

## All change

### New Head of Graduate Ministries

**D**octor Pablo Fernandez started full time at CMF in March, overlapping with Kevin Vaughan for a month. We introduce him:



#### *Pablo, you qualified in Spain. How did you come to Britain?*

The pharmaceutical company I was working for in Madrid offered me a position in a new clinical research group in London, so in 1984 we moved to Guildford, joined Chertsey Street Baptist Church, and lived there for the next 21 years. Then at end 2005 we moved closer to my office in High Wycombe.

#### *How do you feel about following Kevin and heading CMF graduate work?*

Having now spent a couple of weeks with Kevin and Sarah, it is great to see a fantastically well organised operation. I have heard about the graduate staff workers, the regional secretaries, and others so I am looking forward to meeting everybody involved as soon as possible. Christian doctors are under tremendous pressure and to be able to serve them through the many different ways of the graduate ministries team is a great privilege.

#### *Tell us about your church*

We are members of a Grace Baptist church in High Wycombe. We have always made it our priority to be in a church where the centrality of the Bible and preaching the Gospel are the main concerns. Our small church is very cosmopolitan with South African, German, Malaysian, Singaporean, West Indian, Spanish and even English people!

#### *What about your family? And relaxing?*

I am married to Penny who is from Dundee. We have two married daughters and two little grandsons. I love reading, listening to music, and walking in the country, and I am never happier than when I get a new gadget to play with.

#### *How can members best pray for you?*

That I will settle into the job quickly, so I can support the graduate team and all the CMF in fulfilling our goals.

### Kevin says farewell

It has been a fantastic privilege to work for CMF since 2004 and I am so grateful for all the support, inspiration and encouragement that many members have given me. I am delighted to commend Pablo Fernandez, and pray that under his leadership the graduate ministry of CMF may thrive and develop beyond anything imagined so far!

On a personal note, I shall have continuing involvement in international ministry both as Chair of the ICMDA and with *International Saline* training. Thank you, CMF, for seven wonderful years!



Kevin Vaughan

### New Head of Communications

**C**atherine Butcher started part time two days a week in March as the new Head of the Communications team:



#### *Catherine – tell us about your time in the media*

I trained as a newspaper journalist to learn to communicate effectively. I've edited big-budget, glossy, secular magazines; Christian titles like *Renewal*, *Woman Alive* and *Families First* and smaller publications for organisations. I've helped with media management, fronting a promotional film for Campus Crusade and launching a new web site; and done audio and digital magazines for Mothers' Union. I published a Christian counselling journal for five years, and I've written a book most years since 1999. I started Facebooking a couple of years ago and Twitter occasionally, so I'm becoming proficient at time-wasting! This Easter I'll be a Spring Harvest speaker for the first time.

#### *What is key to CMF getting its messages across even more effectively?*

- Using digital media to communicate between members, with the wider medical world, with the media and with the church
- Being proactive in communicating Christian ethical values

- Using print and digital media, and events, to challenge churches to support doctors and health professionals in their congregations
- Engaging with the church at events like Spring Harvest so Christians can learn from what CMF is doing to grapple with ethical issues

#### *Your church?*

As a family, we are part of a growing church with about 700 members and, surprisingly perhaps for Eastbourne, at least 200 are under 25.

#### *Family?*

Husband Adrian is a BBC radio news producer working mainly on Radio 4. At 18 Rachel is taking A-levels and hopes to go to university. Matt is taking GCSEs and Jess, the collie, is keeping us all fit with regular walks on the South Downs.

#### *How can we best pray for you?*

Taking on even a third of Andrew's role is daunting. Please pray I listen well to members' needs, so I can prioritise effectively and bring out the best in the communications team.

### Andrew says farewell

**H**aving retired from CMF before (end 1999) I was hoping to go quietly, but I echo Kevin's sense of privilege and gratitude. I am very confident Catherine is the Lord's person for CMF; turn over to find out about the other two exciting appointments!



