

THE ROAD AHEAD

The book of *Ecclesiastes* tells us that 'there is a proper time and procedure for every matter' and that 'the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure' (8:5,6). So often God guides through circumstances, opening and closing doors in his good time, and helping us to be wise in our plans and priorities. We have had a real sense of the Father's leading over the last six months as the 'roadmap' has become more clear.

As 2003 dawned we planned to take on an Associate General Secretary, investigate a merger with MMA-Healthserve, take on more space in Partnership House, install a new database, increase our media involvement and bring in specific training for the integration of faith and practice. The total cost for this was to be £110,000 extra per year (on our annual budget of £750,000) so we looked to you, our members, to make it possible through increased giving by a full-member subscription increase to £120 or £10 per member per month.

The first step on the path was our **new constitution**, which was accepted unanimously at the CMF AGM on 21 June. This enables us to formalise the direction we believe that God is calling us to take. It makes clear our new areas of focus in being a witness to patients, being a public voice for Christian values, becoming multidisciplinary in our overseas work and taking more responsibility for the growth of new Christian Medical groups throughout the world. Our revised aims are *discipleship, evangelism, mission and proclamation* as follows:

1. To unite Christian doctors and medical students in Christ, and to encourage them to deepen their faith, live like Christ, and serve him obediently, particularly through acting competently and with compassion in their medical practice
2. To encourage Christian doctors and medical students to be witnesses for Christ among all those they meet.
3. To mobilise and support all Christian doctors, medical students, and other healthcare professionals especially members, in serving

Christ throughout the world.

4. To promote Christian values, especially in bioethics and healthcare, among doctors and medical students, in the church and in society.

Following this in July/August we are **upgrading to Oracle**, a 'state of the art' database system already used by over 70% of businesses worldwide. This upgrade will allow us to streamline greatly our membership system, improve handling of electronic correspondence, answer complicated queries, allow a transition to direct debit and online conference bookings, enhance considerably our ability to contact and link people and create an effective Christian medical cyber-community.

Next on the agenda is our proposed **merger with MMA-Healthserve** for which negotiations are proceeding amicably and are already at an advanced stage. MMA Healthserve, which celebrates its 125th anniversary this year, has worked closely with CMF for many years in mobilising Christian health professionals to serve Christ abroad. Our Overseas Support Secretary Peter Armon is jointly employed by both organisations. Under the proposals existing MMAHS staff would join a new expanded overseas department within CMF, which would become multidisciplinary and thereby act as a catalyst for those in professions allied to medicine to grow and develop their mission activities as well. The merger would bring considerably greater resources to CMF, and would simplify administration and cut duplication.

The timing of this merger, which both organisations are keen to complete, will depend on the **availability of space** in Partnership House. The ACC (Anglican Consultative Council), with whom we share the 5th floor of Partnership House, have signed a lease on another property in London and expect to be departing in *to* around December 2003. We have long dreamt of several Christian healthcare organisations coming together to share space 'under one roof' and it seems this dream might now be coming true.

Allowing for the inevitable disruption and 'bedding-in' period for all these changes we

would aim to have an **Associate General Secretary** in post by April/May 2004. This would coincide with the *Saline Solution* Roadshow on integrating faith and practice, which was piloted last year and is being trailed this autumn after adaptation to a UK context. It is envisaged that the new post will greatly enhance the pastoral support and encouragement of CMF's graduate doctors, and especially GPs.

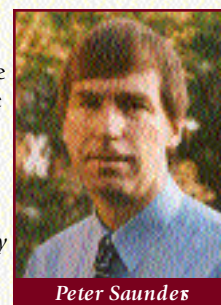
Alongside all these new developments we intend to keep developing all the good things we are already doing – the conferences, journals, regional meetings, student ministry, publications, correspondence etc. And we continue to press ahead with other recently launched projects which are drawing more people into the frame as staff or volunteers: our websites, new books, translations, media training, media involvement, summer teams, more support of ICMDA (especially in Europe) and networking at a higher level with more Christian organisations in the various fields of ministry we are involved in – ethics, mission and evangelism.

