

Nurses & Graduates

News from coalface

An encouraging evening with a CMF nursing group

Earlier this autumn I spoke at a CMF student nurse group. I went thinking I would be giving out, but ended up being blessed and encouraged myself. This



was in response to seeing how the Lord is using CMF groups and hearing individual stories. Here are just a few of them.

Among the new fresher students who came, there was one third year nursing student who had

desperately wanted to connect with others and be re-envisioned to see her faith integrated with her nursing. She hadn't heard about CMF until someone in church told her about this local group. She was so thrilled to meet up, connect, be encouraged and prayed for and told me what a complete answer to prayer it was!

Another (newly qualified) nurse had moved to Southampton this summer for her first job and felt rather lonely, not knowing anyone in this new place. She had such a smile on her face as we introduced her to friendly local Christian nurses – she said it made all the difference.

During the time of worship, I was struck at how worshipful one particular student was; afterwards she came up and spoke with me. I realised I had met her at the group's fresher event last year when she had come along as a non-Christian, attracted by both the talk that evening, and by the loving hospitality of these Christian nurses. She had continued attending each month since, and had given her life to Jesus in the summer term. She told me of her debt to the group and how instrumental it had been in leading her to Christ.

Finally, I'll end with the highlight of seeing how well the three local student reps of this group have grown in their leadership. They were united and thriving, sharing seamlessly the roles of cooking, hosting, leading, welcoming, praying, etc. Their faith and enthusiasm were infectious, and their generous serving of others a witness to Christ; it's no wonder that Jesus loves hanging out with this group!

Pippa Peppiatt, CMF Head of Nursing

Grads news

CMF hosted a stand at the RCGP Annual Conference at Glasgow from 3–5 October. It was a wonderful opportunity for local CMF



members to get involved and to meet other Christian GPs from around the world. Stephanie Moss, a GP from Birmingham, spoke at the breakfast on 'Count it all joy

- responding to trials at home and at work.' It was an excellent start to the day, remembering our Lord Jesus Christ who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross for our sake (Hebrews 12:2).

At the end of October, we had what we believe was our biggest ever Junior Doctors' Conference, with 160 juniors joining us. This included nine juniors from nations around the world who had been on our SYD2 course the previous week, and 19 juniors from the ICMDA Western European Region.

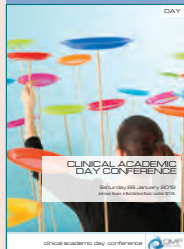
Upcoming events



The annual London Healthcare Carol Service will be held on 12 December 2018 at 18:30 at All Souls Church, Langham place, London. This will be a wonderful opportunity to bring friends, colleagues

and loved ones to hear the message of Christmas. We look forward to seeing many of you join us to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Clinical Academic Day Conference



Join us for this one-day conference which aims to equip and encourage Christian clinical academics to flourish. There will be plenty of opportunities for networking, and we will hear from some excellent

speakers with lots of experience to share. This conference is for Christian clinical academics at any stage of their career and those who are considering an academic career. All healthcare professionals and students are welcome.

Further details of both these events are on the CMF website at cmf.org.uk/events

Juniors update

Junior Doctors' Committee

Hello from the new Junior Doctors' Committee! We have recently undergone a transition period from one group



to another and this is our first opportunity to tell you what's going on in the Committee.

We have members from all over the country who are united with the common goal of equipping juniors to live and speak for Jesus Christ. We have divided into three groups with each responsible for different committee activities. We have one group liaising



with students and the transition from students to juniors; one group encouraging engagement with CMF among junior doctors and organising events; and one group working with the more senior graduate doctors.

We are continuing to encourage engagement with the wider Fellowship and organise events for juniors across the UK and hope to grow the number of junior CMF groups running throughout the country.

We would value your prayers at this time as we begin this new era for the Juniors' Committee. We would particularly value prayers that we can encourage junior involvement in CMF, help juniors engage their local peers and do God's work in this world.

Staff movements

Dionysia Ayeni: after six years on the CMF Staff Team, Dion has left her post as the Students and International Coordinator. Please pray for Dion as she seeks God's direction and spends time with her new family.



Dionysia Ayeni