

New growth and development



Peter Saunders

Last October CMF embarked on a programme of growth and development involving an increase in our annual expenditure from £1million to £1.3million annually over three years.

Over the last twelve months we have:

- **Strengthened our graduate ministry** through the appointment of four qualified doctors as regional staffworkers (Audrey Chalmers, Fiona Schneider, Julian Churcher and Charlotte Hattersley) to support and strengthen connections between doctors.
- **Developed an associate staffworker programme**, whereby doctors drop a day of work to serve CMF members one day a week on a voluntary basis. We now have four – David Crick and Paul Robertson working amongst doctors and Megan Kibbey and Rachel Wilson amongst students.
- **Diversified our communications department with the appointment** of a new head of communications (Catherine Butcher), new head of public policy (Philippa Taylor), senior editor (Philip Nicolls) and media producer (Andrew Horton).
- **Launched a ministry to nurses** in partnership with Christian Nurses and Midwives (CNM) taking on two regional staffworkers, Annie Leggett and Dimity Grant-Frost (both qualified nurses), to develop a new national ministry amongst nursing students and young graduates.
- **Replaced staff members whom God has called on** to pastures new. Pablo Fernandez has taken over from Kevin Vaughan as head of graduate ministries, Andrew Fergusson's role as head of communications has been shared out between those above, Ruth Haley has stepped in for Sarah Whitaker (graduates' coordinator) who is on maternity leave and Scott Stadalsky has taken the regional student staffworker baton from Matt Lillicrap.

Our new staff members have enabled us to launch the new developments described in this edition of CMF News – new conferences and events, new publications, new mission training and a new CMF cyber-community.

Our Christmas appeal this year focuses on student ministry, the lifeblood of CMF, in the lead up to our national students' conferences and biggest ever international student leaders' conference in February 2012. Running our student ministry costs £200,000 a year of which student subscriptions cover only £5,000, so it relies hugely on the support of our qualified members.

There has been a promising start to the development fund programme, and this year we are on target to meet our budget, provided the annual Christmas appeal raises our target of £100,000.

In 2012, the second year of the three year programme, our focus will be moving from the staff team to the members serving you with better:

Connections – in your workplace, church, district, specialty and special interest

Opportunities – summer teams, overseas service, mentoring and discipleship

Resources – publications, teaching resources, talks, e-news, blogs and new media

Training – whole person healthcare, ethics, mission, evangelism and apologetics

Support – advocacy, advice, pastoral care and mentoring

In addition we will be reaching out to others beyond our immediate fold through:

Friends of CMF – church friends can now become *friends of CMF*

Link churches – helping churches engage at the interface of Christianity and medicine

Recruitment – of new doctors, medical students and nurses

Please join in as all these new initiatives come to fruition, equipping medics together to speak and live for Jesus Christ in this generation.

Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. Isaiah 54:2 (ESV).

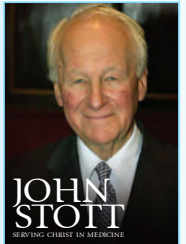
Peter Saunders is CMF Chief Executive

Serving Christ in medicine

Evangelical leader Rev Dr John Stott died in July, aged 90. His father was a heart specialist and Stott joked that his first words on his mother's knee were 'coronary thrombosis'.

Much loved for his skill as a Bible teacher, Stott was guest speaker at the International Conference of Christian Medical Students held in Oxford in 1980.

Tapes of these talks and others by Stott, were discovered earlier this year in the archives of Johnson House. As relevant today as they were in 1980, they have been re-mastered onto CD and five of the talks have been produced as a box set available to order online from CMF at www.cmf.org.uk/bookstore.



New resource for counsellors and pastoral carers

Unwanted Same-sex Attraction – issues of pastoral and counselling support is a new CMF booklet written by Andrew Goddard and Glynn Harrison.

The booklet considers what forms of support can legitimately be offered, by those who hold traditional ethical views, to those who share them and who struggle personally with unwanted same-sex attraction.

A copy of the booklet is enclosed with this mailing in line with our commitment to send CMF booklets to all members.

Endorsing the book, Rev Sean Docherty of St Mellitus College, London, says, 'As a Christian who has experienced same-sex attraction but moved away from a gay identity, I found this paper deeply helpful. It sets out a framework for Christian ministry among people with same-sex attraction which is psychologically rigorous, theologically orthodox and pastorally sensitive.'