This last year has seen possibly the end of the cloning debate, as science has proved the pundits wrong, but otherwise on the ethical front things look depressing with an increased push for euthanasia, gay adoption, the morning after pill, the legalisation of marijuana and so on. All symptomatic of a society and a profession turning its back on God. I believe that Christian doctors will face more persecution in the coming days and that it will primarily be in the areas of our beliefs about the uniqueness of Christ, sexuality and the sanctity of life. There is a real call for members to get more involved, being salt and light at all levels of society and in the profession.

There is much to give thanks for, but also much more land to be possessed as we move forward together in Christ into 2003/4.

Peter Saunders

CMF General Secretary



Peter Saunders

New Appointments



Wai Ting So

WAI TING SO was appointed in April as a full time administrative assistant with responsibilities in the area of publications. Ting previously worked as a credit risk analyst in London. Originally from Hong Kong, he worships at the Chinese Church in London where he runs the tape library in the English congregation. He is a keen racquet sports player. Ting may well answer the phone when you ring the office, or put your book order together.

RICHARD KNOX has been appointed as West Midlands Relay Worker for twelve months part-time from August 2003. Richard graduated MBChB from Birmingham in July 2001 and will be supporting students and junior doctors in Birmingham and Warwick whilst taking part in UCCF's Relay training programme. Alongside he will continue working part-time in the NHS.

Please remember Ting and Richard in prayer as they take up their new responsibilities.

New Arrivals



Chris Summerton

CHRIS SUMMERTON is the new chairman of CMF. Chris is a Consultant Gastroenterologist in Manchester and brings to the post a passion for integrating spirituality and health. **BRIAN HOGBIN** is the new CMF President. Brian is a retired General Surgeon in Shropshire, and formerly CMF Treasurer. Bristol Geriatrician **MARK CHEESMAN** is chairman elect and Sheffield Emeritus Professor of Surgery **ALAN JOHNSON** is president elect.



Brian Hogbin

Departures

This month we sadly say goodbye to one Executive Chairman, one CMF President and two student Staffworkers. Farnborough GP **LIZ WALKER** has

completed two years as CMF Chairman during an exciting time of change, during which she oversaw the introduction of the new constitution which has prepared the way ahead. Liverpool Retired Paediatric Surgeon **RICHARD COOK** finishes three years as CMF President. General Surgeon **TIM LEWIS** has been CMF Irish Staffworker for two years and has now taken up an appointment with the Leprosy Mission in Nepal along with his wife Julie, a paediatrician. **RUTH SELWOOD** has been South-West Staffworker for two years and Midlands Staffworker for one year. She returns to full time general practice training this August. Both Tim and Ruth have made a huge contribution to CMF's ministry amongst students and will be greatly missed. At present we have no replacements for them so please do pray that God will raise up successors and do pray for them also as they make the transition back to full time medicine. Thank you Tim and Ruth.

New Staff Needed

Associate General Secretary Interviews

We are seeking to hold interviews soon 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. If you think this may be you then it is still not too late to enquire and apply. 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 for student Staffworkers 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.

UCCF Nurses Staffworker

UCCF is seeking to appoint a national staffworker for nurses (to work amongst nursing students). An information pack can be obtained from UCCF, 38 De Montfort St, Leicester, LE1 7GP. Tel 0116 255 1700.

Members' News

Congratulations

On their awards and appointments

Valerie Rogers MRCPC

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

Stroma Beattie (Edinburgh) to Singapore
Jennifer Blackman (Bristol) to South Africa
Ruth Butlin (Cardiff) to Bangladesh
Robin Carmichael (Guy's) to Tanzania
Ruth Fitch (Birmingham) to Kenya
David Goudie (Edinburgh) to Canada
Charlotte Hadtstein (Cambridge) to Germany
Wendy Knoops (Dundee) to Netherlands
Alexander Maclean (Dundee) to Malawi

