

Raising up workers

During the heaviest snowfall of the winter I rose at 4am, abandoned my car in drifts on the side of the road near the station, got stranded in a darkened railway carriage during a power failure, and eventually arrived at Gatwick to find the airport closed and my flight diverted to Heathrow. The M25 closed 20 minutes after we passed through by bus, and by God's grace I found myself on a flight to Atlanta, Georgia only seven hours late, as opposed to not at all.

I was due to give the Bible readings on the book of Acts at a missions conference run by a US sister organisation called Medical Campus Outreach (MCO). About 200 Christian medical students from just two medical campuses attended the event at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. And before the conference I had the privilege of spending some time with brothers and sisters at one of these campuses in Charleston, South Carolina.

Discipling the next generation

The MCO ministry had started over a decade before with two paediatricians deciding to drop sessions in private practice in order to disciple medical students. By the time I visited there were seven paediatricians in a single private practice all of whom had decided to work just three days a week in clinical jobs so they could spend the rest of their time, unpaid, in student ministry. Each couple had bought a house in one suburb



Peter Saunders and David Jack (Far left - medical student, Dundee) with members of the MCO leadership team at frozen Lake Junaluska

of the city where they lived with their families and were able to open their homes, model Christian community and share, in Paul's words, 'not just the Word of God but their lives as well'.

The fruit of this huge commitment in time and finance was obvious – in many mature, growing Christian students, a substantial proportion of whom had come to faith while at medical school, and who were now following in the footsteps of their older colleagues in mentoring and discipling the next generation.

Another striking factor in the success of this ministry was the commitment and involvement of the local church. One local church had invested \$100,000 per year in medical student ministry alone in this one city, paying for a full time administrator, local events and resources. They ran an excellent teaching programme but the mainstay of the work was time spent in lives lived together. Their commitment to Christ was as much 'caught' as 'taught'.

How much do we really value fellowship?

The trip made me reflect. How seriously do we really take Christ's great commission to go and make disciples, and how much do we really value Christian fellowship? The writer to the Hebrews exhorted his readers to invest their lives in one another: 'And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching' (Hebrews 10:24,25). And Jesus asked his disciples to pray for God to raise up more workers: 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field' (Luke 10:2).

Do we know the other Christian doctors in our churches, our hospitals, our cities? Are we taking an interest in the medical students in our local medical school? Are there a few key people in the next

generation to whom we are passing on what Christ has taught us? Might we consider dropping a session or two to create more space for helping Christian colleagues – students or doctors – in this way?

Building community, strengthening ministry

CMF's theme in 2010 is 'building community, strengthening ministry'. This will involve additions to the staff team – and we have already advertised and are searching for a new nurses' student staff worker (see p8) and a new staff worker for graduates (p4). These people will be essential catalysts for achieving our aims.

But the real difference will be made by individuals who are serious about creating space for others by getting involved where they are right now – stirring up, and encouraging one another, where God has already placed us in churches, hospitals and GP practices. Our vision is to have 20-30 members willing to drop sessions to focus on encouraging, discipling and developing others. But anybody making space to give any spare time at all to invest in Christian colleagues will make a difference. How about you?

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work (Ephesians 4:16).

Let's do it for Jesus.

Peter Saunders
is CMF Chief
Executive





Marcus Watkins

The office: ethical about business

With greater interest about climate change and the response required, CMF is now getting occasional enquiries about 'carbon footprint' issues and about ethical trading. For example: 'Could CMF let its members know...what the office is doing to reduce its CO2 emissions, and any Fairtrade involvement?' (From a member, December 2009.) Let me summarise CMF's current activities in these areas.

1. 'Climate change' issues

Energy and water usage

Each month we track consumption of:

- **Gas.** We have just installed a new more efficient boiler.
- **Electricity.** All staff watch consumption. We solely use low energy bulbs.
- **Water.** We use relatively little, but would rapidly become aware of any leaks.

