



The Faith Script

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*But you, LORD, are a shield around me,
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.
Psalm 3:3 (NIV)*

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A message from the Executive Director



FINISH STRONG

By
Fred M. Eckel,
President

This year I am reading through the Bible in chronological order. As I write this I am reading Numbers. In Numbers 11 Moses is engaged in a conversation with the Lord. I think he felt overwhelmed by the responsibilities he was carrying. Like us at times we can feel all alone in our duties as believers. We start thinking: No one else cares like we do; these responsibilities are more than I can accomplish; or I can't do it, Lord, let me out of this role. We read Moses' words in Numbers 11:14 (NIV) "I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me (NIV)." It seems like Moses is experiencing a crisis of confidence. Although the actual reason for this is not exactly identified, I can imagine that he took his eyes off God so that instead of trusting God to work through him he felt he had to do the work all by himself. I can identify with this, and many of you can, too.

As an organization, CPFI continues to struggle to grow our membership base. As a result, our revenues are not abundant, making us wonder if we will be able to balance our budget each year. Even though God has been faithful, we find ourselves sometimes feeling insecure that these things will work out this time. When I feel it is my responsibility, as President, to grow membership and revenue, it can feel like an overwhelming responsibility. Remembering that CPFI is God's organization and He is just using me to help Him helps me keep the right focus.

This month I will celebrate my 77th birthday. At this stage in life my goal is to finish strong. The Bible has many stories of those who have and have not. I want to be remembered as one who did. I like to focus on Paul's words to the Philippians to help keep me on track.

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Ron Herman,
Executive Director

Fred has reminded us of the importance of wisely using the resources God has given us and to finish strong the course that He has set before us. He has indicated that our number of members has not continued to grow as we would like, but even so God graciously allowed us to finish the financial year with a positive balance. We praise Him for that. As we continue to look ahead to grow our organization we see that our future is in those who are receiving their training now. God has allowed our student ministries to continue to grow and they are doing some exciting things. They put together an informative video that was used at the recent APhA annual meeting to have a discussion about a pharmacist's right to exercise their conscience when it comes to dispensing prescriptions. I have included a link to the recent newsletter which showcases this event and other recent student activities.

[NSC Winter 2015 Newsletter](#)

Meeting the needs of our members is important to us as an organization and as we examine how members keep in touch with CPFI and fellow members we realize that our presence on the internet is important to enhance that communication. Careful analysis shows that the majority of our members and even higher percent of non-members exploring CPFI access our web pages using a mobile device. However, we realize that our current website is not very mobile user friendly. Therefore we have been working on a redesign of our website and within the next few weeks there should be a change to our website that should make it easier to access and find information. It is also our desire to make it easier to renew memberships, order resources and make donations to CPFI. Those changes are also coming, but they will take longer to implement, so stay tuned for those developments.

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Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV) “Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me Heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

The outline I use to think about these verses is:

- (1) Get up – “one thing I do”
- (2) Get over it – “forgetting what is behind”
- (3) Get on the right path – “straining toward what is asked”
- (4) Get going – “I press on toward the goal”

As I keep this process in mind, it helps me keep on course which is the best way to assure that you can finish the race strong.

- (1) **Get up** – Ultimately I have to realize that I have to act. I can wallow in self-pity or I can realize that if I want to finish strong I have to accept the responsibilities God has given me and just start doing it.
- (2) **Get over it** – What gets in the way of doing this is I want to focus on the problem not the goal. That is why I have to “get over it.” I have to keep the right perspective by remembering who really is in charge and what is my real role in his effort.
- (3) **Get on the right path** – God has provided a set of principles I need to follow to get and stay on the right path. Paul suggests it takes hard work to do this as he says he “strains” to focus on the goal. I can’t expect to finish strong unless I practice the right principles, and I work hard at implementing them in my life daily.
- (4) **Get going** – Maybe it is not as simple as “just do it,” but if I want to finish strong I need to get into the race. I can’t sit on the sideline. To finish strong, I need to get going.

There are lots of verses that remind us of why we need to be in the race so we can finish strong. In I Corinthians 2:9 (NIV) “However, as it is written: ‘What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard and what no human mind has conceived,’ these things God has prepared for those who love Him.” That is why we should finish strong to experience all that God has prepared for His children.

I started this by talking about Moses to remind us that even the best can feel overwhelmed by the role God has given them. Feeling overwhelmed is not the problem. The problem comes when we quit. I shared Paul’s challenge to suggest how we can stay in the work so that we can finish strong.



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2016 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

Springmaid Beach Resort
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

National Student Retreat: June 8 to June 12
Annual Conference: June 9 to June 12

Theme: ‘Our security is (only) in Christ’

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Schedule-at-a-glance

Program

Speakers

Student Retreat Program

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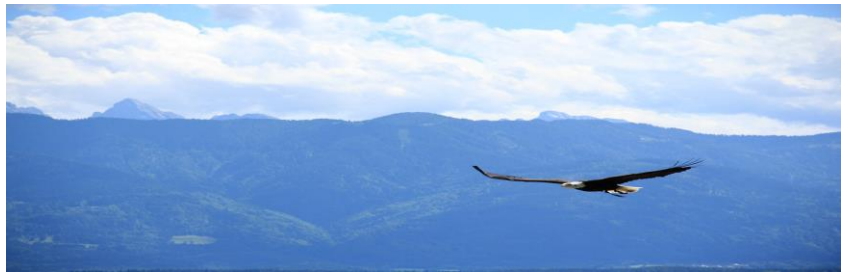
Upcoming Events:

- *CPFI 2016 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat*
Myrtle Beach, SC
Retreat: June 8th to 12th
Conference: June 9th to 12th

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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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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 short-term medical teams through Global Health Outreach. The primary care team trips 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](http://www.gho.org) which can be accessed from the CPFI website www.cpfi.org or the CMDA website www.cmda.org.

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects

Mar 25 –Apr 4, 2016 Ind*nesia	May 7 – 15, 2016 Nicaragua
Apr 2 -10, 2016 El Salvador	May 13 – 27, 2016 Middle East
Apr 2 -10, 2016 Ecuador	Jul 22 – Aug 1, 2016 Ghana
Apr 2 -10, 2016 Ecuador	Jul 29 – Aug 13, 2016 Kenya
May 7 – 15, 2016 Nicaragua	Aug 6 – 14, 2016 Nicaragua
May 13 – 27, 2016 Middle East	Aug 20 – 28, 2016 Guatemala
May 13 – 28, 2016 Pacific	Sep, 2016 Albania
May 28 – Jun 5, 2016 Honduras	Sep, 2016 Moldova
Jun 4 – 12, 2016 El Salvador	Sep 16 – 30, 2016 Ch*na
Jun 10 – 25, 2016 Armenia	Oct 1 – 9, 2016 Dominican Republic
Jun 11 – 18, 2016 Nicaragua	Oct, 2016 Ind*nesia
Jun 18 – 26, 2016 El Salvador	Oct, 2016 Mumbai, India
Jun 18 – 26, 2016 Dominican Republic	Oct, 2016 Ethi*pia
Jul 2 -10, 2016 Ecuador	Oct or Nov, 2016 Central Asia
Jul 9 -17, 2016 Nicaragua	Nov 5 – 13, 2016 Ecuador
Jul 9 -17, 2016 Dominican Republic	Nov, 2016 Middle East
Jul 15 -23, 2016 Nigeria	Nov, 2016 Myanmar

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 Keith Allhands, the Mission Committee Chair atkwallhands@gmail.com for additional information.