Homecoming

Gordon Cox (Royal Free) from South Africa
Johann and Hazel De Bono (Glasgow) from USA
Pauline Dean (Liverpool) from Kenya
John Dickinson (Oxford) from Nepal
Angus Grant (Edinburgh) from Kenya
Helen Greer (Leeds) from Nepal
Edwin Martin (Cambridge) from Djibouti
Jane McNutt (Belfast) from Albania

Change of Address abroad

Anne Kilpatrick (Glasgow) from Bolivia to South Africa
Ernst Rettedal (Norway) from Tanzania to Norway

Obituaries

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

Thomas Glasgow (q Belfast 1949; d 12 April 2003) was a retired GP living on the Isle of Wight.
Rodney Gowers (q Sheffield 1968; d 2 April 2003) was working in Tanzania, returning to Sheffield in 2002.
David Soltau (q Bristol 1944; d October 2002) was a retired Consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology living in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
Julian Walter (q Cambridge 1971; d 23 November 2002) was a GP in Blackburn, Lancashire. He had previously worked at the Bethnal Green Medical Mission and as a GP in Sussex.



Conferences

God is at Work

Over 200 people attended this year's CMF National Conference at Swanwick on 25-27 April. A wonderful time of teaching and fellowship was had with the highlights being Karl Martin's excellent practical Bible teaching on Colossians and Chris Richard's challenging Rendle Short Lecture on 'Harm Reduction'. Tapes are available from the CMF Office. Thanks to Ken Toop and the North-East team for all their hard work in organisation. Next year's conference will be organised by the West Midlands.

CMF Autumn Conferences

Publicity for these will be mailed soon. Please check the dates on page 8 and get them in your diary now.

European Leadership Forum

The European Apologetics Network (now the European Leadership Forum) was launched with 110 Christian leaders from 25 countries at the Hope 21 conference in Budapest last year and has just had its second annual conference from 30 May-6 June 2003 in Sopron, Hungary with 250 from 20 countries. 12 CMF members attended. CMF General Secretary Peter Saunders, a member of the ELF steering committee, taught CMF's *Confident Christianity* and *Answering Other Faith* courses at the conference as half-day seminars. Both were very well received – and also videoed.

Getting God to Work

is the theme of the annual men's conference of 'Christian Viewpoint for Men'. Issues of faith and the workplace are explored in talks and seminars with the aim of 'equipping the saints to be godly at work'. 7-9 November 2003, Britannia Royal Court Hotel, Coventry. Details at www.CVMen.org.uk or email: conference@CVMen.org.uk

Ministry of Healing

Francis and Judith MacNutt will be speaking on spiritual healing through prayer at this year's Church of Scotland conference. 17-19 November, Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh. Details from Maggie Chalmers. Tel: 0131 657 2000 Email: mchalmers@charis.org.uk

CBPP Conference: Cloning and the Biotech Future

This highly topical conference will be chaired by Prof John Wyatt, chair of the CMF Study Group, and features an international line-up of controversial speakers including Nigel Cameron (Chairman of CBPP), Baroness Warnock, Lord Alton, Calum MacKellar (Scottish Council of Bioethics) and Brigitte Boisellier (Director of Clonaid). Monday 24 November. Royal Society of Medicine,

Wimpole Street, London W1. Registration fee: £95. Early bookings before 15 September £70.00. Friends: £70.00. Students: £40.00. Information from: Fiona Gregson, CBPP, 51 Romney Street, London SW1P 3RF. Tel: 020 7233 0455

Courses

Media Training Days

CMF's training in radio and television interview techniques has enabled over 100 Christian doctors to approach media interviews with confidence. Further one-day training courses will take place this autumn:
Bristol Fri 17 October
Cardiff Sat 18 October
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. Early booking is appreciated. A new advanced media course focusing on 'end of life issues' is being planned for 5-6 December.

Saline Solution

This innovative course in integrating faith and practice was developed by our US sister organisation CMDA. Two pilot conferences for CMF members will be held this autumn leading up to a road show tour of many more venues in Spring/Summer 2004:
Birmingham Wed 8 October
Sheffield Thu 23 October

Healthcare Sunday

This year focuses on the hidden health needs of many in our communities and their carers.
Sunday 19 October 2003.
www.healthcaresunday.org.uk.
A flyer has been sent with this mailing.

