



The Faith Script

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“Take your everyday, ordinary life ... and place it before God as an offering.” Romans 12:1 MSG

~A note from the
Executive Director

Service

Dr. Billy Graham went to Heaven on February 21st. Like many around the world this news hurt me. The world seems a little harder when I think about Dr. Graham no longer being here among us. This morning I read several e-mails containing tributes to Dr. Graham. One e-mail came from a Board member who forwarded a tribute titled ‘God Did the Work, Period’ by John Piper. Something in that tribute spoke to my heart on a subject that I have pondered and prayed about for a long time. It was the following quote from Dr. Graham, “With all my heart as I look back on my life, [I believe] I was chosen to do this particular work [of evangelizing] as a man might have been chosen to go into East Harlem and work there, or to the slums of London like General Booth was....”

I believe that Dr. Graham in those few profound words captured the essence of the Christian walk. We do not serve when it is convenient or when it feels good or works well with our schedules. We serve because we believe that God has called us to advance His Kingdom here on earth. Most of the time what God asks of us does not fit with our schedules or desires or dreams. Most of the time it takes us away from things we think are more important – such as job responsibilities and family responsibilities, or requires us to give financial resources that we (if we are completely honest with ourselves) would rather spend on something else. Dr. Graham compared his work for the Lord to being called “to work in East Harlem or the slums of London”! That makes me think he was very well aware that he could have chosen something more pleasant to do with his time from an earthly perspective. The difference, however, between a great servant like Dr. Graham and many of us is that he was obedient to God’s calling to serve in the capacity God chose for him.

During my years with CPFI I have noticed a similar commitment to service in a number of our members. What I have come to understand is that they do not see their commitment to service as serving an organization, but rather a commitment to serving God. They believe that God wants our world to see that His work can be found not only in the church, but in other places such as the healthcare and mission fields. *(Continued on page 2)*

Change

Nena has helped us remember how God has used a faithful servant to help change our world. Have you thought about how you could change our profession? Pharmacy School has repeatedly focused our thoughts about considering how we can directly impact the health and well-being of each patient that we have the chance to care for. That is what led many of us to this profession that we love dearly. I am a firm believer that it is our responsibility, our ministry, to impact each patient by the wise use of the skills we have been given.

Have you ever thought that you could possibly have more influence than you currently have with each patient that you see every day? Dr. Graham has taught many of us to think beyond the individual approach and think more about how we can influence individuals who will commit to disciple others (multiplication). Paul emphasized that to his disciple Timothy in II Tim. 2:2, “*and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*” At our annual meeting in Bonclarken we will have the chance to elect a new Secretary and a new Treasurer, each for a 2 year term. We also have two at-large board vacancies for 3 year terms. Have you considered that possibly you could expand the influence of your outreach by getting involved in the leadership of CPFI? Soon you will be getting a notice inviting you to consider nominating yourself or someone else for one of these positions. Is it time for you to follow Dr. Graham’s example to reach out and help others grow in their faith by your service to CPFI?

Ron Herman, Executive Director

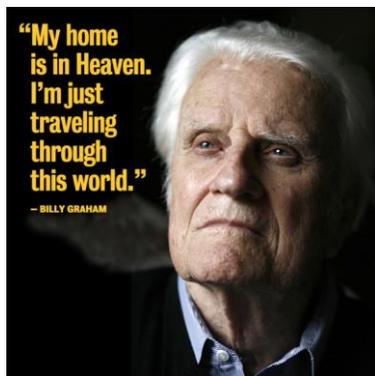
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These individuals do not think about whether service fits with their schedules, or health challenges, or various responsibilities. They continue to serve no matter what obstacle lies in front of them because God needs them.