Recycling

We recycle almost everything we can, though there are costs involved:

- **'Quality' white paper.** CMF has recently registered with Paper Round, founded by Friends of the Earth in 1988, and now a standalone company which donates to Friends of the Earth and works closely with the charity Trees for Cities. Paper Round (www.paper-round.co.uk) has given away £100,000 to environmental charities over the last 15 years. CMF pays a fee to recycle 'quality' white paper, metal cans, and plastic containers.
- **'Other' paper.** CMF pays an environmental collector contracted to Southwark Council.
- **Plastic.** Containers are recycled.
- **Metal cans** are also recycled.
- **Used toner cartridges.** Recycled at no cost.
- **Obsolete equipment.** All obsolete IT equipment, furniture and miscellanea left over after the move in 2007 was recycled.
- **Use of recycled paper.** We have just started using 100% recycled, 100% biodegradable window envelopes where the window film is made from plants. Subject to satisfactory performance, we will move entirely to such envelopes.

Reduced paper mailings

We make as many member communications as possible by email, and handle as many financial transactions as possible electronically – direct debiting; internet banking; joining, conference booking and publication sales online; etc.

Printing and distribution of periodicals

- **Paper used** is the most environmentally sound available, using vegetable based inks and water based sealants.
- **Paper quantities** have been progressively reduced by regular stock control reviews.
- **Fuel used during freighting.** Since 2009 we have employed single project management of the printing and mailing out of our four regular periodicals. Compared with the previous arrangements where the printer was a substantial distance

from the two different mailing operations used, vans freighting loads of print material weighing 250-500kg now move about 200 miles less, for each of the three mailings per year.

Fuel efficient travelling

We would in any case seek to reduce CMF expenditure (as well as reducing environmental impact) by the most efficient means of staff travel – such as train travel with 'Saver' tickets, and staff sharing cars wherever possible.

2. 'Trading justice' issues

- **Bulk catering.** All the tea and coffee we purchase for bulk catering for staff, meetings and conferences is 'Fairtrade'.
- **Other 'ethical supplier' issues.** Regarding purchasing other items for office purposes, we are not aware of any concerns such as those of medical equipment being produced by developing world workers paid slave wages.
- **'Ethical investments'?** CMF has no stocks or shares. Cash is 'invested' mainly at Charities Aid Foundation.

It is good stewardship as well as good for the environment and social justice to follow these practices. Sometimes these save on CMF expenditure anyway; sometimes we have to pay to be 'green'.

Marcus Watkins is Head of Finance and Administration

Congratulations

Alex Duncan – MBE
Eleanor Duncan – MBE
Mick Leach – FRCGP
Murray McGavin – MBE

Outgoing

Rachel Caswell (Dublin TCD) to Tanzania
Victor Hu (Dublin TCD) to Tanzania

Homecoming

Helen Nabwere (Nottingham) from Kenya

Obituaries

John Corcoran (q Manchester 1956; d late 2009) lived in Bath.

Muriel Crouch (q Royal Free 1940; d 12 January 2010). Becoming a pioneering woman consultant in general surgery at the South London Hospital, Muriel was a particularly active servant of the early CMF, inspiring and encouraging many. She retired to Norfolk.

Ben Walkey (q The Westminster 1941; d 21 December 2009) became a missionary surgeon for leprosy patients in India, touring the UK to encourage students while on furlough. Retiring to Leicester, he asked CMF for specific information so that he could pray.

Sir James Watt (q Durham 1938; d 28 December 2009). A surgeon with a distinguished naval war record, he became Medical Director General of the Royal Navy. He was heavily involved in Christian activities in the Navy, and was on CMF's Council of Reference. 'His private devotional life remained paramount in his daily living.'

A changing team



Giles Cattermole

Staffworkers



We say a fond farewell to **Charlotte Hattersley**, who has been a wonderful, faithful and effective staffworker and team leader in the north and Scotland for several years. The student team's loss is the graduate team's gain however, as she takes on a new CMF role among junior doctors. We wish her well!



In January, **Adrian Cheung** joined the team as a student staffworker for Ireland, based in Dublin.

The office

Also in January I took over the reins in the office from Alex Bunn. Alex returns to being southern team leader, and Laurence, Laura, Lizzie and Noel continue in their current roles.