Forum for European Philosophy

Founded in 1996, the forum aims to promote dialogue between philosophers and ethicists working in different traditions across Europe. Details can be found at www.philosophy-forum.org

New Masters Course in Bioethics

Five CMF members enrolled for this new course at St Mary's, Twickenham, last September and more are enrolling for this September. Based on Judeo-Christian and Hippocratic principles, it has proved very popular. If you are interested in doing it next year please contact Michael Hayes at 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.

Wellcome Trust Biomedical Ethics Programme

This is 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 Website: www.wellcome.ac.uk/biomedicaethics

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

St Francis Hospice Education Centre

holds a number of study days throughout the year relating to palliative care. Details from St Francis Hospice, The Hall, Havering-atte-Bower, Romford, Essex, RM4 1QH. Tel 01708 758646.

Resources

Doctors' Support Network

DSN has a new phone number: 0870 321 0642. The network is a self-help group for doctors with mental health problems. It offers monthly meetings, a newsletter, phoneline, website and email discussion group. Website: www.dsn.org.uk Email: lizzie@dsn.org.uk

CMF General Practice Bureau

At present there are no doctors registered with the bureau looking for practices, reflecting the current situation of difficulty recruiting to general practice. Anyone seeking a practice to join can still write to Dr Greg Folwell (Personal), Ian Gow Memorial Health Centre, Milfoil Drive, Langney, Eastbourne, E.Sussex, BN23 8BR. Enclose a SAE for a questionnaire. A new register will be started when there is a response, in the meantime practices looking for partners can advertise in CMF News adverts.

New websites

David McFarland, a church pastor in Northern Ireland, has set up a website called *2hearts* offering support, prayer and encouragement to all who face the trauma of heart surgery. Printed posters are available for waiting rooms etc. Email: david@2hearts.org.uk Website: www.2hearts.org.uk

The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity (based in USA) operates two websites. www.cbhd.org consists of its internal work and publications. The other, www.bioethics.com brings together articles and opinions from beyond the Christian spectrum if they are in sympathy with it.

Publications

Allister Vale writes

New Publications

In 2002 CMF republished *Cure for Life* by Bernard Palmer. Two thousand copies were pre-sold thereby ensuring that the costs of the print run were covered even before general sales. In 2003/early 2004 the Publications Committee hopes to publish *Hard Questions about Health and Healing Christian Distinctives in Medicine* and *Mad, Bad or Sad?*

Former CMF General Secretary Andrew Fergusson's new book *Hard Questions about Health and Healing* is due to be published this September. The editing of *Christian Distinctives in Medicine* by Dr Michael Webb-Peploe has been completed and the script is now at copy-editing stage. It is not anticipated that *Mad, Bad and Sad* will be completed until late 2003 and therefore publication is not expected before 2004.

Translations

It has been agreed by the Executive Committee that £10,000 should be allocated to the publication of the Russian and Romanian editions of *Matters of Life and Death* and the Albanian and Russian editions of *Cure for Life*.

The Russian translation of *Matters of Life and Death* was released on 26 June, with 1,000 copies available for CMF to distribute through summer teams and the Samara conference. By using MIRT Publishers of St Petersburg we have been able to produce 3,000 hardback copies at a cost of £3,000.

Dr Ileana Radu of the Christian Medical Association of Romania (CMAR) has agreed to coordinate translation of a Romanian edition by July 2003. For a print run of 1,000 copies, the total cost is £2,500.

Dr Eralda Turkeshi has completed the Albanian translation of *Cure for Life* and Vernon Publishing in Tirana are in the process of printing 1,000 for £1000 as CMF News went to press. Most of the copies will be given free to the students of the Albanian IFES movement (BSKSh) to use in their Bible studies as well as evangelism. A Russian translation is well underway.