Additional copies available from www.cmf.org.uk/bookstore



Scottish connections – going for growth

New faces



Megan Kibbey

This term we've been very pleased to welcome

Scott Stadalsky (staffworker) and



Hannah Johns

Megan Kibbey (associate staffworker) in



Soo Young Lee

Dundee; **Hannah Johns** as an intern working for the student department; and **Soo Young Lee**, as a student intern.

Student events

There were three summer teams of students and doctors to countries in Eastern Europe; we had a great summer school in Cumbria, and a good number of CMF reps attended UCCF Forum for leadership training. We also ran a freshers' day in London for the first time, as well as our usual student leaders' training in October. Please pray for Christian freshers to get stuck into their church, CU and CMF groups; and that through them many others would hear the Gospel and respond!

Demand triples

Please pray for our **International Medical Students' Conference** (6-10 February). We've already received three times the number of applicants as in previous years, and are therefore planning to increase substantially the number of places, to about 30 delegates from up to 20 countries. This is a crucial opportunity to support and equip medical student leaders from across Europe and Central Asia.

Plus the **National Student Conference** (10-12 February), of up to 400 people at Swanwick. John Lennox is our main speaker.

Scott Stadalsky joined us in August as student staffworker in Dundee.



Scott – tell us about your professional life to date

After my degree at the Medical University of South Carolina in 1999 I proceeded to the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Centre in Memphis where I received practical training in the specialties of Paediatrics and Internal Medicine. For the last eight years, I practised General Paediatrics in Charleston, South Carolina. We hosted students from the local medical university regularly as volunteer clinical faculty for the Department of Paediatrics, which provided opportunities with students we would not otherwise have met.

What are your aspirations for the student staffworker role?

To resource and coordinate a relational ministry outreach to the medical students in Dundee. We hope to invest our time, prayers, and resources deeply in a small group of students facilitating their spiritual growth, who then do likewise.

What appeals to you about this job?

It is exciting to see lives transformed by the Gospel. To witness the spiritually blind receive sight and the deaf receive hearing is amazing. We have experienced this in the past and are convinced that the Lord has similar plans in Dundee. As many of the cleverest students choose to study medicine, the questions they pose and ideas they hold keep us on our toes, challenging us to 'always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that we have'.

What do you do to relax?

I am married to Jennifer and we have two children, a five-year-old daughter and an eight-year-old son. We enjoy travelling and especially cycling and hiking. This winter we hope to introduce the children to skiing.

Briefly, how can we best pray for you?

1. That we would continue to trust God for all things.
2. That we would grow in our walk with the Lord.
3. Continued transition for the family.
4. Opportunities for student contact, and for student interest.
5. That the Spirit would be moving in the hearts of the students here.

Juniors' conference

I've just returned from a fantastic CMF Junior Doctors' Conference. It's a great privilege to observe what

God is doing through CMF's junior doctors.

Much of my time is spent on conferences –

over the past year that's included three Saline Solution training courses, and the Scotland Juniors' Retreat, on the banks of Loch Tay – leading sessions on Isaiah 30.

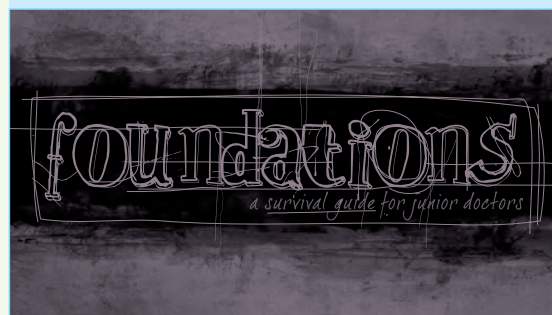
My work with CMF is pastoral – it's getting alongside people, hearing their challenges, struggles and joys, encouraging them and walking with them.



Charlotte Hattersley



Juniors' labour of love



Foundations is a book conceived by juniors, written for juniors by juniors past and present and addressing juniors' issues. There are over 70 articles by 40 authors, peppered with punchy testimonies, prayer points and 'think it through' questions which provide an opportunity for further thought.

The attractive hardback design is quite different from anything we have ever produced. It's meant to be picked up and dipped into again and again, and left out on the coffee table to be read, shared and re-read. Our aim is to provide a Christian medical equivalent of the *Oxford Handbook of Clinical Medicine*, with concise, accurate and easy-to-find information on a wide variety of subjects.

