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EDITORIAL

Indwelling of the spirit and Christ in you

*To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27*

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:11



A zombie is a will-less human being who is dead but controlled and animated by supernatural means. *28 Days Later* is a zombie movie where a virus turns humans into zombies and focuses upon the struggle of four survivors to cope with the destruction of the life they once knew.

Carpenter ants can be zombified and controlled by a parasitic fungus, *Ophiocordyceps* through the release of chemicals capable of controlling brains. The fungus uses this ability to force the insect to attach itself to a moist plant, where the tiny animal dies. *Ophiocordyceps* can then spread through the body of the dead ant to the vegetation, where it can reproduce and exude spores, infecting other ants.

Sounds interesting till one realizes that this indeed is the parable of the human condition. Human beings by default are parasitized by the spirit of the world, slowly zombifying him till he is dead spiritually and can choose freely no longer.

However when a person is in-dwelt by the Spirit of God, he is slowly but surely brought back to full life, restoring complete freedom.

God during the exodus lived in the midst of the camp with his people. He then lived in the Holy of Holies in the temple in Jerusalem again in the midst of His people. However now the Living God resides through His Spirit within us, helping us to die to ourselves and thus resurrect us to a new life and freedom.

Vinod Shah
CEO- ICMDA



FROM THE REGIONS

CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

From the Organizing Committee

Finally we had our conference! After a year of planning we have seen with great joy that all the work bore fruit.

The II Latin American Congress of Christian health professionals was scheduled to take place in 2014, as was the request of Dr. Jose Luis Martinez, secretary of the Central ICMDA. At that time we said no because we knew that our forces were insufficient. Dr. Martinez kept insisting and in 2014 brought a committee of leaders Central America and Uruguay (Dr. Jorge Patpatíán, secretary for South America of the ICMDA) for a mini-summit in order to convince Panama to perform Congress in 2015. My intention was to say no again, but something happened; I consulted with my team and the Lord convinced us that this was the year and we decided to say yes to the challenge.

There were long days of planning and anguish for carrying out the event. The contribution of the ICMDA was a blessing, because it came as a balm at the time we needed it and it was used wisely in

promoting the Congress in the country (at the end, the conference cost about three times more than that contribution). And we saw the hand of God. Little by little it was adding people from abroad, who one way or another had heard the congress, people from countries such as Bolivia, Mexico, Peru, Honduras, Chile, Brazil, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala and as far away as the United States of America and Spain. God was faithful. We had promotion in Facebook, Whatsapp and via email, subsequently via radio and television. Still, we did not know whether Panama would respond. We had logistical problems with the hotel, which ultimately worked out and they let us pay for the event the same day it was conducted and not 10 days in advance as is customary in such cases. And our country responded with a large delegation, which surpassed foreign delegations; in the end we had a Panamanian ratio of 60% and 40% foreign.

The presence of the board of ICMDA was a blessing because it gave a global character to our event and aided in augmenting



the academic credits awarded to us at the medical school in the certification of our congress, it surpassed other medical congresses. Positive comments and praise for the II Latin American Congress of Christian health professionals do not stop. Each of the participants left more than pleased by the high quality of the speakers and were challenged to personally and causing their practices to change.

His hand in every aspect of the planning, promotion and execution and as we got in the way, He sent the right people who would help us, to Him be all the glory!

Panamanian Christian Health Association (ACPSA)

Congress President:

Dr. Mario Ruiz Jimenez

Team:

Dr. Lourdes Quirós.

Lic. Elizabeth Gonzalez

Lic. Belgica Riera

Dra. Keyra Murrillo

Lic. Fermina Santos

Dr. Guillermo Zurita

God bless you all: In truth, was a tremendous joy having you in our country and to share together our love for the Lord's work. We have been blessed to see His hand in every aspect of the organization of this conference and has inspired us the participation of many brothers in various parts of Latin America and the world. All that remains is to reiterate our friendship and let them know they have us a family.



Finally, we thank our God, without whom it would never have been possible to make organize this congress. We have seen



EL SALVADOR

We are glad, we the El Salvador Christian Medical Association, for our participation in the II Latin-American Congress for Christian Health Professional, hold in Panama, 19 - 20 June. We were the biggest country representation. Enclosed, find a picture. We had the honor to share our experiences with Dr. Vinod Shah.



We also ask for prayer for our violence in our country, one of the most violent in the world. For the Christians to have a message and bring about actions that are relevant to this huge problem, which now seems to be apparently out of any control.



