

## Preaching, Healing and Justice

*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim  
freedom for the prisoners  
And recovery of sight for the blind,  
To release the oppressed,  
To proclaim the year of the  
Lord's favour'*

Jesus opened his public ministry with these words in Luke 4:18-19 and they outline his very clear priorities of preaching, healing and justice. The words come mainly from Isaiah 61:1,2 but he stops in the middle of verse 2, and does not mention the words which follow: 'and the day of vengeance of our God.'

Jesus was making the very important point that John also makes in his Gospel, that 'God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.'<sup>1</sup> This is not to deny the judgment - far from it - but rather to say that God's judgment will be delayed to allow for God's grace and mercy.

Many of the Jews failed to recognise Jesus as the Messiah simply because they believed that God would bring salvation to the Jewish people, and judgement to their enemies in a moment of time. But God's plan was to send Jesus to bring salvation, not just for Jews, but also for people of every nation. Jesus' ministry was characterised by preaching, healing and justice and sets a pattern for us.

### Preaching

Jesus first priority was to preach the Gospel: the good news of Jesus' death for our sins, his resurrection, the hope

of heaven, and the call to repentance and faith. At the end of Luke 4 we see the people begging him to stay presumably to heal more people and to perform more miracles. But he answers with the words: 'I must preach the news of the Kingdom of God to the other towns also because that is why I was sent'. (vv42-43)

Jesus healed the sick, but his overriding concern was for people's salvation. At the end of his ministry he went back to the towns where he had performed most of his healing miracles and denounced them for not repenting.<sup>2</sup> He was more interested in emptying the graveyards than in emptying the hospitals. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world (including good health), yet forfeits his own soul?<sup>3</sup> Our patients' greatest need is salvation, and evangelism needs to stay at the top of our agenda, so that we are ready to take the opportunities God gives to share the Gospel with gentleness and respect.

### Healing

Part of Jesus' manifesto was 'the recovery of sight to the blind' and it's interesting that the reference to the blind does not come from Isaiah 61 but from Isaiah 35:5-6, which also refers to the healing of the deaf, lame and mute. We see all of these things happen in the ministry of Jesus and the apostles. There is a restoration of the whole body. And whether healing is by supernatural means or by using the medicine, surgery and other healthcare techniques that God has graciously given, our concern today should be to show the same concern that Jesus did for the whole person - both as a sign of the authenticity of the Gospel, and as a demonstration of the Lord's love and compassion.

### Justice

The rest of Jesus' manifesto had to do with issues of justice: 'to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, to release the oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour'. The year of the Lord's favour is thought to refer to the Jubilee Year in which debts were forgiven, slaves released and property returned to its original owners. The Bible is clear that God's people are to speak and stand for justice by being a voice for the voiceless and in loosing the chains of injustice:

*'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy'*<sup>4</sup>

*'If you do away with the yoke of oppression... and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like noonday'*<sup>5</sup>

Being Christian doctors involves more than just preaching the Gospel and healing the sick - it involves bringing justice and speaking out against the evils that threaten the health and the lives of vulnerable people; being their advocates and empowering them to seek the changes in their communities that will improve the health of themselves and their children.

Preaching, healing and justice are still key priorities for Christian doctors.

**Peter Saunders**  
CMF General  
Secretary

- 1 John 3:17
- 2 Matthew 11:20-24
- 3 Matthew 16:26
- 4 Proverbs 31:8-9
- 5 Isaiah 58:6-10



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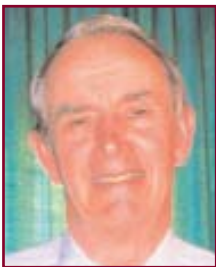
## New Appointments



Lorna Nunn

LORNA NUNN has been appointed as Scottish staffworker, working four sessions a week for two years from January 2003. Lorna will be based in Edinburgh and will be supporting Christian medical students in

Edinburgh, Glasgow, St Andrews, Dundee and Aberdeen. Lorna qualified MBChB in Edinburgh in 1998 and MRCP in 2002, and will be working part-time in General Practice alongside her CMF post. Her husband, Graeme, is an engineer. Please remember Lorna in prayer as she takes up her new responsibilities. If you would like to receive her prayer letters on a regular basis then please contact the CMF Office ([students@cmf.org.uk](mailto:students@cmf.org.uk)).



