



# The Faith Script

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*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (ESV)*

July 2020

~A note from the President~

## The CPFI 2020 Online Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

By Nena Lindrose

The CPFI 2020 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat, which was scheduled to be held June 3 to June 7 at the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, North Carolina, was canceled this year due to the Corona Virus pandemic that originated in China and swept through numerous countries around the world. Many organizations, some much larger than CPFI, simply canceled their scheduled events for the summer as we saw the number of cases in the United States continue to increase. Knowing how important our annual meeting is to so many of our members, we knew we wanted to have a way for our members to connect with each other this year, provide faith-integrated CE, inspirational devotions and praise music with an overall goal of keeping our members connected to CPFI and with each other.

A decision was made to start working on an online meeting. Dr. Jeffrey Bates took the lead on this endeavor along with a team of volunteers who all worked together to support him in preparing the program. It all happened very quickly since our goal was to present the online meeting at the same time the original in-person meeting had been scheduled. The in-person meeting was canceled on March 26<sup>th</sup> and by April, 30<sup>th</sup>, just a little over a month later, we notified the membership that we had an on-line meeting prepared for June 5<sup>th</sup>, with the National Student Retreat scheduled for the morning session and the Annual Conference in the afternoon.

This was new ground for us, and we had no idea what to expect. We did not know if we would have 10 people or 50 attend, and we certainly never expected the final result, 135 people registered and attended either one or both of the two events! When God is for us who can be against us! Our hope was to reach at least 50, but God almost tripled our expectation! He always thinks bigger than we do. With little time or resources, our group put together a very professional virtual event. The majority of the conference evaluations we received gave us high marks in every category.

Numerous people were involved in this event, but it is Dr. Bates who should receive a great deal of the credit. He put in many hours preparing the program, coordinating and setting up the online event, and then hosting it from his office at the Cedarville University School of Pharmacy.



Dr. Bates at 'Command Central' in Cedarville, OH.

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Dear CPFI Member,

An essential component of CPFI is our student ministry. Not only are our student members the future of CPFI, but our student members are CPFI. For years, members have supported our students in various ways – scholarships for mission trips, scholarships to attend annual meetings, grants to minister to others. A few years ago the Hands and Feet Grant was established to provide funds to student chapters to minister to others. The primary method to fund the grants was the silent auction during the Annual Meeting. Due to COVID-19, our meeting was held online. The meeting was undeniably a huge success. A downside to the online meeting was that a silent auction was not held. This left the Hands and Feet Grants unfunded for the coming year. I am pleased to announce that 3 CPFI members volunteered to help support CPFI's pharmacy student ministry. Two provided funds during the meeting. The third person is providing a \$1,000 matching grant to support CPFI's pharmacy student ministry (i.e., Hands and Feet grants). The donor will match dollar for dollar new donations up to \$1,000. The matching donor campaign ends 7/31/20. Examples:

1. Mary donates \$250 and the donor matches the gift with a \$250 donation for a total of \$500. The donor has \$750 for additional matching. Bob donates \$50 and the donor matches with \$50 for a total of \$600. The donor has \$700 for additional matching. Sue donates \$700 and the donor matches the gift bringing the total to \$2,000. The donor's commitment is fulfilled, and matching funds exhausted.

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Assisting Dr. Bates on the technical end, were Zachary Krauss and Andrew Ballentine, both are pharmacy students at Cedarville and CPFI student leaders. Our praise team and devotion leaders also put in a great deal of time and the result was some of the best music and devotions we have had at a CPFI meeting. Heading up the worship music was Dr. Bates' wife, Sheryl Bates, along with Andrew Ballentine, Zachary Krauss, Austin Greanias, Kevin Lee, Ryan Ball, and Eric Barnes. Our devotion leaders Joy Greene, Susan Smith and Wagdy Wahba did a fantastic job of inspiring, encouraging and teaching. Here is a link to one of the devotions [Joy's Message](#) which will provide a sample if you were not able to attend or to enjoy a second time if you were with us on June 5<sup>th</sup>. You definitely don't want to miss this! Thank you, Joy, for this God inspired message to CPFI and the encouragement it provided to those of us who were blessed to hear it on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Other messages may be posted on the CPFI website soon, so be sure to look for that.

In addition to our great devotions, we had an abbreviated line-up of fantastic speakers who spoke on relevant and current topics. Tracey Frame addressed the opioid epidemic, Douglas Anderson spoke on Wake-after-sleep-onset insomnia, Jeff Copeland facilitated a virtual poster presentation with posters submitted by CPFI student chapters who received Hands & Feet Grants and Fred Eckel facilitated a panel discussion which included Wagdy Wahba, Susie Kim, Lauren Willis, Gary Smith, and Jeff Bates. Speakers for the National Student Retreat included Keith Allhands who spoke on outreach opportunities for student pharmacists and Tracey Frame who spoke on broadening horizons and understanding our biases.