Marta Aurelia Martinez
Former President

EAST AFRICA

UGANDA

The VII East and Central Africa Regional ICMDA Junior doctors and Medical students Conference

Jackson Olaboro (MBChB IV, KIU), Chairperson UCMF-Students' Chapter Uganda Christian Medical Fellowship (UCMF) was blessed to host the biennial conference from 3rd - 5th April 2015 at Lwenza training and conference centre, Kampala under the theme "Take your position, stand your ground and live for Christ (Romans 12:2, Mathew 16:24 and Palms 79:10)". It was attended by nearly 200 participants from Burundi, Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania, and Congo, South Sudan and our own Uganda (including two brethren from India and one from Cuba).

Dr. Noleb M. Mugisha, the chairperson



of UCMF welcomed all the participants on behalf of Dr. Peter Gaitho, the ICMDA Regional representative who was unable to attend despite intense preparations. Speakers were Dr. Okumu Gabriel, Prof. Wambebe Charles, Dr Niyongabo Dismas(Burundi), Dr. Emmanuel Luyirika, Dr. Daniel Ojuka(Kenya), Dr. Ayello .A, Drs. Anil & Shalini Cherian(India) and Drs. Noleb, Barbara & Erasmus who provided the Saline process training Taster.



OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA

REFRESHMENT AND VISION JUNE 2015

The biennial national conference was recently held between 5-7th June at the YHotel in downtown Sydney NSW. The theme was Refreshment and Vision.

Overall the Refreshment and Vision national conference was an undoubted success.

There were a total of 125 people attending the conference full or part-time with feedback extremely positive on all counts. There was a real atmosphere of Fellowship intermingled with excitement at the conference which delivered refreshment and vision for attendees both spiritually and professionally. The feedback from the attendees has been extremely positive. All of the keynote speakers and the electives received extremely positive responses.

Our keynote Bible speaker, Dr. Charles Ringma, was exceptionally well received with one attendee commenting Charles Ringma's overview of the Lord and His message to us i.e. His transforming love and grace was particularly helpful - I have been respiritualised, that is I have realised the importance of the Holy Spirit.

Choosing a keynote speaker who is not a Medical person but an accomplished Christian speaker was well received given that our other keynote speakers were very relevant to our attendees professional needs and interests. These included Prof. Alan Gijssbers, Dr. Paul Mercer, Jenny Brown Director of the Family Systems Institute, and Dr. Megan Best covering topics ranging from Dealing with Secularism in the workplace, Relationships, and Spirituality, Suffering and Refreshment.

We had three days of inspiring and exciting time together with several theme expositions, praise and worship, prayers including games, documentary shows and inter-cultural night. Tanzania was chosen to host the next conference in April, 2017.

We are looking forward for our 4th Annual National UCMF Student's Conference and General Assembly from 8th -11th October, 2015. The theme of the conference is; "..... according to his power that is at work within us" Ephesians 3:20 (NIV). We are Expecting students from Kampala International University, Mbarara University, Gulu University, Busitema University, Makerere University including brethren from ICMDA Jonglei in Mengo(Uganda).

Praise God For:

- ❖ Gulu University Christian Medical Fellowship celebrates 10 years in the Lord!!
- ❖ Inspirational East and Central Africa Regional ICMDA 2015, Junior doctors and Student's Conference
- ❖ Medical missions within Kampala City, and Masaka-Kalungu TC, Mityana and Gulu districts.

Prayer Needs:

- ❖ 4th Annual Students' Conference and General Assembly for fruitful preparations, speakers and good attendance, and financial provision.
- ❖ Salvation of more medical students as well as healthcare professionals across the Country and the region at large.



There were also a wide range of electives to choose from across the weekend. Our post dinner speaker Dr. Chris Forbes, senior lecturer in Ancient History at Macquarie University, addressed us on the topic of “The Resurrection : Fact or Fiction from an historians point of view” this was also extremely well received providing a thoroughly enlightening and entertaining talk .

Thus the conference provided spiritual vision and refreshment as well as professional vision and refreshment. A balance that was well noted and appreciated.

The venue was also rated positively. From an organisers point of view the venue management and staff were extremely helpful, cooperative and very pleasant and easy to deal with. We also had the pleasure of welcoming our colleagues from Oceania who held their own meeting on Friday 5th June and joined us for the weekend. All the talks and presentations are now available on our website at the following link: <http://www.cmdfa.org.au/graduates/national-conference>

In addition if anyone would like to hear more of Dr. Ringma a selection of his talks is available at Regent Audio at the following link: <http://www.regentaudio.com/collections/charles-ringma>



If you make a purchase when ordering please enter the following coupon code cmdfa-ringma

It will give you 50% off any title from the Charles Ringma category (as per the link above).