This book has had a long gestation; eight years from start to finish under three editors – Caroline Bunting, Rachael Pickering and Laurence Crutchlow. As Peter Saunders says in the forward: 'It's been a long time coming and a real labour of love. But I'm sure you will agree it's been well worth waiting for.'

Order online at www.cmf.org.uk/bookstore

Nurses' student staffworker

Dimity Grant-Frost started part time three days a week in

September as the new student staffworker for Christian Nurses and Midwives. We introduce her:

Dimity – tell us about your professional life to date?

I qualified as a nurse in Australia nine years ago and worked for a year there before moving to London. Initially nursing for an agency, I then worked as a community clinical nurse specialist in west London before joining the palliative care team at the Royal Marsden Hospital. I spent almost five years in that role, taking a year out to complete an apprenticeship at my church.

What are your hopes for the role of nurses' student staffworker?

I hope that the team and I will work together to serve Christian nurses and nursing students to the glory of God and that as a result nurses would be more profound lovers of the Lord Jesus, serving the sick, vulnerable, marginalised and our society, to the glory of God.

What do you do outside of work?

I have been blessed with lovely friends, and I spend a lot of time with them. I love to read and talk, to leave London and breathe proper air from time to time, to go to the cinema, theatre and art galleries, to cuddle other people's babies and to sit and stare out of windows.

Briefly, how can we best pray for you?

Please pray that I will be a faithful disciple of Jesus and that by his Spirit I would



become a more godly woman every day. Ask God to provide for Steve, Annie and me as we seek to grow (both in faith and numbers) the fellowship of Christian nurses in the UK. And please pray that God would transform our society through the influence of godly men and women seeking to live out the Gospel through the nursing profession.

Nursing & Allied Professions update

The work of the nursing team at CMF is gathering pace. With Annie and Steve, Dimity has been working on a number of events, including a euthanasia study evening for London nursing students, roadshows for student and qualified nurses in the Midlands and Northwest, plus plans for *Saline Solution* courses for multidisciplinary groups in South Wales and other parts of the country. We are revamping the Christian Nurses & Midwives (CNM) newsletter, have created a new CNM membership form and online membership application (see www.cnm.org.uk), and have been getting this literature out to nursing schools around the country via Christian Unions and local CMF groups.

If you have links with any Christian nurses, allied professionals and students in your area, do put them in touch with us – email annie@cmf.org.uk, dimity@cmf.org.uk or steve@cmf.org.uk

Unfinished business in Madagascar

Mandritsara is a town in north central Madagascar and

home to a Christian mission hospital, where four CMF members (and their families) live and work and where others have been on

electives and visits. My wife (Jen) and I had the privilege of visiting the hospital for four weeks. Our contribution, not being doctors, was to help with the administration and finances of the hospital and related projects, using the skills God has given us.

By the time the next edition of *CMF News* is published I will have left CMF. When I came to CMF in January 2008 the staff and trustees faced a number of obstacles which prevented CMF from building a stable base on which to move forward. Since then we have implemented an accounting system, replaced the membership database with one which works for us, introduced direct debits and developed a lot of policies and procedures which give a clear structure to the way we operate. The IT has been enhanced and a sense of team working has been fostered. As a retired member of the Business Advisory Committee said to me recently, we have made great strides forward since 2008. I believe that it is now time to move on, and for a fresh face to take my place. I do not know what my future work will be, but we are warming to the idea of a return to Madagascar and continuing the unfinished business there!

Marcus Watkins is CMF Head of Finance and Administration



London & South-East

Serving members in London and neighbouring counties since June this year, I've been discovering the 'who, when and where' of local CMF groups. I've attended seven such meetings, and spoken at two.

I've been able to meet more than 75 CMF members (and at least ten not-yet-members) in a variety of other situations as well: in the workplace, in church, in the coffee-shop or curry-house, at home, and on committees or visiting headquarters here at Johnson House. I appreciated afresh the value of *Saline Solution* at a trainers' course in Coventry – what a vital resource for building bridges with patients and promoting truly whole-person medicine. In the pipeline: building links with local churches, mentoring among the membership and a new programme of *Saline Solution*. No two days here are the same, for which I'm very grateful!

Julian Churcher is CMF Staffworker London & South East



Julian Churcher

Books for Ukraine

CMF was pleased to be able to support the Ukraine junior doctors' conference in October which was attended by 400 delegates from over 20 countries. We sent 400 copies of both *Cure for Life* and *Matters of Life and Death* to give away to participants. William Lamptey comments: 'I want to thank you so much for the books sent to us... 24 Muslims attended the conference; most of them are reading the books and are getting more interested in following the Lord.'