Andrew Fergusson

## New Head of Public Policy

**P**hilippa Taylor has been appointed the two-day-a-week Head of Public Policy, starting in April:



### *Philippa – what’s your background in bioethics and public policy?*

I’ve worked on bioethics and family issues for 17 or so years, mostly for the charity CARE. My responsibilities have been research and writing, as well as advising on bioethics and family issues and representing CARE externally. I’ve recently completed an MA in Bioethics at St Mary’s University College, Twickenham.

### *You’ve got long term family connections with CMF?*

My father, John Malcolm, was a missionary doctor in East Africa, where I partly grew up, and he then became a GP. As a long-term supporter of CMF, journals have been lying around my parents’ house for many years, alongside various medical ones. I’m also surrounded in my

wider family by a mix of doctors and vicars!

### *Who is at home, and how are you going to fit everything together?*

My husband is a vicar (at St George’s, Stamford) which is a busy job but does mean he is based at home. This has its advantages for family life: we have three lovely children, aged 10-14, so between us we can generally manage the school runs and evening taxi service. It requires planning and organisation though, and I am very reliant on lists!

### *And finally, one overarching prayer request?*

That I would settle in quickly, get to know the ropes and the team, and be effective in helping build on and develop CMF’s public policy work.

## New Senior Editor

**P**hilip Nicolls starts two days a week in April to oversee the whole range of print publications and their further use:



### *Philip – tell us about your professional life to date*

I started as an Editorial Assistant with Sweet and Maxwell and worked my way up to Senior Editor. Then I moved to the commercial side of the business where I was responsible for managing a large portfolio of books and online services.

After seven years in publishing I retrained at Cornhill College for full time church-based ministry while working part time for my local church. Since then I’ve been an Assistant Minister but kept one foot in publishing through my voluntary role as Publishing Director for BeaconLight Trust and a trustee role with Christian Publicity and Outreach.

### *Where do you see CMF print publications going?*

I’m excited about online opportunities and for CMF to

pursue a wider audience than medical professionals alone. I think much of what CMF produces will help shape the thinking of all Christians.

### *Tell us about your family; who’s at home?*

My wife and three daughters aged 6, 3 and 2, plus our dog. We are blessed with lots of support from Josie’s parents who live nearby.

### *What do you do to relax?*

Walk the dog, spend time with the family, play guitar, listen to all kinds of music, and cook (badly).

### *Briefly, how can we best pray for you?*

That I’ll be able to juggle all the demands of the various ministries I’m involved with, and make wise decisions about what (if anything) I should give up!

# Onward and upward

**S**o, we welcome **Pablo Fernandez**, who takes the baton from Kevin Vaughan as full time Head of Graduate Ministries, along with **Catherine Butcher**, **Philip Nicolls** and **Philippa Taylor**, who together take on Andrew Fergusson’s Head of Communications role in a three way split. As always God has faithfully provided for our staffing needs.

We are hugely thankful for the gifting and faithful service of Andrew and Kevin who retire as CMF staff after 15 years (in two spells) and seven years respectively, and wish them all God’s blessing and enabling as they continue to serve God in retirement in pastures new.

In 2010 CMF focused on ‘building stronger fellowship and community’ and appointed five new part time staff: three graduate staffworkers, one nurses’ student staffworker and a media producer. Over the

next three years we plan to appoint further part time ‘regional staffworkers’ for students, graduates and nurses, as well as voluntary ‘associate staffworkers’ willing to ‘drop a day’ to serve CMF members. We also plan to expand our student internship programme to offer training and ministry opportunities to our growing student membership. Might God be calling you to one of these roles?

A new ‘friends of CMF’ membership category will enable non-medics to benefit from our literature and resources and a ‘church partner’ scheme will help us better serve the wider church. Might you help here?

The CMF website won a Christian New Media award last year for joint best Christian organisation website, but it has a dated look and much of its content could be easier to access. We are planning to re-launch it in a new format to improve access

to the best of the thousands of articles.

Unlike many charities, CMF is currently in a strong position financially having finished 2010 with a £118k surplus despite having budgeted for a £43k deficit. This was achieved largely through unbudgeted legacy income of £83k, and savings in expenditure of £80k. Our ministry income of £1,089k hit budget almost exactly.