Jeremy Franklin

JEREMY FRANKLIN has been appointed as CMF Pastoral Secretary to work alongside Peter Saunders in the CMF Office working two days per week on a voluntary basis from mid-March. His work will involve

developing pastoral care of members, helping to adapt the *Saline Solution* evangelism course for UK, some conference and breakfast involvement, supporting the work of CMF regional secretaries in the South-East and speaking and writing as appropriate. Jeremy qualified MBChB in 1959 and MRCP in 1972, and was a Principal and Senior Partner in General Practice in South Woodford, North London from 1968 to 2002. For eight years of that time he founded and pastored a church, 'The Way In Christian Fellowship'. Please remember Jeremy and his wife Ann in prayer as he takes up his new responsibilities.

## New Staff Needed

### Associate General Secretary

We are still looking for a full-time medically qualified Associate General Secretary to work alongside Peter Saunders and share his current duties covering the full range of CMF's activities. Postgraduate medical qualification required, along with significant experience in Christian ministry and administration, and a commitment to CMF's core ministries of evangelism, ethics, medical mission, publishing and pastoral

support of Christian doctors and medical students. The post would, to a large extent, be shaped around the experience, gifts and abilities of the successful applicant. Salary based on clinical lecturer scales. Please contact Peter Saunders if you would like to explore this exciting London-based opportunity. Job description and person specification are available on request.

### Student Staff

There are current vacancies in North West England and East London/East Anglia, as well as Ireland and Midlands from August 2003. We also have vacancies for Relay workers (see below).

Staffworker posts are normally 4-5 sessions per week for two years, but other models are not impossible and we try to fit posts around an applicant's location and stage. Staffworkers are usually 24-32 years of age and spend the other half of their time in part time SHO, SpR or GP trainee or retainer posts, or in doing Bible College study. Salary is based on graduate teacher scales.

CMF's relay programme is a great way to get training and expertise in student ministry for 6-12 months. The programme offers UCCF's theological and ministry training alongside practical experience with one of CMF's current regional staffworkers. The programme would be most suitable for a recently-qualified junior doctor or a student able to take an intercalated year. Ministry expenses are covered by CMF but relay workers need to raise their own living expenses. For more information on staffworker or relay posts, contact Peter Saunders at the CMF office.

## Members' News

### Congratulations

#### On their awards and appointments

##### Geoff Foster

OBE for services as founder and director of Family AIDS Caring Trust, Zimbabwe

##### David Mann

OBE for services to healthcare in Africa

##### John Scriven

Chairman of Lawyers' Christian Fellowship

##### Kevin Turner

Hunterian Professorship, Royal College of Surgeons of England

##### William Wallace

Honorary Fellowship, College of Anaesthetists (RCS Ireland) and ad hominem fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh

If you have recently received an award, a new appointment or postgraduate qualification please let us know for the next edition of *CMF News*.

### Movements

#### Outgoing

Benjamin Cheesman (Aberdeen) to New Zealand  
 Rena Downing (The Middlesex) to Kenya  
 Francesca Elloway (Bristol) to Uganda  
 Christine MacDonald (Glasgow) to Zambia  
 Adrian Morel (Sri Lanka) to Sri Lanka  
 Scott Murray (Glasgow) to Thailand  
 Naomi Pang (Newcastle) to Hong Kong  
 Elspeth Paterson (Edinburgh) to Pakistan  
 Ruth Roberts (Birmingham) to Zambia

#### Homecoming

Quintin Bradshaw (Edinburgh) From Thailand  
 Ruth Butlin (Cardiff) from India  
 Heather Cox (Southampton) from Nepal  
 Ann Fursdon (Nottingham) from Kenya  
 Rachel Hillier (Royal Free) from Thailand  
 Michael Patterson (The Middlesex) from Argentina  
 Shaula Reilly (St Mary's) from Mozambique  
 Lynn Snow (Sheffield) from Guinea

#### Change of address abroad

Corry Buijs (The Netherlands) from Denmark to Netherlands  
 Nikki Rodwell (Birmingham) from France to Belgium

### Obituaries

We report the deaths of the following members and offer sympathy to their family:

Jessie Alstead (q Glasgow 1936; d 19 January 2003).

Ruth Hunter (q Bristol 1940; d 29 November 2001) was a retired doctor living in Brighton.

Ramsay Small (q St Andrews 1954; d 7 March 2003).