Urgent accommodation need

Having recently returned to the UK from Hong Kong, I am looking for somewhere to live, within commuting distance of central London. If anyone knows of an available short-term, furnished let that would accommodate a family of six – please email giles@cmf.org.uk. Thanks!

International student preconference

8-12 February saw 13 students, from eight countries in the former Soviet Union and the Middle East, come to London for a week of superb teaching, a tour of the 'Bible in the British Museum', and a chance to experience real English fish and chips. Our links with sister



organisations in these countries continue to develop, and we hope and pray these students will be able to help build this work back home, often in very isolated or difficult circumstances. The support we can offer these countries through these conferences and summer camps is immensely valuable: long may it continue!



National student conference

Our biggest annual event took place at Swanwick, 12-14 February with well over 300 students. Terry Virgo spoke eloquently from Hebrews and Exodus about Moses' encounters with God, and students were encouraged and excited by the passion and enthusiasm of the seminars and talks. Please pray that what they learned, and the motivation that inspired them, will continue as they live and speak for Jesus in their medical schools. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, but it's probably best to let one of the students speak for themselves:

I came to the CMF weekend last year. At that time I hadn't yet committed my life to Christ, although I was desperately seeking him.

I spent the whole weekend absolutely terrified, and spent the whole time trying to avoid talking to anyone for any length of time.



I came away from the weekend with the lasting impression of 400 intelligent medical students all believing the same thing. Returning this year, having committed my life to Jesus and been baptised in December, has been amazing. To be able to celebrate the way my life has changed over the last year and to spend the weekend praising God has been one of the best experiences of my life so far.

Thank you for helping me on the way to finding Jesus last year, and being able to celebrate that this year! It has been awesome.



Training

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others (2 Timothy 2:2).

Our evangelism and apologetics courses continue to equip students to work for the growth of God's kingdom throughout the UK.

The most recent **Answering other faiths** was held in Birmingham in January, and **Confident Christianity** in Newcastle in March. This June we plan to run our first **Summer School** since 2003. It's a week of Bible teaching, talks and seminars, and we hope this will be a regular part of our training of CMF students. Please pray for the preparation, the speakers, and the students who attend.

Giles Cattermole
is Head of Student Ministries

Graduate team growing



Kevin Vaughan

There have been so many changes in the NHS and in the government's approach to the public sector in recent years that many Christian doctors feel isolated and discouraged. One of our greatest needs as a fellowship is to have people who will provide a listening ear for members, together with practical and prayerful support, so the CMF Board have decided to appoint two part time staffworkers for the graduate department.



Charlotte Hattersley

The first of these, Charlotte started work on 1 March. Up to December 2009, she worked in the CMF student department as northern team leader, but now she will concentrate on supporting junior doctors. I had a conversation with Charlotte recently:

What can you tell us about yourself?

I'm a part time partner in a 5-partner rural practice on the north bank of the River Humber. I am involved in teaching students from Hull York Medical School, and junior doctors in the North Yorkshire East Coast Foundation School. We're also working towards becoming a GP training practice. I'm a cell leader within my church, and currently having fun working on local evangelism! I love being outdoors, and dabble in lots of

sports – running, mountain biking, kayaking, swimming, squash – and my 'proudest sporting moment' was completing the first ever 'Coast to Coast Adventure Race' last summer.

What do you think about CMF today?

CMF has a great heritage of both standing in the gap in public policy for godly values, and of pastoring followers of Jesus in their day-to-day situations. I'm encouraged by CMF's growing diversity, and by the way it is embracing new strategies while communicating an unchanging God.

What appeals to you about this job?

I'm looking forward to a clean sheet, working out how best I can use the time set aside for CMF to equip and encourage Christian junior doctors to follow their God-given calling in the place where they are. I will maintain some contact with final year students as the transition from student to junior is such a challenging one. I anticipate much of my time will be spent with juniors who are looking to encourage others to fulfil their role and communicate the gospel in diverse ways, although no doubt I'll continue to do some teaching and conferencing!

