

## Meeting high demand

As our autumn conference season draws to a close we look back with thanks on a great range of events across the country which stimulated fellowship, delivered good teaching and equipped doctors and students to serve Jesus Christ. There were often two or more events running in a given weekend in different regions and this newsletter will give you some snapshots of what is happening across our various ministries.

CMF continues to be in high demand responding to media enquiries at the interface of Christianity and medicine and we have featured this autumn on the Radio 4 *Today* programme, 5 Live, *Newsnight* and a whole host of Christian, regional and international outlets (including Chinese national television) on issues as diverse as euthanasia, abortion, contraceptive implants, NHS changes, doctors' strikes and the Liverpool Care Pathway.

CMF also led within the CNK Alliance to intervene successfully in two key euthanasia court cases this summer, and we provided briefings for MPs at a number of key parliamentary debates. These challenges and opportunities will continue next year.

For me, personal highlights, apart from the Scottish and Juniors' national conferences, have been speaking at the ICMDA Pan-Africa Congress in Lagos, Nigeria, in July, the European Euthanasia Prevention Conference in Edinburgh in September, and the Eastern European Leadership Forum in Ukraine later the same month. These were attended



respectively by 1,700 doctors and medical students from all over Africa, 100 delegates from 12 European countries and 300 Christian leaders from Ukraine, Belarus and South West Russia.

All this is a wonderful reminder that God is building his church world-wide and calling us to join him by praying for and being involved in his great adventure.

The September 2012 management accounts showed us to be £83k ahead of budget but with little or no development income expected before the end of the year we are projecting an end of year deficit of £150k in line with budget. Overall income is well down on budget but by various means, expenditure has been controlled to match it without so far cutting services.

Next year however will be a considerable challenge. The Development Fund after 24 of 36 months stands at about £360k (just over half of the total £700k extra bridging income required) so if you have not yet responded to the autumn appeal please do consider doing so.

As always we remain thankful to God for his bounteous blessings and generosity to CMF as we seek, as Christian doctors and medical students, to live and speak for Jesus Christ in this generation.

*'Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.'* (1 Corinthians 16:13,14)

*Peter Saunders is CMF Chief Executive*

### Connecting members

There's been a marvellous response to CMF's appeal for doctors to become local workplace link people. Nearly 200 offers have been received and so far we have been able to process and approve over 100.

We want to see local CMF members keeping in touch, helping and supporting each other, so no member, particularly students and juniors, becomes isolated.

Once in place, link people will be able to make contact with all the CMF members in their hospital, locality, specialty group, foundation school, medical school, deanery or church. This will help to ensure that new members can become part of the fellowship, linked locally, offered hospitality and supported through fellowship groups.

There are benefits all round. Senior doctors are finding their faith challenged and enriched by these contacts.

*Pablo Fernandez is CMF Head of Graduate Ministries*

### Website developments

We want CMF to be a more effective fellowship. To make this happen,

the autumn appeal has focused on funding to build better links through a new integrated CMF website and database system.

The first phase of the new project is going ahead and in the New Year you will receive a log-in password by email giving you access to a new secure members' area of the CMF website. CMF link people will use the members' area of the website to develop groups which you can join. You can then choose to meet up face-to-face, pray for one another or keep in touch by email. In the members' area of the website you will also be able to make choices to tailor your emails from CMF to match your interests.

*Catherine Butcher is CMF Head of Communications*



## New starters

### Megan Kibbey has joined CMF as a staff-worker based in Dundee



Megan Kibbey

#### Megan, what did you do before joining CMF?

Before joining CMF, I was on faculty at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, USA, training students and residents to treat the dental needs of the adult special needs population. I was also serving the dental and medical students at Tufts University as a volunteer with the Christian Medical and Dental Association.

#### What is it you are hoping to achieve in the job?

My heart's desire is to labour with and invest in medical students in the context of community and the local church to advance God's kingdom for his glory; more specifically, to support and aid the local body of believers in training Dundee University medical students to be disciple-makers.

#### What challenges are involved and how will you seek to meet them?

One challenge has been learning a different culture. There are subtle differences in the British culture as well as the medical student culture. But God has provided students who have been honest and have helped me navigate life and ministry here. I have made many mistakes, but they have been gracious!