## General Medical Council Elections

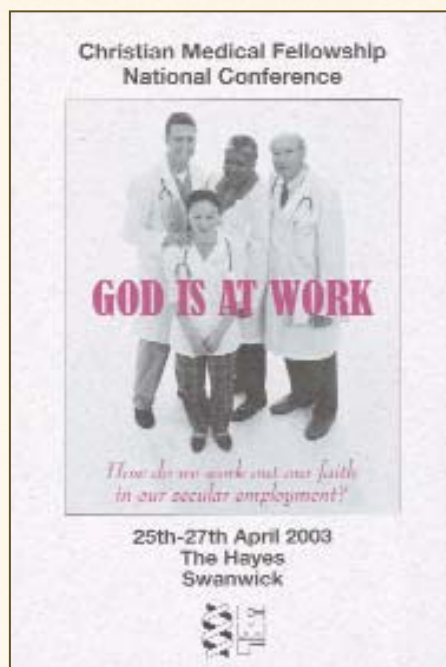
Quite a few CMF members have contacted the CMF Office to enquire about whether any of those standing for the General Medical Council are members of CMF. John Jenkins (Northern Ireland) is the only CMF member standing. Philip Howard of the Guild of Catholic Doctors is also standing. Former CMF General Secretary Andrew Fergusson will not be seeking re-election.



## Conferences

### CMF National Conference

Please pray for the CMF National Conference at Swanwick, Derbyshire on 25-27 April for which publicity has already been mailed. The theme is 'God is at Work' and Chris Richards will give the Rendle Short Lecture this year on the theme of 'Sleeping with the Enemy'.



### Cooperation, Complicity and Conscience

A conference at Queen's College, Cambridge from 24-26 July 2003, organised by the Linacre Centre. It will explore moral problems in healthcare, science, law and public policy. Details from Bob Bell, Tel: 020 7806 4088  
E mail: admin@linacre.org

### International Christian Hospital Conference

1-5 October 2003, Hyderabad, India, run by Emmanuel Hospital Association - contact EHA UK or MMA HealthServe for details.

## Meetings

### Notice of Special Meeting to approve changes to CMF Constitution

Formal Notice is hereby given to the membership of the Christian Medical Fellowship of a Special General Meeting, to which all members are invited, to be held at 10.30am on Saturday 21 June 2003 at Partnership House, 157 Waterloo Rd, London SE1 8XN.

This meeting is called under the terms of Clause 20 of the current constitution (dated 18 June 1994), which requires a Special General Meeting to approve alterations to the constitution. At least two thirds of those present and voting must approve the amendments to the Constitution, which have been considered during the year of consultation established by the General Committee in June 2002.

After the proposed constitutional changes were made available to members on request last autumn, just under 40 members requested sight of the proposed revisions, and 9 members made representations to the Constitutional sub-committee, which itself reported to the Executive in February. A copy of the revised constitution is also enclosed with this mailing.

The annual meeting of the General Committee will follow the Special General Meeting immediately, and we plan to make the whole meeting of the General Committee open to any member of the Fellowship, who would like to come to the Special General Meeting. So why not make a whole day of it, and be thrilled by all that is being done by the Fellowship in your name!

It would be a great help in our planning of the day if you could advise Judy Wilson by 16th June, if you intend to come just for the Special General Meeting, or you would like to stay for the day, and therefore enjoy coffee, lunch and tea, which is provided free for all those who come. Please email her on judy.wilson@cmf.org.uk, or telephone on 0207 928 4694, or write to Judy c/o the CMF office.

**Liz Walker**  
*Chairman of the CMF Executive*

**Peter Saunders**  
*CMF General Secretary*

### CMF Breakfasts

Three CMF breakfasts were held in March/April 2003 for members in the specialties of gastroenterology, rheumatology, paediatrics and child health. For dates of upcoming breakfasts see page 8.

## Courses

### Doctors' Dilemmas

Burrswood Hospital, Groombridge, Kent:  
28 April - 1 May 2003

This course for GPs examines the ethical and spiritual implications of modern medical advances in a relaxing environment. Details from Veronica Ross Tel: 01892 862108  
Email: admin@burrswood.org.uk

### New Masters Course in Bioethics

Five CMF members enrolled for this new course at St Mary's, Twickenham, last September. Based on Judeo-Christian and Hippocratic principles, it has proved

popular. If you are interested in doing it next year please contact Michael Hayes at [hayesm@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:hayesm@smuc.ac.uk). If you would like to be put in touch with someone who is currently doing the course for an 'inside opinion' contact Peter Saunders at the CMF Office.

### Media Training Days

One further media training day for CMF members was held in Birmingham on 1 March, and CMF former General Secretary Andrew Fergusson and 'friendly' BBC producers Andrew Graystone and John Forrest put those attending through their paces on radio and television interview techniques. We are running five more media training days this year, including one in Belfast with autumn date yet to be finalised. Local members are being mailed, but if you are out of area and would still like to come please contact Judy Wilson at the CMF Office.

<b>Aberdeen</b>	Fri 30 May
<b>Dundee</b>	Sat 31 May
<b>Bristol</b>	Fri 3 October
<b>Cardiff</b>	Sat 4 October

A new advanced media course focussing on 'end of life issues' is being planned for 5-6 December. Watch this space.