PRIME

Partnership in International Medical Education

This autumn we are busy in Armenia, Ukraine, Romania, Bosnia, Albania, India, Nigeria and Russia, and plans are well advanced with CMF for an inspirational new supportive study course for young UK doctors in those tricky years after qualifying.

A recent course in Manchester illustrated the miracle of all that the Lord is achieving, bringing top level professors and deans of medical schools from seven countries overseas to share the vision of PRIME alongside significant UK thinkers; a truly international family. One UK consultant remarked 'I have found the purpose of my life.'

Please support us. The expansion is outstripping our resources. In addition to extra funding we need to expand our administration and are looking for interns. If you have some months spare for some really interesting supportive work, with possible overseas opportunities, please make contact. Also we still long for further friends to emerge as leading creative thinkers to take on the baton of responsibility.

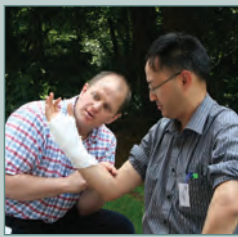
Our newsletter includes upcoming opportunities for those who would like to discover more; a prayer letter is also available. The Lord's vision of PRIME has enabled many of us to see our professional skills, allied to a heart of compassion, as powerful instruments of expression of the Kingdom of God. What is your prime calling in this life?

John Caroe is Chair of PRIME
www.prime-international.org

Developing Health Course - medicine in resource-poor settings

'This is by far the best course I have ever attended' - one participant's comment at the end of the fortnight. 63 people attended the course, learning from 30 different speakers. Everyone enjoyed the practical workshops, and had a go at plastering wrists, putting in interosseous needles and pulling out teeth, amongst many other things. 'Learning has never been such fun!' said one participant.

Next year's course will run from 24 June - 4 July 2012.



Congratulations

On his award

Rustam Rea FRCP

Outgoing

Bernard Obi to Ethiopia

Helen Brocklehurst to Zambia

Susan Heyes (Leeds) to Malawi

Victoria Parsonson (Birmingham) to Madagascar

Matthew Sherratt (Warwick) to Madagascar

Ros Howles (London) to Uganda

Homecoming

Charlie Besley (Southampton) from Kenya

Simon and Elizabeth Clausen from Kenya

Ann Dean (Nottingham) from South Africa

Ruth Fitch (Birmingham) from South Africa

Emma Stormer (Newcastle) from Malawi

Jamie Erskine (Stockport) from Gambia

Obituaries

David William Jack (b 14 June 1981, d 8 August 2011) was a final year medical student studying at Dundee University, who died suddenly this autumn after the start of the new term. He previously served as a student rep for the CMF group there.

Charlotte Gardiner (q Belfast 1949, d CMF informed November 2011) was a consultant anaesthetist at Belfast City Hospital prior to her retirement.

Regional CMF meetings

See www.cmf.org.uk/fellowship for information about local groups

Vital connections

The CMF communications team aims to help you to stay connected with the Christian medical stories and issues that matter, but also to help you stay connected with other members. We do this through regular print publications eg *Triple Helix*, *Nucleus* and *CMF News*, as well as new media such as the monthly e-news, podcasts, YouTube videos, Twitter, Facebook, the official *CMF Blog*, and Peter Saunders' personal blog. It's important to us that you feel informed, inspired and supported as we build the fellowship together.

Please use these tools of communication to connect on a local level or in sharing expertise. For example, we've seen dedicated local Facebook groups set up in Northern Ireland, Birmingham and London, and know of several members who have set up a blog or are trying Twitter! These are encouraging connections. To find out more just head to www.cmf.org.uk/communications for all the links and information you'll need.

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Dates for your diary

December 2011

20 CMF/CNM carol service for health professionals
All Souls Langham Place, London

February 2012

6-10 International Medical Students' Conference
10-12 National Students' Conference
The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick
25 Who is my Neighbour?, Belfast

March

10 Who is my Neighbour?, Chelmsford
31 Preparing Families for Life Overseas, Redcliffe College, Gloucester

April

27-29 National Graduates' Conference
The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

June

24-4 July Developing Health Course, Oak Hill College, North London

For more details of upcoming events, see www.cmf.org.uk

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