#### What do you like doing outside work?

I enjoy reading, playing any type of organised sport, as well as playing board games.

#### Can you tell us a little about your church?

St Peter's Free Church of Scotland, under the leadership of Rev David Robertson, is a body of believers who seek to worship God and learn more about him from the Bible. I'm thankful that God healed David last year, and I'm amazed at how the church is growing. This body of believers is why Dundee already feels like home!

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

That students would hunger for Jesus. Wisdom in navigating a new year of student ministry, learning from the successes and

failures of year one. That my confidence would be in Christ and that I would point students to him. For my visa to be renewed.

### John Martin is CMF's new Senior Editor



John Martin

#### Tell us a bit about you?

I'm an old friend of CMF having worked with Andrew Fergusson to transition from the *Journal* to *Triple Helix* magazine. I'm Australian-born and have lived in the UK for over 30 years.

#### What are your hopes for the job?

My passion is to help CMF build up a network of great communicators whose faith, words and ideas are transformative in their generation.

#### What about your nearest and dearest?

My wife Deirdre is administrator for a synagogue five minutes from our house in Ealing. She previously worked for many years with the Anglican Communion Office which is where I worked on coming to London.

#### Can you tell us a little about your church?

I'm a Reader at our local Anglican parish church. One great project was helping found a cinema club that's attracted close to 2,000 punters – very few of them church attenders – in two years. Deirdre and I lead a home group and edit the church magazine.

#### How can CMF members support you in prayer?

Pray for good relationships. For God's help so we get the right word in the right place.

### Saline Solution

2012 saw seven Saline day conferences in different parts of the UK. Participants enthused about honing skills in sharing their faith with colleagues. See the CMF website for upcoming conferences or contact the CMF office to host a Saline Solution day conference in your area.



## CMF National Conference 2013

### INTEGRITY: consistent Christian living in all of life

Student leaders are being invited to the **CMF National Conference** for the first time in 2013.

Additionally, a Junior Doctors' track will provide seminars that deal with themes of particular interest to that important sector of our membership. The conference, from **26-28 April 2013 at the Hayes Conference Centre in Derbyshire**, aims to bring together a larger cross-section of members than ever before.

Jonathan Lamb, Director of Langham Partnership International, is the speaker on the theme of 'Integrity: consistent Christian living in all of life'.

A former Head of Student Ministries for Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF), Jonathan Lamb has also served as Associate General Secretary for the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES). In 2003 he joined Langham Partnership International and serves as Director of Langham Preaching, a programme which supports preachers and teachers around the world. He also serves as Chairman of the Keswick Convention in the UK.

Introducing his CMF National Conference theme, he says: 'One of the greatest challenges in Christian witness today relates to the apparent inconsistency between what we say, who we are, and how we behave. We know that authentic Christian living means a coherence of word, deed and character. We must live lives which are integrated: not one person at home and another at work or church; not our private faith in one corner and our public persona in another; not saying one thing and living another. All the parts must fit together!

'Paul's second letter to the Corinthians gives important teaching and telling examples of what integrity looks like. And although there are demanding calls for a consistent life, there are also encouraging promises concerning how God enables us to live as we should.'

Book online at [www.cmf.org.uk/events](http://www.cmf.org.uk/events) or use the brochure enclosed with this mailing.



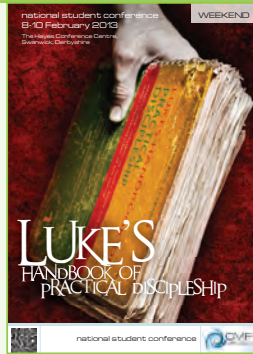
## PRIME

Partnership in International Medical Education

## National Student Conference

Luke's Handbook for Practical Discipleship is the theme; Jason Clark of UCCF the speaker. Join 400 others at **Swanwick on 8-10 February 2013**.

Luke is surely the most cited Christian medical author of all time. As the first Christian doctor, Luke 'carefully investigated everything from the beginning' as he compiled his account of Jesus' life and ministry. Studying even a small portion of his work shows us Jesus – the 'radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being'.



Nick Land's conference address will help us work this out practically – looking at our response to the changing NHS and encouraging us to engage in leadership as Christians. A wide selection of seminars will examine a range of issues at the interface of Christianity and medicine.