## Ethics

### Wellcome Trust Biomedical Ethics Programme

This has a funding programme providing up to £15 million in research support over the next five years. In the UK it will support research into the ethical, legal, social and public policy aspects of advances in biomedicine, particularly in neuroscience, mental health and genetics (including reproductive medicine). Schemes examining the ethics of biomedical research in developing countries will be supported. Further information from Dr Bella Starling, the Wellcome Trust.

Tel: 020 7611 8651

E mail: [marketing@wellcome.ac.uk](mailto:marketing@wellcome.ac.uk)

Website: [www.wellcome.ac.uk/biomedicalethics](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/biomedicalethics)

### Trailblazers' Sponsored Challenges

If climbing Mt Kilimanjaro, walking the Inca Trail or cycling across Vietnam appeal to you as an exhilarating way of raising money for Christian projects - Trailblazers is for you. CMF members have participated in the past, paying to go on the challenge and then getting sponsorship. For details on the above challenges and others for 2003 see the website [www.trailblazers.org.uk](http://www.trailblazers.org.uk)

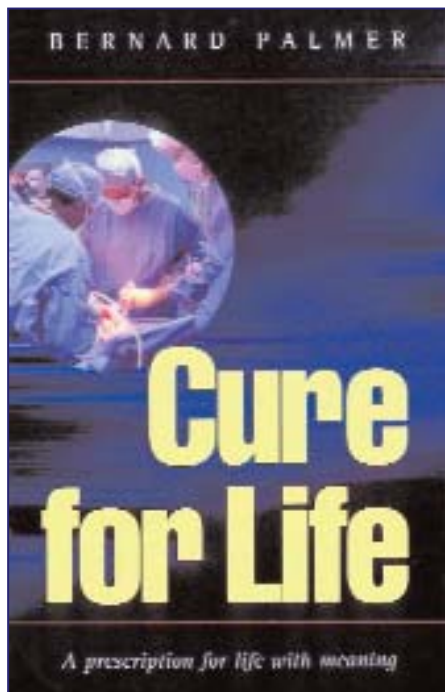




## Publications

### Translations

*Cure for Life* by Bernard Palmer, already translated into Albanian, is now almost ready for publication in Russian. A Bulgarian edition will possibly be produced later this year. John Wyatt's *Matters of Life and Death* is being translated into Spanish. The French edition is already available and the Russian translation completed. Further editions may be produced in Romanian, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Arabic and Chinese. If you would like to contribute to the appeal to print these translations please contact the CMF office.



### Ethics for Schools

Our schools website had 2,441 visits in January 2003 and is available for £5 on CD-ROM.

www.ethicsforschools.org carries much useful information for GCSE and AS/A2 level students of religious education and philosophy.



### New publications

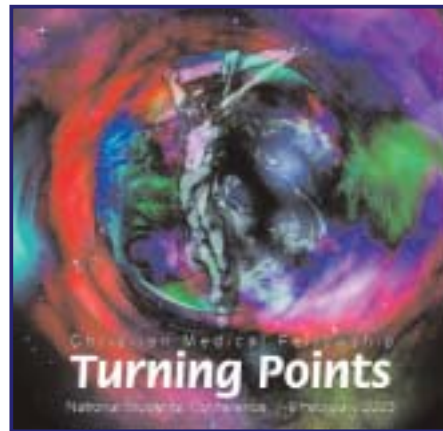
Work continues on our three new books: *Christian Distinctives in Medicine*, *Hard Questions about Healing* and *Mad, Bad or Sad?*

### CMF Website

There were 18,197 visits to the website [www.cmf.org.uk](http://www.cmf.org.uk) in January 2003. It is also available as a CD-ROM for £5 (see insert in *Triple Helix*).

### 'Turning Points' CDs

Sadly we couldn't allow many graduates at the National Students' Conference (7-9 February). However, anyone can enjoy the CDs of the main talks. The three Bible addresses from Don Carson (USA) were: 'That First Temptation - Genesis 3', 'David and His Dynasty - 2 Samuel 7' and 'Why Trust a Cross? - Romans 3:21-26'. The conference address from John Patrick (Canada) was 'Meaning and Purpose in Medicine'. All were hugely popular and over 130 CD sets have already been ordered. This four-CD boxed set includes both audio and MP3 format (hence can be played on any CD player or a computer CD-ROM drive). The price is £10 including P&P. Contact [pubs@cmf.org.uk](mailto:pubs@cmf.org.uk) to place your order.