The second post

An advertisement for the second part time graduate staffworker to be involved in the pastoral care of GPs and hospital doctors can be seen at www.cmf.org.uk and we would warmly encourage you to make enquiry if you would like to join the graduate staff team and further the work of the fellowship in this way.

Could you give one day a week?

God has been at work to give us an expanded vision for the pastoral care of doctors in Britain and Ireland. Recently an experienced GP and a newly appointed consultant both approached the office expressing a concern that members needed more pastoral care locally. They had a desire to give more time to CMF themselves.

These visits coincided with discussions in the office and the Board about developing a team of 20-30 doctors who would give one day voluntarily per week to CMF to support members locally. Huw Morgan's recent article *God – or Money?* in *Triple Helix* opened up the possibility that Christian doctors prepared to earn less money could find more time available for the Lord's service in ways other than clinical medicine. If you would be interested in exploring the possibility of giving a day a week to CMF please do contact me in the office.



New Head needed

I shall be retiring from CMF at the end of March 2011 and we will soon be advertising for my successor. Please help make this widely known and if you would like to know more, contact Peter Saunders or myself.

Onto the front foot

Whether you're coming back as a 'regular' or this will be your first year to come to Swanwick, this year's national conference 23-25 April promises to be a great weekend. John Lennox, Professor of Mathematics at Oxford and a well known Bible teacher and apologist, will be giving the Bible readings from Acts on the theme *Onto the Front Foot*, and Richard Vincent will give a keynote lecture on *Foundations for Practice – How should Christians teach medicine?* There will be a wide range of seminars and opportunities to worship, pray and relax together. You may book either online or by post. Don't miss it!



2010 programme

Our first regional conference this year will be in Cambridge on 27 March, on *Surviving and thriving in the different stages of life*. Details of this and the full programme of conferences and breakfasts for 2010 can be found on the CMF website.

Kevin Vaughan
is Head of Graduate Ministries

Please tell us about yourself...



Andrew Fergusson

Communication is a two-way business and we are always glad to hear from members at any time about anything appropriate. And if you're not sure whether it is appropriate or not, please feel free to be in touch. We are here to serve you and genuinely enjoy member contact!

Tell us: 1

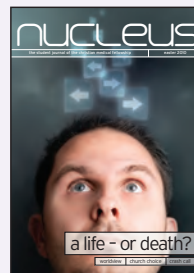
But we specifically want to hear from every one of you that we have all your contact details correct, and that information about your principal job and place of work is correct too. We have a heightened responsibility under the Data Protection Act to ensure the personal information we hold about you is accurate.

Several hundred of the 4,000+ who received the February *eNewsletter* responded straight away by clicking on the links and rapidly updating two forms which are a priority for us. If you haven't done that yet, and do have internet access, please go to the homepage at www.cmf.org.uk. At the top of the left hand sidebar is a bar for **member admin**; if you click on that, in addition to the smiling faces of the central services team, you'll see a bar for **membership changes**. Please click on **contact details** and confirm your data there, and then on **professional details** to confirm or update. The two should only take you a couple of minutes. Thank you!

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If you don't have email or internet access, and think some of your details may have changed, we'd love to hear from you by letter or by phone (020 7234 9671).

If you have an email address that we don't yet know, please do let us have it. If you haven't told us so far because you're concerned about being overloaded, you don't need to worry. You won't get more than two emails a month on average, and the content will always be clear from the description in the subject bar. Our emails are well focused and use links so you can spend as long or as short a time on them as you want.



Tell us: 2

We also want to be serving you effectively with the material we publish in our periodicals:

- *Triple Helix*
- *CMF News*
- *CMF Files*
- *Nucleus* (for students)

and on the CMF website, www.cmf.org.uk.

Ten years ago we conducted a limited survey of what CMF members read and what they wanted. The technology has moved on a long way since then, and we again want to know what sort of material you want and how you want it presented. Somehow, we all seem so much busier, and the digital revolution means there are so many options competing for our limited attention.

We want to offer you more audio material – short clips to listen to there and then, and longer pieces to download for your iPod. We want to offer you short pieces of relevant video. We are progressing rapidly towards the launch of new CMF media options, but really would value your opinions so we can scratch where you or those you know may be itching.