Websites

Since January 2003 the newly designed CMF website at www.cmf.org.uk has received 111,059 visits by 70,232 visitors. The website CD-ROM is selling well and a new edition is

to be produced in 2003. Religious Studies on the Web (RS-Web) described our website www.ethicsforschools.org as this 'great new site for ethics'. There have been 10,271 visits to the website since January 2003 and 200 CD-ROMs have been sold at a cost of £5 each.

People

The Publications Committee has been fortunate in the last year in having the support of Jacky Engel BMedSci MA MPhil as Publications Assistant and we are delighted that the Executive Committee has extended Jacky's appointment until Summer 2004. A Russian Christian medical student, Masha Mustaphina will spend two weeks in the CMF Office this August translating existing CMF material into Russian.

Junior Doctors

Sarah Germain writes

Conflict in the Consultation



Sarah Germain

About 20 GPs and GP trainees attended this innovative Birmingham conference on 14 June on handling contraception and abortion consultations led by Huw Morgan, Eileen O'Sullivan, Mervyn McGowan and Peter Saunders. The interactive programme involved mainly small group work and role play as principles were put into practice and insights shared.

Juniors' Open House Meetings

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. Details on page 8.

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.

Beyond the Bleep

The next annual juniors conference will be held at Hothorpe Hall, Leicestershire on 7-9 September. The main speaker is Pablo Martinez, Spanish psychiatrist, and popular *Word Alive* speaker and author. There will also be a range of seminars on career options and issues juniors face. Publicity will be out soon but please put the date aside in your diary.

Overseas work

Guten Tag from Germany! We all know how we organise junior Doctors' conferences here in the UK but what about elsewhere? In April 2003, three members of the CMF junior doctors committee, James Tomlinson, Liz Croton and Eleanor Chiu went to Germany to participate in the second junior doctors conference. Situated 100 miles from Frankfurt, the conference brought together 30 doctors and students from all over Germany. The talks tackled important JD issues with the last talk given by Dr Dankmar Stein who gave a moving testimony of his conversion to Christianity in an American POW camp. We were really touched by how welcome we were made to feel and how much effort had been put into ensuring quality fellowship among the doctors with each evening centred around eating and drinking in a café style atmosphere. It is really encouraging to witness how much juniors' work has grown in Germany with almost nothing for this group of doctors pre-1996. We have been lucky to have a number of the German junior doctors committee join us at our *Beyond the Bleep* conferences in the UK and hope to welcome more international guests at future conferences here in the UK.

Future developments

As a juniors' committee in CMF there are 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.

Juniors' email discussion group

For Christian junior doctors worldwide. If you would like to join email Mark Pickering at mark.pickering@cmf.org.uk



Ethics

John Wyatt writes



John Wyatt

There has been no let-up in the steady stream of ethical issues which have come to prominence over this last year. Probably the issue of greatest concern to the CMF Study Group has been

that of euthanasia and assisted suicide. It is plain that the legal and political consensus on euthanasia which has survived in the UK since the House of Lords Select Committee report in 1994 is

now being seriously challenged. Lord Joffe's Patient Assisted Dying Bill, which passed its second reading in the House of Lords on 6 June, is just one of several moves towards the legalisation of some form of mercy killing in the UK. As a Fellowship it is clear that we have a special role to play in the public debate and the Study Group has been keen to try to mobilise CMF members with clinical expertise in relevant areas to write to politicians and to make their voices heard. One of the most important needs is to counter media misinformation about conditions such as motor neurone disease and to emphasise the role and the success of modern palliative care methods.

The *CMF Files* series has continued to develop and the last year has seen the publication of files on the Mind Body problem, Advance directives, Homosexuality and Sex Selection. We are extremely grateful to a number of authors for their contributions, and to Pete Moore and Peter Saunders who have provided vital editorial oversight. The files are being distributed widely to schools and colleges and increasingly internationally as well (the first 20 files are currently being translated into Chinese!) Further articles are in the pipeline and as always we welcome feedback and suggestions for topics and for authors.