## Junior Doctors

*Turning the Tide* - Saturday 5th April 2003 - Juniors' Day Conference

Are you wondering how to deal practically with those ethical issues you thought through as a student, and are now coming face-to-face with on the ward/clinic/surgery? Would you like to work out how to put your Christian view across sensitively and boldly? If so, then why don't you come along to our Juniors' Day Conference in Birmingham on Saturday 5 April. The day is designed to give a biblical framework for thinking through a whole range of ethical issues, with lots of time to consider how to put the principles to work in real-life scenarios, during role play and case study sessions. Contact the CMF office for an application form and come along!

### Juniors' Open House

More Open House groups are continuing to spring up around the country, providing an opportunity for juniors to meet other

Christian juniors in their local area, and enjoy a forum for support and encouragement. Why don't you go along to one in your area, or if there isn't one already, consider setting one up? CMF office has a starter pack to help you out.

### Pastoral Care

JHOs and SHOs starting new jobs in February have been linked to other CMF members for fellowship and support. If you have not been linked, it is probably because there is no 'pastoral carer' in your vicinity - but if in doubt contact Jeremy Franklin at the CMF Office.

### Overseas work

A group of UK juniors are going to Germany in April to take part in their Junior Doctors' Conference. We already have an international juniors' email group, which is a great forum for supporting and encouraging each other worldwide. We hope to expand our international links in the coming months and years, particularly to those countries that haven't yet got a juniors' work, or have one that is very small. It would be good to know of other juniors in this country who would like to be involved in this work - either helping juniors in other countries organising conferences or supporting financially. Contact the CMF office for more details.

### Future developments

As a juniors' committee in CMF there's lots of ideas we're hoping to develop in the near future to better support and equip you. Plans are in progress for a Careers Day and a Mentoring Scheme - look out for more details! Do get in touch if you have other ideas you'd like to see put into action.

### Conferences for 2003

Please put the dates of four conferences directly relevant to juniors in your diary now: Ethics day (Birmingham, 5 April), GP trainees (Birmingham, 14 June), International Medics (London, 28 June), Beyond the Bleep (Hothorpe Hall, 5-7 September).

### Juniors' Open House Meetings

continue to spread and spring up everywhere. See p8 for details.

### Juniors' email discussion group

For Christian junior doctors worldwide. If you would like to join email Mark Pickering at [mark.pickering@cmf.org.uk](mailto:mark.pickering@cmf.org.uk)

### Email Fraud

Victims of email fraud have lost as much as £150 million in Britain over the past three years.

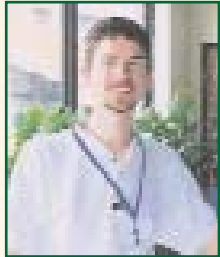
While some bogus emails are harmless, others lead to computers crashing or are costly scams, watchdogs have warned. A rash of hoaxes purporting to come from relatives of a deposed African government official cost some people up to £31,000, according to the Consumers' Association. Members are advised to be vigilant.





## Students

### Mark Pickering writes



Mark Pickering

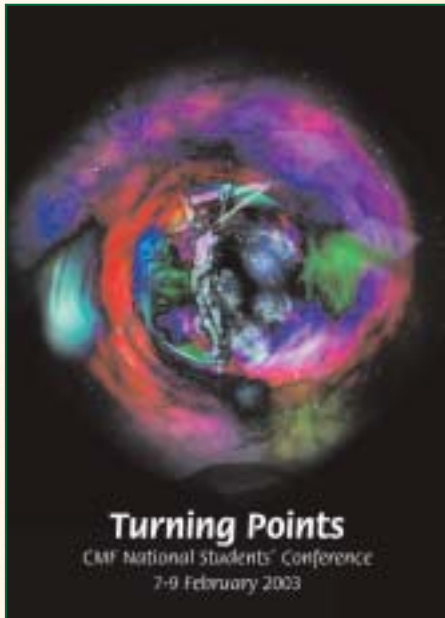
We are delighted to have Lorna Nunn (Scottish staffworker) join the student ministry team (see page 2). Becky Petherick (Midlands Relay worker) completed an excellent six months in February and has returned to full time medicine as an A&E SHO. She was a great help to the students in Warwick and we are very grateful for all her hard work.

The student staff team is stronger than ever, for which we thank God. All our staffworkers produce regular prayer letters so if you would like to support any one of them in prayer please let us know.

The current team is Mark Pickering (Student Secretary), Tim Lewis (Ireland), Lorna Nunn (Scotland), Kerry Waterfield (North England), Ruth Selwood (Midlands), Rebecca Brain (West UK) and Chris Downing (South England). Mark Pickering's email address is [mark.pickering@cmf.org.uk](mailto:mark.pickering@cmf.org.uk). We expect you can guess the rest! For student staff vacancies see page 2.

