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Navigating Life's Storms

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A message from
the President:



Do you remember the story of Paul being imprisoned and unjustly accused? Paul used his Roman citizenship to appeal for a hearing before the emperor. As Roman guards were taking him across the Mediterranean Sea they encountered challenges. Acts 27:21-26 describes Paul's faith "After the men had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island." In the midst of difficulty Paul turned to the one who has power over the storm. There are many who are suffering devastating circumstances from Hurricane Sandy, and our prayers and support are with those who are struggling. My prayer is that especially during this time that they will turn to the one who calms the storm. He doesn't say He will remove all obstacles and our possessions might not be destroyed, but he will provide the security and support that we need.

My prayer for each of you this Thanksgiving season will be that no matter what storms you may be facing; the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, personal health struggles, financial difficulties, or strained relationships in the home, you would turn to Him and surrender your worries and cares. Thank Him for the blessings He has given you, and trust Him with the challenges ahead.

Ron Herman

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Ps. 8:9



Hurricane Sandy had a dramatic effect on the lighthouses on Lake Michigan, as shown on this news photo from Michigan City, IN on Oct. 30th.

Luke 8: 25b: "In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'"

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Corinthians 4:18 (KJV)

Recently I had the privilege to share a message at the Chapel Service at Palm Beach Atlantic University Gregory School of Pharmacy. My talk was entitled: 'Staying the Course'. My last point, based on Corinthians 4: 15-18, was we have to learn to see life through spiritual glasses if we want to stay the course to the end. I have been thinking about the definition of "reality" a lot recently. Charles Colson, in one of his devotionals, states that "Most of our cultural leaders operate from a purely naturalistic perspective, but Scripture teaches us that there are eternal things". Paul was sharing his convictions that the invisible world was real. Dr A. W. Tozer often reminded people that the invisible world of the Bible is the only "real world". Warren Wiersbe, commenting on this verse, said "the things of this world seem real because we can see them and feel them; but they are all temporal and destined to pass away".

In practicing pharmacy is there both a temporal and spiritual perspective needed? I think we need both perspectives, but we need to be able to see the temporal through the lens of the spiritual. Is one more important than the other?

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More than 2,000 men and women from around the world gathered at the Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY last week to attend the 2012 Global Missions Health Conference. The conference began on Thursday, November 8th and ended on Saturday afternoon. Breakout sessions included patient care, global health issues, community health and development, and missions preparation. Numerous sessions were offered each day, and this year pharmacists had the opportunity to obtain up to eight continuing education credits. Ron Herman, CPFI's new executive director, presented a breakout session titled, 'Judicious antibiotic treatment in developing countries'. Plenary speakers included: Dr. Tim Elmore, Kristin Idleman, Dr. David Stevens and Brother Daniel. CPFI was one of more than 100 healthcare and medical mission focused entities that exhibited in the multi-level exhibition hall.

Members of the CPFI Board of Directors gathered in Louisville on Wednesday evening for dinner and fellowship. The Board held its semi-annual Fall Board meeting at the GMHC from 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday before the first breakout session began at 4:00 pm. Dr. David Stevens, CEO for the Christian Medical and Dental Association, was a guest speaker at the CPFI Board meeting.

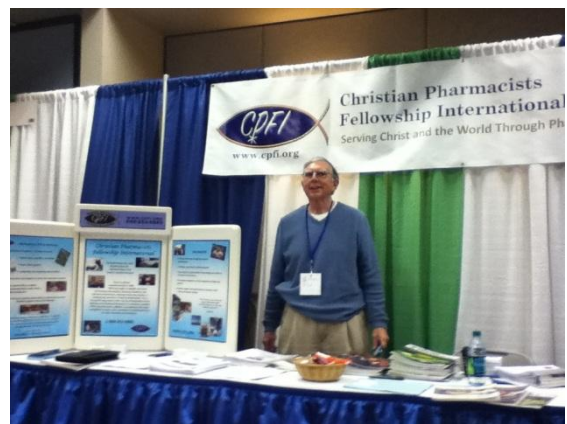


*2012 Global Missions Health Conference
Southeast Christian Church
Louisville, KY*

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Certainly we would agree that the spiritual is more important than the temporal, but if our pharmacy leaders and employers see things only through the naturalistic (temporal) perspective how do we maintain a spiritual outlook? For me, my involvement in CPFI has been critical in keeping the right perspective in pharmacy. Fellow Christian pharmacists have helpful insights that challenge my thinking and keep me properly focused. I am active in my church and find a level of fellowship there that is very necessary for my spiritual development, but I have found that CPFI offers me something that I do not get from my church. We need both. I hope you agree that if CPFI did not exist practicing pharmacy as a Christian would be harder. As your President, I want to strengthen CPFI's role in bringing a spiritual perspective into pharmacy practice.