Everybody for whom we hold an email address will therefore shortly be receiving an online questionnaire. When it comes, please complete it. Thanks again! We are



still finalising our strategy for surveying those with whom we do not have email contact.

Telling them: more broadcasts than ever

In the first two months of this year, CMF staff have done more than 80 radio and TV broadcasts, compared with about a dozen for the same period last year. These have mainly been about end of life issues, and a growing number are international programmes in many different parts of the world.

New Head of Communications needed for 2011

A new department Head will be needed from spring 2011 when I retire. We are not yet clear how all the components of the current job should be divided, but a

medically qualified person would certainly be required for the 'ethics and public policy' aspect. If you want to explore this possibility, please be in touch.

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The wider horizon



Vicky Lavy

Survey of overseas members

Last year we surveyed online our members working overseas, to find out who they are, what they are doing, and how CMF could serve them better. Of the 103 respondents:

- 64% work with mission or church organisations; the remainder in government institutions, secular NGOs, private practice and research
- General practice is the most common specialty (27%) followed by paediatrics (12%), surgery (10%) and obstetrics (9%). The remainder were from a mixture of different specialties
- 43% left UK as junior doctors, 46% as GPs or consultants, 3% as retirees
- Many have made long-term commitments – 48% have been abroad for over ten years, 50% plan to spend the rest of their working life abroad

Revalidation may be challenging for many. Of those who plan to return to UK practice at some point:

- 33% are not on either the specialist or GP registers
- 46% have never had an NHS appraisal

Appraisers and buddies

CMF wants to do all we can to support these ambassadors for Christ. A number of CMF GPs have volunteered to give informal appraisals to overseas members, and several have been carried out and found to be helpful. Appraisals can be done online using the NHS Appraisal Toolkit. It would be helpful to have some hospital consultants advising in this area as well – could you help?

Over half of the respondents

said they would be interested in a 'Buddy Scheme' in which CMF members working abroad would be paired with someone in their specialty who would send up-to-date information on developments in the specialty; eg revalidation, new guidelines, important conferences, etc. Would you be interested in being a 'buddy'?



Developing Health Course, 20 June - 2 July

This summer will see CMF's 29th course for health professionals working in resource-poor settings. Covering a wide range of topics, the course is an excellent preparation for those planning to go abroad, as well as an update for those already there. Over 30 speakers will give

MBEs for Alex and Eleanor Duncan

Congratulations to Alex and Eleanor Duncan who have both been awarded the MBE for their service to a rural community in Central Asia. They spent six years doing pioneering work in a very remote area where there was no healthcare provision at all. They and their four children lived in a mud house in a village of 19 houses, 15 hours' drive from the nearest town. They set up a community health programme, teaching village women basic primary healthcare and introducing growth monitoring and immunisation. During the six years they spent there, child mortality fell from 40% to 21% – an incredible achievement.

Alex explains: 'One of the most exciting things we did was to give people hope. We couldn't solve their problems but the people came to see that if we worked together, they could find ways to solve their own problems. So these people who had no hope gradually came to realise that things could change.' Alex sums up their time there as 'very hard but very, very good'.



lectures, seminars and practical skills workshops during the two-week course. Participants may opt to come for one week only, or for selected days according to their interests. This year we are pleased to offer six bursary places for participants from developing countries – those who have come in the past have enriched the course and then taken back knowledge and skills to their own countries. Find out more at www.cmf.org.uk/internationalministries

En route to All Nations...

En route is a new short course in cross-cultural mission at All Nations Christian College. This ten-week course is an excellent preparation for those preparing to work overseas and a short, one-week version *En route Express*, would be ideal for those

going on short mission trips or medical electives. Both can also be done online – *En route Explore*. See www.allnations.ac.uk

New chairman needed for International Committee

After six years of service, Bruce Richard is stepping down from the chair of CMF's International Committee. We are looking for a successor who has overseas experience and a heart for inspiring and equipping others to become involved in medical mission and international work. Enquiries to vicky.lavy@cmf.org.uk

Vicky Lavy is Head of International Ministries

ICMDA

International Christian Medical and Dental Association



James Tomlinson

Eurasia

Just a few stories of what God is doing through and among Christian medics and dentists across the Eurasia region.