### Turning Points

Another excellent National Students' Conference on 7-9 February saw over 360 present, partly due to changing the date to February.



Don Carson (USA) spoke on three 'Turning Points' in the history of salvation – the fall, David's dynasty and the cross. Excellent emphasis was made on the pervasive nature of evil, which is essential before we can understand God's grace in providing a

messiah to atone for our sins. John Patrick (Canada) gave the Conference Address on 'Meaning and Purpose in Medicine', focussing on the principles of the Hippocratic Oath and the need for objective truth, transcendence and trust as vital ingredients in medical practice. A four-CD boxed set of the main talks is available from CMF (see Publications section).

A fantastic selection of seminars on topics such as 'Suffering', 'Cloning & Stem Cells' and 'Imposing our Morality' were very well received. The bookstall was as popular as ever (Don Carson's books selling out by Saturday lunchtime) and students enjoyed meeting the many international students who came from as far as Croatia, Kenya and Australia. See the conference report in the April *Nucleus* for further details.

### International Students' Preconference

Now in its fifth year, this London-based week immediately preceded the National Students' Conference (3-7 February).

A wonderful group of 17 students from Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kenya, Latvia, Russia and Ukraine stayed with local students. They had ethics teaching and visits to local medical units run by CMF members; they also visited the Houses of Parliament and had a day trip to Oxford for sightseeing and time at the IFES headquarters. The aim remains to strengthen leaders and potential leaders where student CMFs are small or non-existent. A number of the countries will be receiving CMF summer teams this year (see below).

### Irish Conference

40 students and doctors came to Ovoca Manor in County Wicklow to hear Anthony Petterson speak on 'God's Guidance' for the 2002 CMF Irish Conference (31 Jan - 2 Feb). Seminars included 'Addictions', 'Science & Faith' and 'Studying the Old Testament'. The weekend coincided with Chinese New Year, so on Saturday evening a Chinese dinner and table quiz added some colour to an excellent time.

### Missionary Breakfast 6 May

London students can look forward to the great view and monumental cooked breakfast of Guy's hospital tower on Tuesday 6 May. Peter Armon (CMF Overseas Secretary) will speak on 'Get Out More! 21st century medical mission'. Publicity is now available and the cost will be £5.

### Confident Christianity

The national tour finished on 15 March in Cardiff after covering 16 venues across the UK and Ireland. 250 students were equipped to share their faith with friends, 'in words they understand, in an environment where they feel comfortable and with the opportunity for discussion'. Please pray for the fruits of this work in coming months. Numbers were lower than expected, partly due to changes in student culture, but those that came invariably had a great time. The CC material is still available at [www.cmf.org.uk/evang/conf/intro.htm](http://www.cmf.org.uk/evang/conf/intro.htm) and further CC days can be arranged on request.



### Electives Days

Electives days were held in Leeds (8 March) and London (19 March). Nearly 50 students attended for first-hand advice on the how and why of organising an elective in the developing world. Free booklets on planning your elective are available from CMF and on the website at

[www.cmf.org.uk/mission/prepelec.htm](http://www.cmf.org.uk/mission/prepelec.htm). For specific advice on an elective, contact Peter Armon, the CMF Overseas Secretary, on [peter.armon@cmf.org.uk](mailto:peter.armon@cmf.org.uk). MMA Healthserve is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2003 and would like to give 125 elective grants to students studying in English or Welsh universities over the next two years! Contact MMA HealthServe, First Floor, 106-110 Watney Street, London E1 2QE. Tel 020 7790 1336.

Email [info@mmahealthserve.org.uk](mailto:info@mmahealthserve.org.uk).

### CMF Summer Teams

Student/doctor summer teams go out each year, mainly to help run evangelistic camps. This year teams are planned in Kursk (Russia, 4-12 Jul), Chilyabinsk (Russia, 27 Jul-6 Aug), Simferopol (Ukraine, 4-8 Aug), Tver (Russia, 4-11 Aug), Bulgaria (first week of Aug), Yerevan (Armenia, date to be confirmed) and Tirana (Albania, date to be confirmed). Much prayer is needed for planning, finance and extra team members.

Other CMF teams will be helping to run student leaders' conferences in Bucharest, Romania (23-25 May) and Samara, Russia (15-20 July). These will include medical student leaders from across the Balkans (Bucharest) and the Russian-speaking world (Samara). Both will be instrumental in the strengthening of Christian medical student movements in these regions. A further team will assist at a student/doctor conference in Moscow (3-6 Oct).

### Summer School

The CMF Student Leaders' Conference takes place each September for all CMF reps, but we are conscious of the need for intensive leadership training for key CMF students in order to help 'pass on the baton' to the next generation of Christian doctors. As a result, this year there will be a residential CMF student summer school for a small number of invited students. This will take place at Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, 30 June - 3 July. Further details will follow but please pray for this important new venture.

