

Nurses & Midwives

Nurses Christian Fellowship International (NCFI)

Pippa and team were at the NCFI European Regional Leaders' Training Conference at Felden Lodge in Hemel Hempstead in early



October. 33 delegates from Christian nursing fellowships and groups in Spain, Norway, Finland, Armenia, Romania, Germany, England and Scotland came for three

days. The aim was to gather the pooled but different experiences of the leaders of different Christian nursing movements across Europe shared between different fellowships and to bring together young, emerging and potential leaders with established leaders.

The overall feedback was positive, and the links and fellowship between individuals in different nations was very positive. New links and partnerships have begun to develop as a result, and it was a great encouragement for the CMF Nurses Team. They are now working towards our input into the NCFI World Congress in the US next year.

Nurses Team

As the number of nursing and midwifery groups around the UK (including Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland) grew to eighteen this autumn, with others coming online all the time, the team has had to grow to keep pace. Gemma Irvine has joined the team as an Associate Staff Worker in Glasgow, linking with the Catalyst Team there. Student nurse groups are now running in Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Dundee. We hope to get one off the ground in Glasgow soon, so she has plenty to keep her busy!

Rachel Denno will be joining the team in the New Year as a Nurses Associate Staff Worker with a particular focus on developing support for student nurses and midwives as they transition to becoming qualified staff.

Movements Going

Chris Hinton to Kyrgyzstan (July 2019)
Will & Daisy Taylor to Gambia (July 2019)
Nathan Lawrence to Madagascar (September 2019)

Returning

Katy Linley from Madagascar (July 2019)
Sarah Parry from Cambodia (July 2019)
Karen Michell (July 2019)
Nicholas Jackson (October 2019)
Alison Jackson (October 2019)

Obituaries

Dr John Geater MBE (q 1967, Birmingham)



John Geater

John served most of his working life as a GP in Hastings, but God had laid a wider world on his heart. Medicine, a profession that had once been an expression of the love of God, but which was now arid and secular. But all wisdom and knowledge were supposed to belong to God, so John was determined to win the knowledge and wisdom of the medical professions back for the kingdom of God. Starting with four friends in a pub garden, over 25 years he built up a ministry bringing a whole person, Christian values-based approach to the teaching of medicine. This is now practised in more than 60 countries. This ministry is now known as PRIME [see page 3].

Renowned for his tangential thinking, passionate communication, deep love of the Lord Jesus and mischievous sense of humour, John was a role model and inspiration to many. He went home to be with the Lord in September.

Dr David Hill (q 1959)

Dr Norah Campbell (q 1959, Oxford)

Mr Theodore Welch FRCS (q 1958, UCL)

Dr Andrew Williamson (q 1951, Edinburgh)

Dr Bruce Macartney (q 1952, Bart's & The London)

Staff Movements

Leaving



Philippa Taylor

Philippa Taylor, CMF Head of Public Policy for the last nine years left in September to head up the CARE Interns Programme.



Lavinia Miries

Lavinia Miries has been working as CMF Global Coordinator and supporting John Greenall with Volunteer department administration for several months. She will be doing some part-time work for membership services and communications for the next few months. She is looking to return to medicine.



Rindai Sithole



Jennie Pollock

Joining

Rindai Sithole joined as the Graduates Coordinator in August.

Jennie Pollock joined at the start of October as Associate Head of Public Policy.

Liz Flores Silva joined in October as the CMF Global Co-ordinator.



Liz Flores Silva

Keep in touch

We appreciate information about members returning and moving or notices about those who are 'promoted to higher service'. Please contact Steve Fouch at: steve.fouch@cmf.org.uk

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Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

18-20 **Seniors' Conference**, The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire
 23 **Saline Solution**, Leicester
 30 **Saline Solution**, Stratford
 30 **Refugee and Asylum Seeker Health Course**, Liverpool

DECEMBER

7 **Christ Centred Pastoral Care for Healthcare Staff**, Johnson House, London

JANUARY

31 January – 2 February
National Student Conference, Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire

APRIL

24-28 **National Conference**, Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire

JULY

12-24 **Developing Health Course**, London School of Theology, Northwood, Middlesex

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