Yours in Christ

David Brown

National Manager



REPORT FROM POLISH CMF ACTIVITY IN 2014 YEAR

1. National conference held in Poznań on 18th October 2014 under the title: "Burnout syndrome: How to avoid it? How to cope with it? God's solutions". We had 3 lecturers:
 - A. Dr Jerzy Czech, Psychiatrist: "When the heart dries up like the grass."
 - B. Mr. Wojciech Nowicki, A personal coach: "Success requires energy- how to avoid being burn out."
 - C. Dr Krystyna Zaremba, Psychotherapist &, Christian advisor: "Exhaustion syndrome-syndrome of our times or normal life crisis?"
2. Regional meetings of small CMF groups in Poznań and Wisła
3. Polish CMF Bulletin issued twice a year on Christmas and Easter time.
4. Cooperation with PRIME at Poznań Medical University. Seminars for students were led by Dr. Magda Witt, Dr. Ola Bojarska and Prof. Richard Vincent who was our visiting professor.
5. Cooperation with Campus Crusade for Christ, Evangelical Alliance, CMF.
6. www.chsm.org.pl, Facebook.

PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2015

1. Continuing cooperation with PRIME at Poznań Medical University.
2. National conference planned on 23-25th October 2015 in Wisła-Jawornik. Main subject: "A master in life and in medicine" Scheduled Lecturers: Dr Bernard Palmer, Dr Ola Bojarska and Mr. Wojciech Nowicki.
3. Two Polish CMF Bulletins.
4. General Meeting of Polish CMF and elections of new board on 23rd October 2015 (We ask for prayers about that).

CMF SERBIA NEWS:

We are thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to hold the Witness Seminar – "Saline Process" on 27th June at Belgrade. The participants included all who were engaged with wholistic work in hospice ministry.



We also had the privilege to hold a Saline process with our National IS-team of coaches. The group of participants was extremely patient and in good will helped to build bridges so as to overcome any cultural, linguistic, intellectual and religious-experience barriers.

We all agreed that the Gospel is true, although the journey of each individual in the Lord may be different. Many good questions were raised and there was ample time for discussion.

The seminar workshop activities had exciting events, some were especially liked. One such was the Faith flags, which allowed you to raise your voice for truth strongly. Another exciting moment in the workshop was on "Signs of spiritual vitality", this was a personal exercise done in silence, during this session one of the participants shared that he recognized his spiritual relation with God is not vital. He wanted spiritual renewal. In all this we are aware that God is working in and through us.

(Klara Kisgeci Dudas, CMF Serbia)



National IS-trainers Team in Belgrade

WESTERN EUROPE NEWS
MEDICAL ENGLISH FOR HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS COURSE

The 'Medical English for Health Professionals Course' was a two day conversational course ran by CMF-UK and UME-Espana in Western Europe, Madrid, from 12-13 June.

The course materials were entitled 'The Patient's Journey' and consisted of 8 seminars following a simulated patient (Maria Gonzalez) on her journey with breast cancer. Each seminar covered a particular aspect of this journey, from initial presentation to primary care, to hospital admission, surgical ward stay, operation, multidisciplinary team discussion, and palliative care.

A short role play focussing on the area of care and its related activities was enacted incorporating relevant English vocabulary with few questions to aid in discussion. Discussions focussed on the topic of 'Whole Person Medicine', including what gives a person identity, who we are accountable to, how personal belief's affect the patient and doctor's view of health care, and the doctor's role in end of life care.

The course was relaxed and informal; a small



group task was done to promote relationship building between attendees. This open style allowed many Christian colleagues to share how their love of Jesus shapes their view of the patient, the care they provide, and how they approach suffering/difficulties. Many of the participants asked the team why they were running the course - again an easy opportunity to witness! The course is hoped to act as an initiator to personal evangelism whilst meeting a desire for participants to practice their medical English. I know our Spanish Christian colleagues found the course a great encouragement. I also know that several of the team are keeping in touch with non-Christian participants they met at the course!

We would like to repeat the course in other Western Europe countries like Malta or France. The aim and goal are to unite and strengthen the CMF Teams and to reach out to non Christian medical doctors.



REPORT FROM CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP

Committee members meet in Sweden:

Seven delegates from Christian Medical Fellowships in Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden spent three days together in Sweden in April 2015. Danish Chairman Ellen Kappelgaard states afterwards: "It was both encouraging and inspiring to share experiences and challenges with each other."

Annual magazine published June 2015:

This year both our conferences and yearly magazine deal with the issue: "How cultural differences and understanding of illness impact medical treatment." Newly published, it brings articles written by doctors working with refugees in Denmark or having work experience from Greenland and Ethiopia. Three essays on euthanasia, stem cell research and view of human nature state our point of view as Christian doctors.