This further planned expansion in 2011-2013 will help us to equip our members better as they seek, in Jesus’ name, to speak good news, bring healing to the sick, and be advocates for those with no voice.

*The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest... to send out workers... (Matthew 9: 37-38)*

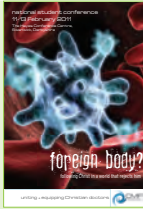
**Peter Saunders** is CEO of CMF



# Conferences

**1** 1-13 February saw the annual **National Student Conference** at Swanwick. David Robertson and Andrew Fergusson were the main speakers (podcasts on the website); a UCCF band provided the music; and there was a host of seminar leaders. All helped us to apply God's Word to life in university and medicine as we live and speak for Jesus, and to respond in prayer and praise. All in all, it was an excellent weekend, very challenging and encouraging.

- *Fantastic weekend. Can we have it more than once a year?!*
- *I really want to thank you all for such an amazing conference, this has lifted me so much. I was really struggling before I came here. All the seminars*



- addressed my worries and I'm changed going back home. God is great!*
- *Best conference in my four years of med school!*
  - *[the] seminar was so inspiring I was reduced to tears a few times*
  - *Really fantastic practical teaching, very clear and challenging*
  - *Inspiring talks, focus clearly on God and his majesty, really humbling*

The week before, 12 students from eight different counties came to our **International Student Preconference** in London, organised by Liz McClenaghan, our student intern. The teaching and fellowship were wonderful; so inspiring to see students from these countries hungry to learn and eager to apply what they've learned back home.

## Planning ahead?

Summer holidays are precious – so use them well, and start planning early! We hope to be sending **Summer Teams** to different Eastern European and Central Asian countries, helping with medical school camps there.

August 29-September 2 is our **CMF Summer School** in Cumbria – a week of in-depth teaching and fun. And there are lots of other short-term missions, children's camps and Christian festivals that happen over the summer too.

Outside of holidays, CMF can also **supervise student SSCs and SSMs** – there are lots of different projects we could support. And



we're always looking for intercalating students who could work a couple of days a week as an **intern for CMF**.

If you're a student, and interested in any of the above, do get in touch. And if you're not a student, encourage those who are!

**National graduates conference**  
Swanwick, 29 April – 1 May. Bible readings from Isaiah by Hugh Thomson on *Soaring on Wings like Eagles*; Rendle Short Lecture on changing the world through medical mission; full supporting programme of worship sessions, seminars and free time! Book online at [www.cmf.org.uk/events](http://www.cmf.org.uk/events) or tel. 020 7234 9670.

## Supporting medical students



Rachel Wilson

It is a huge blessing to have local doctors able to give up time to serve with CMF, and it's great that **Rachel Wilson** is joining us as an Associate Staff Worker in Sheffield. Rachel is medical school secretary there, and is now able to give a day a week to the work of supporting the student group.

Do get in touch if this is something you might be able to do yourself, or if there is any other way you could support students in your area.

## Could you be a medic at Soul Survivor?



Volunteers needed for First Aid team to provide medical

cover for one of the 5 day events for teenagers and 20-30 year olds in Shepton Mallet or Stafford. Pray with young people as you treat them, worship with them, and experience the event for free. All meals and camping space included with free place.

- 29 July-2 August. Week A, Stafford
- 9-13 August. Week B, Somerset
- 14-18 August. Week C, Somerset
- 19-23 August. Momentum, Somerset

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## Allied professions



Steve Fouch

Much time has gone into building links with various groups working with nurses, allied health professionals and others in the health and caring professions. **Annie Leggett** is developing a new ministry among Christian nursing students, making contacts primarily through churches and the UCCF London team.



Annie Leggett

Since October she has been meeting with small groups of nurses in homes, hospitals and the CMF office to lead Bible studies, address pastoral issues, etc. However most of her time is being spent just making contacts and connections, in London initially, and increasingly now in the Home Counties. Numbers are small but growing, and a committed core of nursing students and graduates is definitely interested in seeing this ministry grow.

