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## 2013 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

*'Finding Hope in a Changing Health Care System'*

By Nena Lindrose

## A message from the President:



The 2013 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat was held in Flat Rock, North Carolina last week. Pharmacists, student pharmacists, and their family members from 23 states, Canada, and the Congo gathered at the Bonclarken Conference Center, a Christian conference center, located at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Gracious southern hospitality, beautiful surroundings, excellent food, and comfortable contemporary guest rooms are just a few reasons why Bonclarken has become a favorite location for many who attended last week.

The theme for the conference this year was 'Finding Hope in a Changing Health Care System'. Dr. David Stevens, CEO of the Christian Medical and Dental Association, opened the conference with an engaging perspective on the Christian response to massive changes in healthcare. Twelve hours of continuing education were offered throughout the three-day event, which included three separate panel discussions on topics such as:



Practicing your calling as a Christian pharmacist, Achieving success in your pharmacy career, and The pharmacist's role on a short-term medical mission. Dr. Ron Herman and Dr. Fred Eckel served as moderators for the panel discussions. CPFI members Jennifer Sands and Robert (Bob) Watt blessed the group with faith inspiring devotional messages on Friday and Saturday morning, and lively praise and worship music was led by William Shelton on piano and Manasseh Heeralall on guitar.



The traditional Friday night event was hosted at the conference site this year, rather than at an outside location, and included a country barbeque along with a variety of outdoor activities for all ages. A 700 foot dual zip line was the most popular activity and attracted folks of all ages, including six year old Caison Dial, son of CPFI member Brian and Theresa Dial from Laurinburg, North Carolina.

CPFI member Bob Stillwell of Hendersonville, NC led conference attendees on a tour of The Cove: The Billy Graham Training Center in Asheville, NC during free time on Saturday afternoon. The Saturday night awards banquet provided an opportunity to honor several individuals for their service to CPFI and this year the Warren Weaver Award was presented to Clarence Gissendanner. Clarence has been a member of CPFI since 1997 and has served CPFI in various leadership roles. Clarence is retired from the United States Public Health Service, however, he continues to volunteer his time as a Red Cross volunteer pharmacist at the U.S. Medical Center at Fort Gordon, Georgia near his home in White Plains. He, along with his wife Virginia, have volunteered one afternoon each week in the CPFI office during the winter months for the last several years.



Every word of God proves true. He defends all who come to him for protection. Proverbs 30:5 (NLT) Francis Schaeffer said "we must both affirm the inerrancy of Scripture and live under it". This verse and thought resonated with me as I left the CPFI annual meeting. The truth of God's word was proclaimed in both worship sessions and educational programs. Our speakers were examples of those who both believed and then lived by those beliefs.

What makes this meeting different from all other spiritual and professional meetings I attend is that it focuses on living spiritually as a Christian pharmacist. Being around other pharmacists who walk the same path I am walking; learning that my problems are not unique to me; getting ideas to help me both professionally and spiritually, are some of the reasons that make this meeting different. Add to that a beautiful setting and warm fellowship and you have the ingredients of a great experience. Now the challenge is too apply what I heard to my daily living. Let's think about how to do that because that reality applies to all of us.

Successful pharmacists need to be both competent (I know what I need to know) as well as confident (I know I can use what I know). Schaeffer suggested that "we must affirm the inerrancy of scripture". Although this may be an over simplification, that could be the confidence part where I come to

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The Fred M. Eckel award was presented to Daniel Wilson, a fourth year student of Purdue University College of Pharmacy and the 2012-2013 student representative on the CPFI Board of Directors. Daniel is currently on a rotation in Craig, Alaska.



This year the Student Chapter of the Year Award was presented to The University of Charleston School of Pharmacy for outstanding service to students and CPFI, including hosting a CPFI Student Retreat last fall. The Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy, a recently formed CPFI student chapter, was also recognized for their hard work and dedication to students and to CPFI. Twenty-eight students from nine states attended the retreat.



Certificates were presented to five CPFI Board members who completed their term of service this year: Daniel Spadaro, Little Rock, AR; Luigi De Boni, Princeton, WV; Barbara Porteous, Gray, TN; Marc Sweeney, Xenia, OH; and Robert Watt, Coatesville, PA. A sixth Board member, Tom Robertson, West Palm Beach, FL, who resigned earlier this year, was also recognized for his service to CPFI. Tom remains active in CPFI as a student chapter advisor. Tom's position on the Board was filled by Mark Johnson, Winchester, VA.

In closing, the best tribute that I can offer for the conference in North Carolina comes from the attendees themselves. Over and over again people told me that they had a fantastic time at the conference, that they were blessed, and that they have already marked their calendars to attend the 2014 conference.



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realize that God is really who He said He was. For Job this level of confidence came after his dialogue with God when he came to the point when he could say "I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes". Job 42:5 (NLT). For many of us it takes a period of time before we can finally say with complete confidence that God is all I need.