An online promotional video is now available to view via CMF's official YouTube channel - <http://bit.ly/10iwupa>. Share the video with your friends.

To reserve your place, please book online at [www.cmf.org.uk/students/events](http://www.cmf.org.uk/students/events)

### Videos amplify the message

'Connecting, Learning, Serving' is the theme of three new videos showing how students can benefit from being a member of CMF. We hear direct from students telling why CMF is important to them and why they encourage their friends to join. The video can be downloaded from the CMF website, or we can send you a DVD version to show to potential student members.



### Freshers

Over 1,100 joining packs were sent to student representatives at medical campuses for the start of Freshers' Week 2013, with a focus on the 'Connecting, Learning, Serving' theme.

### London BBQ

Some 37 freshers from all five London medical schools visited CMF during Freshers' Week to enjoy excellent food and hear about CMF.

### Summer teams

A combination of students and junior doctors undertook team visits in the summer to Poland, Belarus, Georgia, Lithuania and Poland. The contingent to Georgia attended a conference while the others took part in summer camps.

### From Portugal to Kazakhstan

The **International Medical Students' Conference** hosted by CMF is set for **4-8 February 2013 in London**. Participants are expected from countries as far apart as Portugal and Kazakhstan. Some may be destined to be the only Christian doctor in their country. Others will play a pivotal role in longer established national Christian medical fellowships. Those attending will then join CMF's National Student Conference, at Swanwick, Derbyshire from 8-10 February.

### Please pray



Thomas Roberts

For Thomas Roberts as he manages the conference arrangements, visas and ticketing arrangements, with the UK Border Agency progressively toughening up entry procedures.

**Giles Cattermole** is CMF Head of Student Ministries

### Nurses: A busy start

We had a busy start to the autumn with freshers' events for student nurses in Cardiff, Oxford, and three London universities, culminating with a London freshers' 'Welcome to Nursing' dinner with 18 students, eleven of whom were new contacts. We have met many new Christian nurses and midwives, and have a small core of committed students helping to run events. We are holding a day conference on start-of-life bioethics on 1 December for student nurses, midwives and medics. Our national conference for student nurses is set for Northampton, 15-17 February 2013.

### UK represented at Santiago

A small delegation from Christian Nurses and Midwives (CNM) has been in Santiago, Chile, for the **Nurses' Christian Fellowship International World Conference**. The Chilean Minister for Health welcomed us, stating his support for the importance of spirituality and faith at the heart of good nursing care. With over 300 nurses from over 30 countries, this was a great opportunity to learn from many national Christian nursing movements.

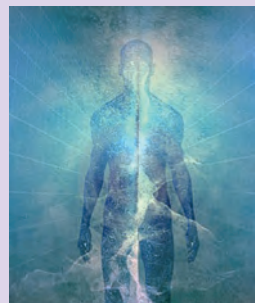
**Steve Fouch** is CMF Head of Allied Professions Ministries

### Treasurer needed

PRIME (Partnership in International Medical Education) has an urgent need for an honorary treasurer. PRIME is looking for someone committed to the vision of the ministry and the aim 'to restore the heart of healthcare'. No book-keeping or accountancy duties; that is already covered. Major responsibilities are for oversight plus regular telephone interaction with the office and sharing problems as and when arising. Trustees meet three times a year either at CMF HQ or anywhere between Brighton and Hastings. More information from Steve Fouch (a trustee of PRIME) telephone 020 7234 9668 or email [steve.fouch@cmf.org.uk](mailto:steve.fouch@cmf.org.uk)

### Whole Person Care

'Introduction to Whole Person Care' is the theme of the PRIME UK Annual Conference in 2013.



The conference is an opportunity for new PRIME tutors and other healthcare educators to be introduced to PRIME's concepts, materials and methods. These are designed to promote excellence in healthcare by informing the heart as well as the head and have been used successfully in many different situations worldwide. The conference will also provide the opportunity for experienced PRIME tutors to meet some of PRIME's overseas partners.

The conference runs from 11-13 March 2013 in Crowhurst, East Sussex, England. To book visit [www.prime-international.org.uk](http://www.prime-international.org.uk) or call 01424 858258.

## International

### Developing Health Course

CMF has run the Developing Health Course for nearly 50 years and this year's course in June and July produced lots of positive feedback.

