



The Faith Script

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A note from the President

I have had numerous conversations and even lessons over the years about giving. For some, the word “giving” sends them running to the doors or at least plugging their ears. Another word that elicits a similar response is the word “missions.” I find it interesting that both words provide a blessing for not only the recipients but also the one doing the act (Philippians 4:17 – “*I do not say this because I am seeking a gift. Rather, I seek the credit that abounds to your account.*” 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 – “*For who is our hope or joy or crown to boast of before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not of course you? For you are our glory and joy!*”). Thus, I encourage you to be generous with your wealth and words – share some dollars and the Gospel with others this Thanksgiving and Christmas season. I frequently recall a recurring conversation with a good friend about giving: “Jeff, people are going to give so why not ask them to give to us. Let’s give them the opportunity to be generous.” Well, here is our formal invitation to be generous with your wealth and words to CPFI as the Lord leads:

1. Prayer for CPFI and members
2. Financially contribute to CPFI by joining [The 1% Group](#) (a special group of members who donate 1% of our budget each year) or the [Power Hour Gift Club](#) (who combine their membership with a monthly donation), or by donating any amount. [Donate now.](#)
3. Continue to [renew](#) your membership
4. Encourage a fellow student or pharmacist to [join CPFI](#)
5. [Register](#) for The Annual Conference at Bonclarken, North Carolina (June 4-7).
6. Register yourself and encourage a fellow student to [register](#) for The Student National Retreat (June 3-7).

Praise be to God and thank you for supporting THE Christian organization dedicated to assisting pharmacists and pharmacy students serve Christ and the world through pharmacy.



1 thessalonians 5:16-18

This reminder from the apostle Paul is so important this time of year. No matter what our circumstances we are told that it is God’s will that we should rejoice, pray continually and give thanks. Some are experiencing the joys of an abundant harvest, while others are suffering from an economic setback. Some are experiencing the joy of a new life in their home (as we are with a new grandson), while others are struggling with the loss of their life partner or other loved one. Some are enjoying the amazing colors of the changing seasons, while others are struggling to find food and warmth in the midst unusual record cold and snow falls. We all have seasons where we may go from one extreme to the next, and sometimes it is not even seasons, but we see these changes all within a day, but the instruction is clear. It is God’s will that we rejoice at all times, that we continue to be in prayer about our circumstances and we give thanks that God is in charge.

It is not easy to do this especially when the circumstances we are facing are unpleasant. Paul actually had advice on that too. Two verses earlier in v. 14 “*And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.*” It is nice to be able to rejoice over a situation, but it is much more enjoyable to rejoice with someone. It is good to be praying for our circumstances, but it is encouraging to be praying to together with someone. To give thanks with others is a way to experience strength. So this Thanksgiving, whatever your circumstances I challenge you to find someone that you can rejoice with, pray with and lift your voices together in thanksgiving.

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CPFI Fall Board Meeting and Global Missions Health Conference



Each November over 2000 medical professionals and students come together for an amazing 48 hour celebration of what God is doing around the world.



Prior to the start of the conference CPFI had its **Fall Board of Directors Meeting** at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, the host of the GMHC conference. This year at the Board meeting we had the opportunity to review reports from the standing committees and address any issues related to their activities. Our discussions and actions focused on three main areas:

- **Finances** – we reviewed our finances for the past year. We should be finishing the year in the black because our investments have performed well this year. However, both membership income and donations, which are critical for our financial stability, are down. Consequently, we need to focus on both of these for this next year. *(See the note from the president.)*
- **Student Chapters** – An issue at a current chapter led to discussion about how to resolve this concern and to examine our accountability relationships.

- **Annual Meeting** – We discussed our plans for the upcoming meeting in Flat Rock, NC. *(See the save the date on this page).* We have a contract for 2021 in Myrtle Beach and we talked about possibilities for 2022, but nothing is finalized yet.

Save the Date!

CPFI 2020 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

Student Retreat: June 3 to 7, 2020
Annual Conference : June 4 to 7, 2020



500 Pine Drive
Flatrock, North Carolina 28731

[View Video](#)

Theme: 'Faith Can Move Mountains' from Mark 11:23 and Matthew 17:20

Registration opens: January 10, 2020
Registration closes: May 18, 2020
Early Bird Registration with drawing closes: March 23, 2020

Some of the pharmacists and students that came together Friday evening of the GMHC conference.





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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 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 our many members who make regular contributions beyond their dues to support this ministry.

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

Jan 10 – 18, 2020 North Africa	May 23 – 31, 2020 Honduras
Jan 11 – 19, 2020 El Salvador	May 23 – 31, 2020 Nicaragua
Jan 11 – 18, 2020 Nicaragua	May 29 – Jun 12, 2020 Lebanon
Feb 13 – 29, 2020 Southeast Asia	Jun 6 – 14, 2020 El Salvador
Feb 14 – 22, 2020 Bolivia	Jun 12 – 25, 2020 Zambia
Feb 15 – 29, 2020 East Africa	Jun 20 – 28, 2020 Dominican Republic
Feb 15 – 22, 2020 Nicaragua	Jun 20 – 28, 2020 Ecuador
Feb 29 – Mar 7, 2020 Haiti	Jul 11 – 19, 2020 Dominican Republic
Mar 7 – 15, 2020 Guatemala	Jul 25 – Aug 2, 2020 Guatemala
Mar 7 – 15, 2020 Nicaragua	Jul 31 – Aug 11, 2020 Ghana
Mar 14 – 22, 2020 Dominican Republic	Aug 1 – 9, 2020 Honduras
Mar 14 – 22, 2020 Ecuador	Aug, 2020 North Africa
Mar 19 – 28, 2020 Eastern Europe	Oct, 2020 East Africa
Mar 21 – 29, 2020 El Salvador	Oct, 2020 Southeast Asia
Mar 27 – Apr 5, 2020 Greece	Oct, 2020 Middle East
Mar 28– Apr 7, 2020 Nicaragua	Oct 9 – 18, 2020 Greece

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.