# Mission Matters

## Peter Armon writes



Peter Armon

At the recent student national conference, I was leading a seminar on mission. Asked where in Scripture we find a call to mission, most of the students were able to quote Matthew 28:19-20 but there seemed little appreciation

that the whole of Scripture is God's call to mission. God is seeking a people who are prepared to spend their lives getting to know him better and willing to face the cost of making him known to others.

In a section entitled 'Made for Mission' in 'The purpose driven life' by Rick Warren, he writes, 'Jesus calls us not only us to come to him but to go for him. Your mission is so significant that Jesus repeated it five times in five different ways in five different books of the Bible, (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 20:21; Acts 1:8). It's as if he is saying, 'I really want you to get into this'. It's worth studying these five commissions that Jesus gave us to learn more about the when, where, why and how of our mission here on earth.

We often talk about 'The Great Commission' in Matthew 28 but we tend to treat it as though it is simply a 'great suggestion'. Mission is surely mandatory to the members of God's family. God holds us responsible for the unbelievers who live around us (Ezekiel 3:18). I have to continually remind myself that I am the only Christian that some people will meet and I need to take the opportunities that God gives me to share the good news of Jesus with them. The Apostle Peter reminds us that we are 'a kingdom of priests, God's holy nation' so that we 'can show others the goodness of God' (1 Peter 2:9)

In an effort to help us appreciate something more of God's call on our lives and to give an idea of the infinite variety of ways in which it is possible to serve him both at home and overseas in this day and age, CMF and MMA Healthserve are organising a number of events in the coming months.

## Websites

If you are looking for an overseas vacancy, a detailed list of overseas vacancies can be found on the MMA HealthServe website. Visit the opportunities page at [www.healthserve.org](http://www.healthserve.org) but only do so if you want to be challenged! It carries a health warning for a visit to this page of the website can cost you your life!

## Refresher Course 7-18 July 2003

The programme is about to be published. With input from 'experts' from all the fields of medicine, interactive workshops and times of spiritual refreshment, this is a must for overseas healthcare professionals home on leave or others preparing to go. It will again be held at Oak Hill College in North London. If you know of folk who will be home on leave, please let them know about this. Further details can be obtained from Joan Arnold or myself at the CMF Office.

## Medical Missions Day Conference on 28 June 2003 at Partnership House

The programme and an application form for this meeting are now available from the CMF Office. Aimed at students, trainees and established GPs and Consultants who are interested in medical mission, there will be a wide range choice of seminars ranging from 'Developing a missionary mindset' to discussion of the opportunities that exist through mission and church hospitals, CMF Summer Teams, telemedicine, teaching trips and in responding to crises and conflict situations etc. Ted Lankester and David Carling will be giving key note addresses on 'The changing face of Medical Mission' and 'A Scriptural framework for medical mission'. It should be a challenging day for us all.

## Global Healthcare Forum 26 November 2003

This year's forum will be considering the future of healthcare in sub Saharan Africa and is being organised in conjunction with the Africa Forum of Global Connections. Further details can be obtained from Steve Fouch at MMA Healthserve ([steve@healthserve.org](mailto:steve@healthserve.org)).

## Publications

A new version of the 'Short term medical mission opportunities' booklet will shortly be available from the CMF Office. This booklet, first produced in 1994, has been fully revised, amended and updated and contains detailed information on the 'how, when and where' of getting involved in short term medical mission.



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MOBILISING CHRISTIAN HEALTHCARE MISSION



## HealthServe Day 12 July 2003 at Oak Hill College, North London

This day will be held in the midst of the Refresher Course at Oak Hill College. MMA HealthServe will be celebrating 125 years working to mobilise and support healthcare students and professionals in the developing world.

The need for committed, professional Christian healthcare in the developing world remains as great as ever. AIDS, TB and malaria are becoming major, uncontrollable epidemics. The gap between rich and poor is widening all the time. War, natural disaster and political instability all add to the problem. How can we respond? What are the opportunities?

HealthServe Day is a day conference where it is hoped you will find the answers to some of these questions. Top speakers, resources and exhibitions from Christian mission and aid agencies, and opportunities to meet with others working in the field, will all make this an essential one day conference for anyone interested in Christian healthcare mission. There will also be a celebratory service in the evening.