*'I love this course! It's like coming home. Where else could you spend time with Christians who are also doctors and who share your passion to serve overseas?' – from a doctor home on leave after two years in the Solomon Islands.*

*'This course has made me feel excited about being a Christian doctor for the first time' – a junior doctor exploring possibilities for the future.*

In all, there were 55 participants working, or preparing to work, in 18 different countries. This year we had a greater proportion of junior doctors and medical students than ever before; it was wonderful to see the next generation of Christian doctors preparing to serve overseas.

**The 2013 course will run from 30 June - 12 July.** Book via the CMF website - [www.cmf.org.uk/events](http://www.cmf.org.uk/events)



### International Study Group (ISG)

The ISG seeks to bring a Christian voice to the arena of international health. We took part in the Department for International Development consultation on the principles of governments working with faith-based organisations (FBOs); big donors are beginning to appreciate the wonderful work done by many church programmes and FBOs.

We were present at a consultation on family planning, which called for greater involvement from FBOs in this area; research presented at the meeting showed that the attitude of religious leaders has a great impact on the uptake of family planning services. We are now starting to engage in the debate about the world's health goals after the 2015 end to the Millennium Development Goals. What are the global priorities? (Answers on a postcard to us at CMF!)

*Vicky Lavy is CMF Head of International Ministries*

## ICMDA news

International Christian Medical and Dental Association

### 15th ICMDA World Congress

For your diary and prayers. The next World Congress of the International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA) is set for **19-26 July 2014 in Rotterdam.**

### Change of location

**Sally Edmunds** from Tanzania  
**Andrew Ostins** (Birmingham) from Zambia  
**Adele Cooper** (Imperial College) from Somaliland  
**Andrene and James Hayton** (Edinburgh) from Bangladesh  
**Alison Fiander** (Southampton) from Tanzania  
**Mark Pietroni** (London Hospital) from Bangladesh  
**Becky Hammond** (Norwich) to Somaliland  
**Derek Mendoca** to India  
**Ronnie Alcorn** (Belfast) to Mongolia  
**Elizabeth Harwood** (Kings College) to India  
**Emma Thompson** (Aberdeen) to Malawi  
**Ian Spillman** (Royal Free) to Uganda  
**Janet Charnley** (Manchester) to Pakistan  
**John Harbottle** (Manchester) to Haiti  
**Rosie Barnes** (Liverpool) to Singapore  
**Marcus Watkins** to Madagascar

### Obituaries

**Margaret Jack**  
 (Leeds, *q* 1955, *d* 2 August 2012)

**Derek Belgrave**  
 (Kings College, *q* 1944, *d* 15 November 2012)

**Sir Sandy Macara**  
 (Glasgow, *b* 4 May 1932, *q* 1958, *d* 21 June 2012) was chairman of the British Medical Association's ruling council from 1993 to 1998.

**Eleanor Sutherland**  
 (Eberhard Karls University, *q* 1964, CMF informed 17 July 2012)

**William Tudor Thomas**  
 (Middlesex, *b* 12 February 1946, *q* 1971, CMF informed 1 October 2012)

**David Murray**  
 (St Andrews, CMF informed 31 July 2012)

**Samuel Thomson**  
 (St Barts, *q* 1945, CMF informed 31 July 2012)

**Lady McColl**  
 (Guys, *q* 1958, CMF informed 16 October 2012)

**Alan Johnston**  
 (UCH, *b* 8 January 1928, *q* 1951, *d* 17 September 2012, CMF informed 21 September 2012)

**Christopher Bartley**  
 (Oxford, *q* 1943, *d* 20 June 2012)

### 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

#### December 2012

19 Healthcare carol service, 6.30pm, All Souls Langham Place, London

#### January 2013

26 Confident Christianity course, Southampton, venue tbc

#### February 2013

8-10 CMF National Student Conference, Swanwick  
 15-17 CNM National Student Conference, Northampton

#### April 2013

26-28 CMF National Conference, The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

#### May 2013

24-26 Junior Doctors' retreat: County Down, Northern Ireland

#### June - July 2013

30-12 Developing Health Course: Healthcare in resource-poor settings for doctors, nurses, midwives and therapists, Oak Hill College, London

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

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