The Balkans

Dr Dana Galchis, ICMDA Balkans Area Student Representative (ASR), reports on November's Balkans student leaders' training:

70 student leaders from Romania, Albania and Moldova gathered together. It was a blessed time in which the students prayed, worshipped, studied the leadership model of Nehemiah, learned how to become better leaders, exchanged ideas, shared thoughts and prayer requests, played and had fun...! It was a great conference. People left with lots of good ideas, encouraged and ready to do more in their Christian medical groups.

One student from Albania wrote:

We had a really wonderful time...When we had the invitation and read about the program we got excited about this opportunity. The scholarship support [we received] made it possible for us to attend. The conference itself was very encouraging. The presentations that students from across Romania shared about their movement were good at making us reflect on what can we do and how. If someone would ask me if we would like this conference to happen again, I would respond: Yes.

Central Europe Student Leadership Conference

Our current ASR for Central Europe has organised student leaders' training for Central Europe at the end of April. Framed around the Austrian

student and junior doctors' conference where Professor John Wyatt will be one of the main speakers, special sessions during the conference and especially on the following Monday will discuss practical steps on how to launch and lead Christian medical groups in the different countries of Central Europe. Pray that student leaders will come and be equipped to lead works in their countries. Pray for similar initiatives across the region.

Emails from Iceland

22 September 2009: I thought you'd be happy to know that things might be moving forward with a student group forming here. A friend of mine who's lived abroad is back in Iceland and she just started studying nursing. I hadn't talked to her for a long time and hadn't mentioned anything about wanting to start a student group here. Last week she approached me and said she really wanted to start some kind of Christian group for students and young people in the medical professions! What an answer to prayer! So now there are two of us who want to do this! We are going to meet to discuss how we can get things started.

13 October: Hi there! Just thought I'd share some exciting news with you! We now have a Christian group for medical/nursing students, junior doctors and young nurses in Iceland. We had our first meeting tonight! Only 4 showed up but there are at least 3 more who are interested so I think it's a good start! I'm very excited and happy, God is SO good! I would appreciate continuing prayers for this

ICMDA World Congress 2010



conference from 1-4 July, followed by the main congress from Sunday 4-Thursday 8 July.

The conference theme 'Priorities in professional practice: for whom are you working?' will be explored. It's not too late to consider attending this congress, joining with others from around the globe. Could this be your excuse to visit South America?

Information on the ICMDA 2010 world congress including registration can be found at www.icmda2010.org. Whether or not you plan to attend the conference, do consider supporting the appeal on the CMF website for the congress bursary fund and for providing CMF literature to bursary recipients.

This year's world congress in Punta del Este, Uruguay begins with the student and junior grads



people. It's good. I've told them about Uruguay and one is eager to come. We also contacted our national movement (Christian Healthcare Association) to try to work with them and strengthen each other.

Give thanks and pray for this Christian medical group in Reykjavik, Iceland. Pray also for those desiring to start similar groups across the Eurasia Region. This summer sees a strategic sub-regional conference for Christians in healthcare to the East of the former Soviet Union.

ASRs - one still needed

The Area Student Representatives in Eurasia continue to play a key role visiting groups and conferences and in supporting student leadership training in the region. We continue to seek candidates for the role of ASR for Western Europe. Contact me if this is something you may be interested in. For more on ICMDA in Eurasia email me to receive *ICMDA Eurasia News*.

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group that we may be a start to something amazing among students and young doctors/nurses here – a vessel through which God can touch the people we work with and the patients we encounter.

16 December: Our group is going well. So far it's been informal, getting to know each other, sharing our experiences and praying for each other. There are 10 to 11 people who are interested, and each meeting we've been around 5

Allied professions



Steve Fouch

New work with student nurses

After discussions at General Committee and CMF Board, as well as long standing discussions within the leadership of Christian Nurses & Midwives (CNM), we are recruiting a new staff worker for student nurses and midwives. Based in the London area and out of the CMF London office, this will pioneer a strong Christian ministry and movement among nurses and midwives, which we hope to see spread out nationally and in the long term build a stronger movement in the nursing and allied health professions.