Students

Mark Pickering writes



Mark Pickering

CMF student membership currently stands at just over 1,000. New medical schools have recently opened in Norwich, Keele and Exeter/Plymouth (Peninsular

Medical School), with further new schools due to open in Derby, Hull/York and Brighton this September. Please be praying for new student members, medical school secretaries and CMF student groups in these schools, as there is much work to be done in getting them established and making CMF known on campus.

See page 2 for news of staffworker and Relay worker movements. Contact students@cmf.org.uk if you would like to receive any staffworker/Relay worker prayer letters.

National Conference 2004

Dates for this have now been set for 13-15 February 2004. The theme will be 'Once for All'; the Bible addresses from Hebrews will be given by Nigel Lee (former head of student ministries at UCCF) and the conference address will be given by Marjory Foyle (former

medical missionary and author of *Honourably Wounded*). Publicity will be available soon and seminar leaders and houseparents are being finalised. Please pray for the ongoing planning of this, the highlight of the CMF student year.

London Missionary Breakfast

Peter Armon (CMF Overseas Secretary) spoke on 'Get Out More! 21st Century Medical Mission', at Guy's Hospital on 6 May. He drew lessons from Haggai, where the people had suffered for neglecting God's priorities, but attention to God's agenda brought them great blessing. He then gave some remarkable illustrations of God's faithfulness from his own involvement in medical mission in southern and North Africa; these were a great encouragement and challenge to all present. The message was summed up by saying that mission is about seeing what God is doing and then joining in!

CMF Summer School

About 20 students and CMF staff attended the inaugural summer school on 30 June-3 July to be trained and equipped to reach out to students around them. There is a great need for leaders who understand the times we are in and know how to bring the eternal truth of Scripture to bear on contemporary medical issues in a way that is both biblical and relevant.

BMA Medical Students' Committee

For the last four years, CMF has been co-opted onto the Medical Students' Committee of the British Medical Association (BMA). This has been a great opportunity to have a Christian voice within the BMA, which is ever more important as the profession slides further away from historic Judaeo-Christian ethical values.

We have just heard that we have been voted on for the fifth consecutive year. This is great news for which we are extremely thankful to God. Please pray for the right student to represent us and for wisdom in using this opportunity in the best way.

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 July), Simferopol (Ukraine, 4-8 August), Tver (Russia, 4-11 Aug), Bulgaria (first week of Aug), Yerevan (Armenia, date to be confirmed) and Tirana (Albania, August) and at further locations in Central Asia and the Balkans. Much prayer is needed for planning, finance and team members.

There will also be a conference for Russian-speaking students from all over the former USSR in Samara, Russia (15-20 July) for which over 150 were booked at the time CMF News went to press.

Mission Matters

Peter Armon writes



Peter Armon

I was speaking recently at a Church weekend on the subject of worship and at one point we were looking at the worship/work interface within the church. We are all constantly being

bombarded with demands 'to get more involved' in the activities of local church, local CMF groups or whatever and in a previous newsletter I was adding to the burden by calling on more members to get involved overseas. But many will say 'I just don't have the time there are only 24 hours in the day and I have to balance the needs of work, family, local church' etc.

As we searched the Scripture, it was interesting to note that God seems to be more interested in seeking worshippers than workers but it is a heart set on worship that is most likely to respond to a call to service. When God appeared to Isaiah in the Temple (Isaiah 6), he fell down before him in worship and repentance. He got up in response to God's call on his life saying 'Here am I, send me'.

It was in the context of a worshipping group of disciples that Jesus gave his great commission to go into all the world with the Gospel (Matthew 28:19,20). It will be in the context of God revealing himself to us in the face of Jesus Christ and in the light of our understanding of what he has done for us in Christ that we find meaning and the purpose for our life here on earth. CT Studd, a pioneer missionary in the latter part of the nineteenth century, once said, 'If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, no sacrifice I make can be too great for him'.

Those of us who have experienced 'falling in love' will know that there is nothing we wouldn't do for the one we love, nowhere we wouldn't go to be with that person and nothing we wouldn't do to please him/her. That's basically what worship is all about. It was out of his relationship with his Father that Jesus said he always tried to do what he knew would please him (John 8:29) and that he chose to do only what he saw his Father doing (John 5:19).

