of Summer and they enjoy the beauty of the changing leaves. God is glorified in the beauty of His earthly creation as He is in the sky above.

Now, what about this body of ours that God has made? God has made us higher than all his living creatures, and even in His own image. Wow! Yet our bodies are changing all the time. As Christians, we know that our bodies will perish, dust to dust, because sin entered the world. However, God’s unchanging Word tells us not to fear. *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Psalm 46:1-3 (NASB)*

It is natural to resist change. A member of the church that I attend has an expression: “We’ve never done it that way before”. Many people share that person’s sentiment about change, however, as Christians our greatest growth often comes when we get out of our comfort zone and allow God to use us to make a positive difference or change. As members of CPFI, we have the opportunity to serve our Lord in many ways. One visible way is through missions. We may talk about taking a mission trip, but when we have actually purchased the plane ticket and have packed our bags and are on our way, then we have moved beyond our comfort zone and God can use us! Travel to a foreign land to share Jesus and minister to health needs is a great way to serve God. CPFI in partnership with CMDA provides numerous mission opportunities.

CPFI also needs your support to grow. CPFI was born from one man’s vision more than twenty-five years ago. He saw a great need and an opportunity to bring Christ to the world through Pharmacy. As CPFI members, it is so important that we reach out to other pharmacists and invite them to be part of our Christian pharmacy organization. As CPFI becomes a stronger organization through membership support, we will be able to do so much more for God! I am reminded of the story of Jacob and how Jacob would not let go of the Angel until he received a blessing. I believe that if we would be as determined and tenacious as Jacob in our desire to strengthen our organization then we too would be blessed. More importantly a stronger CPFI honors God so that he can use CPFI for his good will and purposes.

When I took economics 101 in college, I learned that for an enterprise to be successful it needs land, labor and capital. We are a ministry and not a secular enterprise, but we have some of the same basic needs if we are to be successful. CPFI needs ‘labor and capital’. Finally, since we are a Christian ministry, we need to be a praying body. I believe that God will grow us and change or transition us into what He wants us to be

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<p>if we will do our part in honoring him through our efforts (labor) and our gifts (capital).</p> <p><i>“It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding. “It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him. Daniel 2:21-22(NASB)</i></p> <p>Greg Carlson, Pharm.D., CPFI Treasurer Stuart, Virginia</p>	
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