If colleagues or members of your church might be interested, do pass on details. There is a link on the home page at www.cmf.org.uk.

In the meantime, we are making useful links with student nurses through the UCCF London team who approached us quite independently, looking for help and advice on supporting the growing number of student nurses they are seeing.

Saline Solution

CMF and CNM are working together on running *Saline Solution* courses for nurses and other health professionals around the UK – the first will be 17 April in Liverpool and then 22 May in London. Website has more details.

RCN on assisted suicide

Further to the Royal College of Nursing's move to a 'neutral' position on assisted suicide, I had a constructive meeting with the General Secretary, Dr Peter Carter. I have since arranged a second meeting, bringing together a number of concerned nurses to challenge the RCN on this stance.

Nurses Christian Fellowship International

NCFI hold their eighth quadrennial European regional conference from 31 May-5 June near Cluj in Romania. This will draw together leading Christian nurses, academics and educators to share perspectives on how globalisation is impacting nursing and healthcare, and to shed some light from the Bible and Christian thinking. For details and booking forms, see www.ncfieurope.org or email ncfi.europe@gmail.com

Steve Fouch is Head of Allied Professions Ministries

PRIME

Partnership in International Medical Education



John Caroe

Wanted: specialist tutors

PRIME started out in GP education but now receives requests covering a huge range of specialty subjects. Unfortunately we still have relatively few specialists to call upon. Can you help?

Partner organisations often have gaps in their own teaching resources and ask for specific input – hepatologist for Egypt; anaesthetist and diabetologist for the Middle East; endoscopy teaching in East Africa; together with requests for trauma surgeons and paramedics, palliative care (doctors and nurses), mental health and more. All you need are expertise, willingness to teach, a compassionate whole person approach to both patients and students, and willingness to travel at your own cost.

Wanted: faculty trainers

PRIME is increasingly asked to run courses for teaching staff. The Dean of one prestigious east European medical school was so enthusiastic about the PRIME course attended by 70 of his teachers he has offered to write to the deans of all the other medical schools in the country to recommend it. Without more tutors able to teach at this level we cannot walk through the doors that are opening.

Wanted: GP tutors for Russia

Russia is undergoing great changes in primary care and PRIME has more requests than we can fulfil.

PRIME training courses

Why not come? Run at cost in keeping with our servant ethos, and even if you never intend teaching with PRIME, you are welcome. CME approval will be applied for.

- Portugal 21-22 May in Lisbon, with PRIME Portugal. 'Changing Values in a Changing Society.' UK participants welcome. £30 plus meals and accommodation.
- Scotland 17-19 June, with NCFI. 'Whole Person Care – an Integrated Approach.' Tutor training suitable for both doctors and nurses.

Wanted: finance

PRIME is incredibly cost effective – but we do need sufficient income to cover administration, travel bursaries to enable doctors and nurses from lower income nations to attend training courses, and to help finance distance learning tools needed to supplement face to face teaching. One-off gifts or regular standing orders will enable this ministry to grow to meet the demands, especially from the poorest parts of the world. Visit www.prime-international.org.uk for details.

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Dates for your Diary

April

- 17 International Saline Conference, Liverpool
- 21 Rheumatology Breakfast, Birmingham
- 22 RCPCB Breakfast, Warwick
- 23-25 National Graduate Conference, Swanwick

May

- 8 Board of Trustees, London
- 15 Sharing faith at work, London
- 26 Ophthalmology Breakfast, Liverpool

June

- 19 Surgeons' Day Conference, London
- 22 RCOG Breakfast, Belfast
- 23 Psychiatry Breakfast, Liverpool
- 26 Coming out as a Christian, Doncaster
- 20 - 2 July Developing Health Course
- 30 BMA Breakfast, Brighton

July

- 6-8 Dermatology Breakfast, Manchester (TBC)
- 24 General Committee, London

September

- 18 Board of Trustees, London
- 25 Junior Doctors' Day Conference

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