Dr Martin Lloyd Jones once said 'My whole outlook... should be governed by these three things: my realisation of who I am (in Christ), my consciousness of where I am going and my knowledge of what awaits me when I get there'. Perhaps that's just another way of saying the same thing.

What is it that would please you Father about the way I spend my life? Open my eyes that I may see what are you doing and where are you at work Father, so that I may join you there.

Opportunities in Short Term Medical Mission

About 45 doctors and medical students attended this inaugural conference at Partnership House, London on 28 June to hear David Carling and Ted Lankester talk on the biblical basis and changing face of medical mission and to learn from a variety of seminars on short term service abroad. It is intended this will become an annual event.

Global Healthcare Forum at Partnership House, London 26 November 2003

Entitled 'The future of Healthcare Mission in Sub-Saharan Africa' this promises to be an absorbing day. It is being jointly organised by the Healthcare Mission and Africa Forums of Global Connections. Keynote speakers will include Dick Anderson of AIM, giving an overview of the continent and Stan Rowland of Medical Ambassadors International talking on programmes integrating community health, development and evangelism, as a strategy for outreach in Africa. There will also be a range of seminars running throughout the day on a variety of topics including AIDS, primary healthcare, mission hospitals and providing healthcare in conflict zones.

The overall aim of the day will be to highlight the key issues facing the continent and the strategies already in place to meet those needs as well as identifying areas where work still needs to be done to develop and co-ordinate strategic responses by agencies working in the region.

Further details can be obtained from Steve Fouch at MMA Healthserve (steve@healthserve.org).

Websites

A detailed list of overseas vacancies can be found on the MMA HealthServe website which is constantly updated as requests come in. Visit the opportunities page at www.healthserve.org

Publications

A new version of the *Short term medical mission opportunities* booklet will be shortly 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. Our electives booklets are also in the process of further revision.

Items wanted

Sonicaid(s) urgently needed for Bonda Hospital in Zimbabwe. Please contact Dr Sharon Kane. Email kane@telco.co.zw
Medical and nursing textbooks to assist in stocking the Medical School Library at the University of the Transkei, South Africa. Texts accepted on pre-clinical, clinical, nursing and midwifery subjects at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The only condition is that they have been printed in the last ten years (exceptions can be made for anatomy). If you have books that you could donate please contact Mr Peter Willson, Consultant Surgeon, Kingston Hospital, Gallsworthy Road, Kingston, Surrey KT2 QB. E-mail: peter.willson@ntlworld.com

Events

Holidays for returning Missionary Kids

For 6-12 years – **ReKconnect**– August 4-8 at Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

Contact: daveandJan@wsett.fsnet.co.uk

For 16+ yrs – **ReKconnect Plus**– August 8-11 also at Hebden Bridge.

Contact: marion@knell.net

For 13+ yrs – **Xenos** – August 26-29 – at All Nations Christian College in Ware, Herts.

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PRIME (Partners in International Medical Education) are organising a European Conference for Christian Medical Teachers in Hanover immediately preceding the ICMDE European Conference from 5-8 September 2004. They are also holding a workshop and preliminary conference in Brighton on 24-25 October 2003. Details of both events can be obtained from John Geater at j.geater@which.net



International Christian Medical and Dental Association

From Ralph Sinn, ICMDA General Secretary

The ICMDA Executive Committee Meeting was held this year on 21-22 May in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Members of the ICMDA Executive Committee in attendance represented all World Continents (except Antarctica, but we're working on it!). It is such a blessing to be in the presence of this group of believers, experiencing the fellowship and camaraderie on a World scale, of brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as in our Profession. Our Father's Kingdom continues to grow within this hostile territory we call 'the World'.