We were also able to give awards this year virtually. Keith Allhands, chair for the Awards Committee, presented the awards and plans to present the awards in person at a later date. This is a lot of travel for Keith, and we thank him for his servant's heart and devotion to CPFI members and award recipients.

The *Manasseh Heeralall CPFI Student Chapter of the Year Award* was presented to Mercer University College of Pharmacy in recognition of outstanding student chapter activities. The *Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award* was presented to Luigi DeBoni, II for following our Lord's example in service to others. A full write up about the 2020 Warren E. Weaver Award recipient will appear in the fall issue of Christianity & Pharmacy.

Luigi DeBoni

Susie Kim

Jeffrey Bates



*The Fred M. Eckel Distinguished Student Award* was presented to Subin (Susie) Kim (Now Dr. Kim!) for leadership in promoting student activities; the *Psalm 145 Award* was presented to Dr. Jeffrey A. Bates in praise of service to the Lord and student pharmacists.

A number of people shared with us their disappointment that we could not meet in person in Flat Rock when we announced cancelation of the in-person meeting. They indicated that it was the fellowship they would miss the most. The isolation

many were experiencing due to the virus certainly seemed to add to these feelings. With determination and a lot of hard work we were able to follow the Lord's prompting and offer our members a very nice alternative to our in-person meeting.

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2020 Online Annual Conference & National Student Retreat by attending and supporting us with your prayers and gifts. This could not have been accomplished without you!

**Be sure to save the dates for the [2021 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat!](#)** We will return to DoubleTree Resort by Hilton, Myrtle Beach Oceanfront, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, **May 26 to May 30**. The theme for next year's conference is 'Declaring God's Glory Through Pharmacy' and comes from Psalm 19. We hope to see you at the beach in 2021!

- Oscar donates \$1,500 and the donor matches with \$1,000 bringing the total to \$2,500. The donor's commitment is fulfilled and matching funds are exhausted.
- On 8/1/20, all new gifts total \$750. The donor provides \$750 for a total of \$1,500. The campaign ends, the donor's commitment is fulfilled, and CPFI forgoes the remaining \$250 matching funds from the donor.

I encourage you to pray about your involvement in supporting CPFI's pharmacy student ministry. If you desire to financially support this endeavor, please contact our Administrative Director, Nena Lindrose, at [office@cpfi.org](mailto:office@cpfi.org). You can also see more details by clicking the details link on the bottom of page 3.

Dr. Jeffrey T. Copeland  
President



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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)*

**Save the Dates!**

**CPFI 2021 Annual Meeting & National Conference & National Student Retreat**

May 26 to May 30  
 Doubletree by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront  
 3200 South Ocean Boulevard  
 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577  
 National Student Retreat: May 26 to May 30  
 Annual Conference: May 27 to May 30  
 Registration opens January 1, 2021

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

### Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects

Thankfully some pharmacists and student pharmacists have participated Global Health Outreach (GHO) teams. In 2020 there were planned to be 45 GHO teams. At this time 10 teams have completed their tours, however, to date 32 teams have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Seven teams that went out had one pharmacist, and three had two on the team. The 10 GHO teams that have provided services in 2020 included 202 team members. The canceled trips had some 518 registered participants with 29 pharmacists and 5 students. There are still 6 trips that might go out and they have 5 pharmacists, and could each use another one or two more.

**Oct 3 – 20, 2020**

Ethiopia

**Oct 9 – 18, 2020**

Gambia

**Oct 9 – 18, 2020**

Athens

**Oct 10 – 22, 2020**

Jordan

**Oct 31 – Nov 8, 2020**

Dominican Republic

**Nov 4 – 21, 2020**

Nicaragua

GHO is working on its first domestic medical mission work. They are working directly with the Navajo Nation through the Navajo Area of Indian Health Services (NA/IHS). There is a minimum of a two-week commitment for this outreach. However, longer commitments are appreciated and welcomed. There are not formal teams, but several GHO volunteers serving together would be the ideal for the NA/IHS to help in placing a small group together. There is a group helping with transportation. Details can be found on the GHO website.

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](mailto:kwallhands@gmail.com) the Mission Committee Chair for additional information.

## Global Missions Health Conference 2020

Southeast Christian Church  
920 Blankenbaker Pkwy, Louisville, KY 40243  
November 12 to 15, 2020

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