Schaeffer also said that we must live like we believe the scriptures (live under it). For me that means we must be competent in our knowledge of what God teaches in His word. That too is a life time effort. To become a pharmacist we have a course of study that we must master and then we have a lifetime of continual learning to remain competent as a pharmacist. Should we expect any less effort on our part to become competent in understanding how God wants us to live? I think not. Paul gave Timothy this advice; "Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth". 2 Timothy 2:15 (NLT).

That is my challenge to you whether you did or did not attend the CPFI Annual Meeting. Get to really know God, not just know about Him, so you can become confident that His way is the only way. You also need to know His teachings so spend regular time learning His word so you know how He expects you to live. Then live it with competence and confidence.

Fred Eckel, CPFI President

**Some of our annual meeting speakers**



Katina Jones-Rice & Fred Eckel



Dan Hussar



Jennifer Sands  
Author, Speaker



C.E. Session



# Save the Date!

## CPFI Annual Conference will return to Myrtle Beach in 2014!

2014 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat  
National Student Retreat June 11 – 15, 2014  
Annual Conference June 12 – 15, 2014  
Springmaid Beach Resort  
Myrtle Beach, SC

Springmaid has undergone a multi-million dollar remodeling of all of their guest rooms and common areas. To view photos and read more about the 'new' Springmaid Beach Resort visit <http://www.springmaidbeach.com/springmaid-beach-resort-renovations/>



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### Upcoming Events:

- 2013 CPFI Southwest Regional Student Retreat  
August 2 - 4, 2013  
Trinity University  
San Antonio, TX
- Global Missions Health Conference  
November 7 - 9, 2013  
Louisville, KY
- 2014 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat  
Retreat: June 11 – 15, 2014  
Conference: June 12 – 15, 2014  
Myrtle Beach, SC



Following the 2012 CPFI Annual Conference in Colorado Springs CPFI member, Jeffrey Copeland, submitted an idea that could provide CPFI members with an opportunity to play an important role in the success of our organization. From Jeff's suggestion, The 1% Group, now comprised of 12 members, was born. The contributions made by 1% Group members made an enormous positive impact on how CPFI finished 2012-2013. Today we would like to recognize members of The 1% Group and offer our heartfelt thanks for their willingness to serve CPFI in such an important way. We also want to thank other members that support CPFI with their financial gifts over and above their regular membership donation. We ask that all of our members prayerfully consider joining The 1% Group and we ask our current 1% Group members to consider re-pledging for 2013-2014. **Thank you for your financial support!**

### 2012-2013 Members

Jeffrey Copeland, *Founding Member*  
Fred Eckel  
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Keith Allhands  
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Wagdy Wahba  
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### 2013-2014 Members

Anonymous Board Member  
Fred Eckel

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*"For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will." II Corinthians 8:3(NLT)*

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## 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](http://www.cpfi.org) or the CMDA website [www.cmda.org](http://www.cmda.org).

### Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects

<b>Jul 6 –14, 2013</b> Matagalpa, Nicaragua	<b>Oct 11 – 25, 2013</b> China
<b>Jul 17 – 27, 2013</b> Abuja, Nigeria	<b>Oct 18 – 27, 2013</b> Ecuador
<b>Jul 20 –28, 2013</b> San Miguel, El Salvador	<b>Oct 19 –27, 2013</b> Cubulco, Guatemala
<b>Jul 22 –Aug 2, 2013</b> Tefle/Klenu, Ghana	<b>Oct 19 – Nov 2, 2013</b> Mumbai, India
<b>Jul 27 –Aug 4, 2013</b> Santa Domingo, D.R	<b>Oct 29 – Nov 9, 2013</b> Tikapur, Nepal
<b>Aug 2 – 17, 2013</b> Namanga/Nairobi, Kenya	<b>Nov 2 – 16, 2013</b> Chennai, India
<b>Jul 22 –Aug 2, 2013</b> Tefle/Klenu, Ghana	<b>Nov 3 – 9, 2013</b> Tegucigalpa, Honduras
<b>Aug 2 – 17, 2013</b> Namanga/Nairobi, Kenya	<b>Nov 15 – 24, 2013</b> Middle East Country
<b>Aug 3 –11, 2013</b> Somotillo, Nicaragua	<b>Nov 16 – 24, 2013</b> Nicaragua
<b>Sep 14 – 22, 2013</b> Nicaragua	<b>Dec 7 – 15, 2013</b> Nicaragua
<b>Sep 19 – 29, 2013</b> Moldova	<b>Jan 18 – 26, 2014</b> Guatemala
<b>Oct 4 – 13, 2013</b> Gualaquiza, Ecuador	<b>Jan 24 –Feb 8, 2014</b> Cambodia
<b>Oct 5 –13, 2013</b> Santa Domingo, D.R	<b>Feb 15 – 23, 2014</b> Honduras
<b>Oct 11 –15, 2013</b> Ethiopia	<b>Mar 15 –22, 2014</b> El Salvador

The GHO 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](mailto:ronherman@mchsi.com)).

- In 2012, 54 pharmacists, 23 students and 1 technician participated on 40 different trips!
- There was \$8,000 provided in mission scholarships to 2 pharmacists and 23 students in 2012!

### 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.

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.