Some areas of growth that ICMDA has been nurturing recently involve the ICMDA website (www.icmda.net) and *News Praise and Prayer*, the quarterly ICMDA publication. One of the roles of ICMDA is to assist the linking of the various national member associations, such as CMF UK and their individual members, with other individuals and national associations from around the World. In order to facilitate this linking, ICMDA has added links on the ICMDA website to more of its members and contact groups. There are now links to 24 ICMDA National Member Associations, and 2 Contact Groups. Please visit the ICMDA website in order to access information of these members and contacts.

The ICMDA website also is developing the ability to learn of various conferences that the Member Associations are having, as well as the various ICMDA Regional and World Conferences. Having access to this information also enhances the ability to attend and fellowship with like-minded colleagues from around the World.

News Praise and Prayer (NPP) continues to be a source of linking the activities of the various ICMDA National Member Associations. As well as reporting on the activities of various National Member Associations, NPP is being developed to report on how various ICMDA Members approach the varied issues that we grapple with. The previous issue of NPP looked at the issue of HIV/AIDS Prevention. Further links to resource materials are added to the ICMDA website via the presence of NPP on the ICMDA website. (ICMDA is now in the process of developing an HIV/AIDS Sub-Committee, with a view of facilitating a Christian World-View in the battle of this disease.) *News Praise and Prayer* continues to be a complimentary distribution, however, donation funds are received with thanks to facilitate this distribution, especially for those who are not able to access this resource from the ICMDA website. If you would like to be on the NPP mailing list, please let us know by email at icmda@telus.net, or write to: ICMDA Canada #202, 8170-50 St NW Edmonton, AB, CANADA T6B 1E6

Please continue to consider ICMDA in your giving ministry. In the UK, donations continue to be possible to be made via the ICMDA (UK) Trust, a Charitable Trust. Please submit your donations to: ICMDA (UK) Trust Russets, Woodlands Pembury, Kent TN2 4AZ, UK

From Peter Pattison, ICMDA European Regional Secretary

As well as funds required for the publishing of NPP, donations are also received with thanks for the purposes of developing Regional ICMDA work, supporting the linking work of various ICMDA Regional Secretaries, Student Activities around the World, and supporting the work of the ICMDA Student Secretary. The work is great, but the labourers are few. Please consider supporting ICMDA with your time as well. Another aspect of ICMDA work is to support the attendance of qualified bursary graduates and students to various ICMDA Regional and World Conferences. Please consider ways you can help facilitate the work of ICMDA either individually or through your National Member Association. May our Father continue to bless you and support you in your families and professional work.

Finance Matters

2002 Accounts

The accounts for 2002 have now been audited, and approved by the General Committee, and there is much to give thanks for in the last 12 months. The 2002 deficit of £11,038 on income of £814,012 is encouraging given all the circumstances. The work has developed very significantly, with nearly £100,000 more spent in 2002 than 2001. All of the loss can be attributed to the unrealised losses incurred by our modest investment. However it must be acknowledged that the accounts have been improved significantly by a legacy of £50,000, the largest gift ever received by the Fellowship.

Subscriptions Increase

We are thrilled by the generous way in which the subscription increase has been accepted by the membership – thank you

Lord for generous doctors! It has increased from £75 to £120, or £10 per month, for those in full time practice as from 1 January 2003. In addition student membership is now offered free for the first year, and £10 per annum thereafter, or £25 for 3 years.

Accounts activity

Audrey Pegler, our accountant has not been well for a good part of this year, and continues off sick. As a consequence, it has not been possible yet to produce quarterly management accounts for the 1st quarter of 2003, and we are behind on several activities including the acknowledgement of subscriptions and gifts, setting up new and replacement bankers orders, and reclaiming Gift Aid tax. Please accept our apologies in particular if Audrey's absence means that setting up your bankers order is slow, and we are slow in acknowledging subscriptions and donations; we do continue to be

immensely grateful to the Lord for the membership's generosity.

Give As You Earn

Give As You Earn, the means of giving to charity direct from your payroll continues to receive very favourable tax incentives from Government, and the recent pre-Budget statement extended the scheme to at least April 2004. All tax free payroll giving benefits from AN ADDITIONAL 10% added by Her Majesty!! Please ask the CMF office for further information.

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