Several months ago I was talking with an executive leader of a very large Christian organization and he brought up the topic of the challenge of keeping student members engaged. He said, “Times have changed. In the old days, we served because we were told it was the right thing to do.” He went on to say that attitudes about commitment to service have changed over the years and people do what makes them feel good. I commented that I feel attitudes about commitment and service could be changed. He told me when I find the ‘magic bullet’ to let him know. I must admit that took a little of the wind out of my sails, but deep down I still believe that a person’s attitude about service can be changed. I think that change can come by prayerfully helping folks understand that God wants our help and God will give us the strength, resources, and time we will need to do it. My prayer for CPFI and other Christian organizations is that we would come to understand that serving is not something that promises to make us feel good but rather something we do because God needs us to work for Him to further His work here on earth.

Now and in the years to come when I look back on my career with CPFI I think my most beautiful memories will be of the individuals I knew and was honored to work alongside who were completely committed to God’s work and seeing His work in CPFI continue and flourish. These relationships and the impact these individuals have had on my life and the lives of others will be what mattered most.

Nena Lindrose, Administrative Director
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CPFI 2018 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

National Student Retreat
May 30 to June 3, 2018
Annual Conference
May 31 to June 3, 2018

Theme: Hope is in our God
Isaiah 42:2-3

Bonclarken Conference Center
500 Pine Drive, Flat Rock, NC, 28731

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Registration closes May 1, 2018

(All registrations must be made through CPFI.)

Register on the CPFI website at
CPFI.org/annual-meeting
or call the CPFI office (888) 253-6885

Register before March 18th and your name will be added to a drawing!

- 1st Prize** – Full registration for the 2019 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat
- 2nd Prize** – Half-price registration for the 2019 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat
- 3rd Prize** – One night free lodging for the 2019 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat
- 4th Prize** – One day free meals for the 2019 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

Would you like to participate in the Virtual Poster Presentation at the Annual Conference?

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Upcoming Events:

- **CPFI Prayer Breakfast at
The APhA Annual Meeting &
Exposition**

Nashville, TN
Date: Sunday, March 18, 2018
Time: 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM
Location: Music City Center
[Register](#)

(If you have already registered for the conference and would like to sign up for the prayer breakfast you may do so by opening your form again and adding the prayer breakfast.)

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Student Retreat: May 30 to June 3, 2018
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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 welcomes 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 accessed from the CPFI website www.cphi.org or the CMDA website www.cmda.org.

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects

Mar 17 – 24, 2018 Ecuador	Jul 27 – Aug 7, 2018 Ghana
Mar 17 – 24, 2018 El Salvador	Aug 3 – 18, 2018 Nairobi, Kenya
Apr 14 – 22, 2018 Nicaragua	May 19 – 27, 2018 Nicaragua
Apr 14 – 22, 2018 El Salvador	Aug 4 – 12, 2018 Nicaragua
May 3 – 14, 2018 Ukraine	Aug 11 – 19, 2018 Nicaragua
May 5 – 13, 2018 Nicaragua	Aug 11 – 20, 2018 Southeast Asia
May 7 – 16, 2018 South East Asia	Aug 16 – Sep 1, 2018 Southeast Asia
May 18 – 31, 2018 Lebanon	Aug 31 – Sep 15, 2018 North Africa
May 19 – 27, 2018 Nicaragua	Sep 14 – 22, 2018 Albania (Moldova)
May 26 – Jun 3, 2018 Honduras	Sep 22 – Oct 2, 2018 East Africa
Jun 9 – 17, 2018 El Salvador	Sep 29 – Oct 7, 2018 Dominican Republic
Jun 9 – 17, 2018 Ecuador	Oct 5 -13, 2018 Ecuador
Jun 16 -24, 2018 Dominican Republic	Oct 13 – 21, 2018 Nicaragua
Jun 16 -24, 2018 El Salvador	Oct 22 – Nov 3, 2018 Myanmar
Jun 23 –Jul 1, 2018 El Salvador	Oct 26 – Nov 10, 2018 Middle East
Jul 7 – 15, 2018 Dominican Republic	Nov 10 – 17, 2018 Ecuador
Jul 21 – 29, 2018 Nicaragua	Nov, 2018 Pacific

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, kwallhands@gmail.com the Mission Committee Chair for additional information.