Fred M. Eckel



*CPFI President Fred Eckel
CPFI Exhibit Booth
2012 Global Missions Health Conference
Louisville, KY*

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2012 Fred M. Eckel Award

The Fred M. Eckel Award was presented to the family of the late Curtis Johnson, University of Wisconsin pharmacy professor, for his many years of service to CPFI and students. As a faculty member Dr. Johnson was devoted to seeing the development of a strong Christian influence in the student body. Steven Woxland accepted the award on behalf of the Johnson family at the 2012 CPFI Annual Conference and later presented it to Dr. Johnson's widow, Kristi Johnson. Also pictured in the photo (on the right below) is Paul Hutson, Assoc. Professor and CPFI Advisor to the student chapter at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.



Bowl of Hygeia Award

Eugene M. Lutz – was honored in June by the Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA) with the Bowl of Hygeia Award. Lutz, of Altoona, IA, is a member of the Executive Committee/Community Practice of the International Pharmacy Federation and a Board member of Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International. He is on the APhA Foundation Board of Directors and previously served as treasurer. He is a member of the Altoona Chamber of Commerce. Lutz has served as a member and officer of the Altoona Jaycees, Altoona Lions Club, and a charter member and officer of the Altoona Kiwanis Club. He was the first president and a current member of the Lutheran Church of the Cross. He was also a high school instructor for the Junior Achievement Project Business.



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Upcoming Events:

- 2013 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat June 5th to June 9th, Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, North Carolina
- 2013 CPFI Regional Student Retreats (locations and dates have not been determined)

CPFI Student Members will host a National Student Retreat at the 2013 CPFI Annual Conference in Flat Rock, NC

Those of us who are involved in planning CPFI's annual conferences were very encouraged this year by the enthusiasm and the success of the conference in Colorado Springs. The comments that we received from pharmacists and pharmacy students suggest there is tremendous value in bringing student and professional members to the same venue. Students understand the value of receiving Christian and professional mentoring, and professionals appreciate the new and fresh perspectives that students bring. We hope that by combining our annual events we can all come together in one location to enjoy fellowship, learn new ways to integrate faith in pharmacy, and strengthen our Christian pharmacy organization. It is in that spirit that we are pleased to announce that CPFI pharmacy students will host a National Student Retreat in conjunction with the 2013 CPFI Annual Conference at Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC.

Student retreat activities will begin in the evening on Wednesday, June 5th and resume on Thursday morning. The CPFI Board of Directors will also arrive on Wednesday, June 5th. They will meet for several hours in the evening and resume their meeting on Thursday morning. Continuing education sessions will begin in the afternoon on Thursday, June 6th. On-line registration will open in December or you may request a registration form to be sent to you by calling or e-mailing the CPFI office.



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CPFI welcome's articles with a Christian focus. If you are interested in contributing an article for possible publication in our journal, Christianity & Pharmacy, please submit your manuscript directly to the CPFI office or to the editor. The deadlines for the journal: Spring Journal, December 1; Fall Journal, July 1.

Short Term Foreign Mission Opportunities

CPFI partners with the Christian Medical and Dental Association, the Fellowship of Christian Nurses and the Fellowship of Christian Physician Assistants to send out short term medical teams through Global Health Outreach. The primary care teams are usually one or two weeks, and our goal is to have two pharmacists on each team. Below is a list of upcoming trips. For a complete list of the projects and dates, visit the GHO website which can be found on the CPFI website www.cpfi.org or the CMDA website www.cmda.org.

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects

Nov 9 –17, 2012 Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Apr 11 –22, 2013 Moldova
Nov 10 – 18, 2012 Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua	May 10 – 24, 2013 Kabul, Afghanistan
Jan 12 – 19, 2013 Managua, Nicaragua	May 18 –26, 2013 Ciudad Sandion, Nicaragua
Jan 12 – 20, 2013 Cubulco, Guatemala	May 25 –Jun 2, 2013 San Marcos de Colon, Honduras
Jan 25 –Feb 9, 2013 Siem Reap, Cambodia	May 25 – Jun 7, 2013 Burkina Faso, West Africa
Feb 8 – 17, 2013 El Sembrador, Honduras	Jun 1 –9, 2013 Santa Ana, El Salvador
Feb 8 – 22, 2013 Debre Berhan, Ethiopia	Jun 22 – 30, 2013 Santa Domingo, D.R.
Feb 16 – 24, 2013 Santa Isabel, Ecuador	Jul 6 –14, 2013 Matagalpa, Nicaragua
Feb 26 –Mar 9, 2013 Tikapur, Nepal	Jul 22 –Aug 2, 2013 Kwa/Fieve, Ghana
Mar 2 –10, 2013 San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua	Aug 2 – 16, 2013 Namanga/Nairobi, Kenya
Mar 9 - 16, 2013 Sanata Ana, El Salvador	Sep 6 – 20, 2013 China
Mar 16 - 23 , 2013 Jeremie, Haiti	Sep 19 –29, 2013 Moldova
Mar 23 –30, 2013 Tela, Honduras	Oct 5 – 20, 2013 Chennai, India
Apr 6 – 14, 2013 Managua, Nicaragua	Oct 29 – Nov 10, 2013 Tikapur, Nepl

The CPFI website provides a link for each trip, the name of each team leader, and the estimated cost of each trip. You may apply on-line to participate in the trip of your choice or e-mail Ron Herman, the Mission Committee Chair for additional information (ronherman@mchsi.com).