One of Annie's challenges is finding qualified nurse supporters to be local and regional volunteers, and a small group is beginning to coalesce around her. Please pray for this small, fragile, but fast developing new CMF ministry, and do contact Annie if you know any student or qualified nurses she could connect with.

### Conferences

On 2 April Peter Saunders will be speaking in London on the big ethical challenges; in September there will be a nurses' retreat in Bristol; and in March 2012 a major national conference for nurses and allied health professionals at Hothorpe Hall. Details on the website.

Internationally we are working towards several key events, including the Hope for Europe 2011 Conference in Budapest, the Student Nurses Spiritual Care Conference in Amsterdam in November, and the NCFI World Congress in Chile in 2012.

Do let any Christian colleagues in nursing, midwifery and the allied health professions know about these events.



### Congratulations

*On his knighthood*

**Professor Eldryd Parry** – became Professor Sir Eldryd Parry KCMG (2011) OBE (1982)

*On his award*

**Graham Martin** – RCGP Certificate of Commendation, particularly for improving care for people with learning disabilities

*On their appointments*

**James Bunn** – Consultant paediatrician, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool

**Tim Goodacre** – President of the British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

*On her postgraduate qualification*

**Abigail Crutchlow** – MRCPsych

### Outgoing

Stephen Alcorn (Oxford) to South Africa

Karen Forrest (Oxford) to The Gambia

### Homecoming

Alan Norrish from Zambia

Elizabeth Norrish from Zambia

Elsbeth Paterson (Edinburgh) from Pakistan

### Obituaries

**Michael Absolon** (q Cambridge and The London 1957; d late December 2010) was a consultant ophthalmic surgeon in Southampton, and became ordained.

**Margaret Bancewicz** (d 17 November 2010) from a rare form of lung cancer. She leaves her retired surgeon husband John, and their scientist daughter Ruth, who is active in Christian circles.

**John Clark** (q Glasgow 1950; d 31 January 2011). 'Jack' was a clinical assistant at Johnstone Hospital.

**John Cook** (q St Andrew's 1955; d – CMF informed December 2010) acquired DTM&H from Liverpool in 1956 and later worked in general practice.

He died in a nursing home in Eastbourne.

**William Gray** (q Belfast 1953; d 29 November 2010) became a GP in Chesterfield and was the course organiser for the Chesterfield VTS.

**Stanley Lindsay** (q Belfast 1950; d – CMF informed February 2011) was a missionary doctor at Kapsowar, Kenya and later became Senior Clinical Medical Officer for South Bedfordshire DHA.

**Denis Roche** (q The Middlesex 1951; d – CMF informed February 2011) worked in occupational health and became the International Medical Adviser to Interserve. He was a loyal supporter of CMF national activities.

**Peter Simmons** (q Barts 1950; d 18 December 2010) became a consultant anaesthetist at the Royal Free and associated hospitals. Keenly supporting CMF national activities, he was the father-in-law of John Alford, office manager at CMF from 1990 until his death in 2004.

### Regional CMF meetings

See [www.cmf.org.uk/fellowship](http://www.cmf.org.uk/fellowship) for information about local groups

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### Dates for your Diary

#### April

- 7 Paediatrics Breakfast, Warwick
- 14 Rheumatology Breakfast, Brighton
- 15-17 Scotland Junior Doctors' Retreat
- 29-1 May National Graduate Conference, Swanwick

#### May

- 7 Board of Trustees, London
- 25 Ophthalmology Breakfast, Birmingham

#### June

- 29 BMA Breakfast, Cardiff
- 30 Psychiatrists Breakfast, Liverpool
- 26-8 July Developing Health Course

#### July

- 7 Dermatologists Breakfast, Manchester
- 16 General Committee, London

#### September

- 24 Junior Doctors' Day Conference

#### October

- 3-5 Retirees Conference, Northampton
- 14-16 Northern Conference, Scarborough
- 28-30 Junior Doctors Conference, Leicestershire

For more details of upcoming events, see [www.cmf.org.uk](http://www.cmf.org.uk)

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