Registration for the day costs £5 (free to students, unwaged or overseas workers). Please contact MMA HealthServe for more details and a booking form on 020 7790 1336, or [www.healthserve.org](http://www.healthserve.org), [info@healthserve.org](mailto:info@healthserve.org)





# International Christian Medical and Dental Association

## From Ralph Sinn, ICMDA General Secretary

Regional ICMDA conferences are being planned for 2003 and 2004. Please pray for our Father's blessing on the preparations for these conferences as well as for the successes, nurturing, and blessing these conferences can bring. In November 2003, the Central American Regional ICMDA Conference is to be held in Honduras. Also in November, there is hoped to be a West African Regional ICMDA Conference in Nigeria. In 2004, the following Regional ICMDA Conferences are planned:

**Southern African Region** – April, in Malawi

**Europe** – September, in Germany

**South America** – November, in Ecuador

**East Africa** – Uganda

**Asia/Pacific** – India

As well, planning for the next ICMDA World Congress, to be held in July 2006, in Sydney, Australia, is well under way. Please pray for the speakers and theme that our Father is even now preparing in advance for the blessing this World Congress can bring.

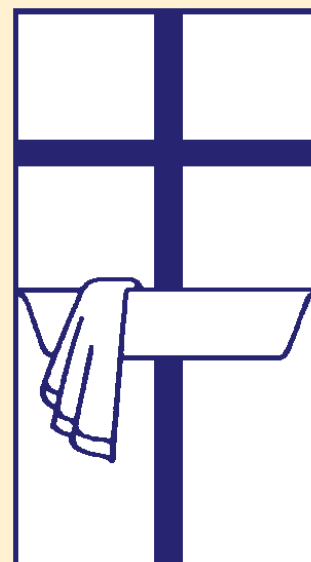
Please pray for the nurturing and growth of graduates, juniors, and students, in personal and professional capacities. The foundation of Christ in one's life is a firm rock that gives us a footing in the varied storms of life in this world. Praise God for CMF UK, and the many sister Christian Medical/Dental fellowships in the world, affiliated with ICMDA or other Christian medical/dental organizations, that seek to help us to recognize that rock on which to stand. A blessed Easter to everyone from ICMDA. He is risen!

## From Peter Pattison, ICMDA European Regional Secretary

'Returning on 22 March from a week in Russia in company with Tim Rudge, IFES regional co-ordinator, my mind is full of things Russian. The Russian Christian Medical Association is now poised for full membership of ICMDA (How we rejoiced at the Seoul ICMDA Congress in 1990 when one Russian was able to join us and how things have moved on from there!) They are planning a major conference in Moscow on 3-6 October.

We met a fine group of twelve African Christian medical students in Rostov-on-Don eager to live for Christ and challenged to take the gospel to their Russian fellow students. Christians in the medical schools are few and widely scattered. The strongly humanistic and biomechanical frameworks for medical education discourage many, but many are eager to have their lives shaped by the Word of God.

Preparations are in hand for a major conference in Samara for students and junior doctors on 15-20 July. They are hoping to gather 200 or more for this from all over Russia and surrounding countries. Please pray for all these exciting developments.'



## Finance Matters



### 2002 Accounts

We are immensely grateful that the 2002 accounts, which are being audited and finalised show only a small deficit of about £20,000, £16,000 of which is a paper investment loss due to stock market falls during the year. These assets are held for the long term, and have not fared as badly as many investments during 2002.

We must acknowledge with gratitude the largest legacy ever received by CMF during the year, which has reduced the deficit very substantially. Have you made your will yet, and would you consider making CMF a beneficiary when you next review it?

Thank you, Lord God, for looking after CMF's financial affairs during 2002, thereby enabling much to be done for the Kingdom.

### Subscriptions

Subscription reminders are now going out, requesting those in full time practice, and

more than 5 years post qualification to consider subscribing £10 per month or £120 per year. This is a big increase, but is designed to balance the books in 2003, and enable the appointment of a full time Associate General Secretary, when we can identify the right individual. Please speak to us if this places too great a burden on your financial commitments. Students may now join for free for a year, and then the subscription is £10, or £25 for 3 years – a real bargain!

### Means of giving

We are very keen to promote Direct Debit payments, and we hope this facility will become available during the year as part of a major overhaul of our membership database and subscription system during the summer. In the meantime you may prefer to establish a Bank standing order, or make a subscription payment, or donation by means of a credit card should you make use of one.

### Thank you Paul Ginnings

Paul, who has recently retired as partner from Deloitte & Touche, has served on the Business Advisory Committee of the Fellowship since December 1975, an extraordinary length of service, for which the Fellowship is very grateful indeed. His down to earth and practical advice, based on a lifetime's service will have saved the Fellowship untold thousands, and kept us on the financial straight and narrow! Thank you so much Paul for your invaluable contribution.

Thank you, Lord God, for the faithful financial support of the CMF membership during 2002.

Giles Rawlinson



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