Annual Meeting coming up:

Late September we welcome General Secretary of Nordic Council of Ministers Dagfinn Høybråten as key note speaker at our annual meeting. He will be speaking of Christian leadership and as a Chairman of GAVI (Global Vaccine Alliance) he will address us on "Unevenly distributed global health care: and what can be done."

Dr. Rick Paul, Reports

Greetings from the Netherlands

I had preparation talks for the upcoming Pan-Portuguese ICMDA meeting in Lisbon, 8 - 11 October. I got the website - address for the Portuguese conference. Maybe it is easiest to copy it from there. <https://sites.google.com/site/icmda2015pt>. The title is for the conference is from 2 Corinthians 2 : 15. Being a good aroma for Christ; in the family, at work and in the community. Venue is just outside Lisbon, the Capital.

Another news item is about the CMF Ukraine. They did an outreach among refugees of the war in Eastern Ukraine. Sometimes in places they could hear the gunfire. Places visited were Nikopol, Mariupol and Maryinka.

Report by Dima Doroshenko: "Then we were invited in a city Nikopol. Many refugees and victims from war were catered to in a school at the center of the city. A steady influx of patients was there for over two days.

Much needed medications were bought by us and distributed free of cost. Nearly 200 people were taken care of by 3 internists and stomatologist. We thank God that we could work for people who are in such need".



WEST AFRICA

GHANA

REPORT ON 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF GHANA CHRISTIAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL FELLOWSHIP

This year's annual conference of GCMDF was hosted by Ashanti Region. It took place at the Freeman retreat center, opposite Wesley College.



The conference saw over 80 participants including medical students and 10 observers from Burkina Fasso. The Burkina Faso team was made up of 3 Doctors, 7 students and a Missionary. Dr Asemota, the outgoing Regional Secretary was also in the conference.

The conference took place from 2-5th July 2015. The theme for the conference was "Christian in Leadership"

Topics covered included:

- Bible readings
- Praise and Worship
- Living the Hippocratic oath
- New additions in the Hippocratic law
- Patient's expectation of the Doctor and Patient's charter



- The role of the Christian Doctor in the society and at policy level
- Challenges of Leadership
- Making impact at our work places
- How to plan my future carrier
- Clinical verses non-clinical carrier, how do I decide
- Impact of clinical research on health care development.

BURKINA FASO

It's a pleasure and joyful time we can join these Ghana events and share our experiences in faith from Burkina Faso too. BCMDA team group and I will keep going on our efforts to close other Christian Medical doctors and students movement in Burkina Faso and France speaking CMDA of West Africa. Do help and pray us as a wonderful family in ICMDA.

Regards,

Taiwan's Friend Angel Wang and All friends from BCMDA



ANNUAL REPORT 2014 – 2015

TAIWAN CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Regional Conference + Annual meeting

Theme : Diversity in Unity, in Christ
Place : Changhua Christian Hospital, Changhua City, Taiwan
Date : Aug. 4-7, 2015 (Tue- Fri) Student field work
Main conference : Aug. 7-9, 2015 (Fri- Sun)

This will be the first time that we integrate 3 annual meetings into one conference. Namely, the annual conference of TCMA (Taiwan Christian Medical Association), CCMM (Chinese Christian Medical Mission) and the 44th Asian Christian Medical Workers and Student Exchange Program ICMDA Asia conference. We expect 250 attendee including 50 medical students.

TCMA Activity

Nehemiah Movement

Long term commitment for the Tsou tribe community, total health care and community reconstruction at Mt. Ali after Typhoon Moracco disaster from 2009 till date.

Employing two local home visiting health care givers supported by periodic visit of TCMA members and telemedicine communication.

A week long Culture and Apprentice Aboriginal Tribe Academy at Mt. Ali during summer and winter vacation around 200 kids Participated per year.

Board Meetings: The board meets every three months.

Regular Publications: "Medicine and Evangelism" is published, in print and on line, monthly for TCMA members and others, with a total of 1,800 subscribers.

Juniors and Medical Students Work

Student Members: "Follow His Steps" is a short-term activity offered to medical students to shadow a Christian physician during the summer school vacation. Students have the opportunity to observe how these senior Christian professionals respond to and deal with patients, procedures, crisis, and decision-making. There are around 20-30 student participants. JAMES group (Juniors And MEDical Students): The monthly fellowship runs very smoothly and more and more people join this group to share their prayers and to worship God together.

Medical Student English Camp: Support American-Taiwan Medical Students, Cultural Exchange English Summer Camp at Mackay Medical College, Taiwan

ICMDA East Asia Activities: Monthly online meeting for ICMDA East Asia regional executive committee and monthly online meeting among ICMDA East Asia Medical students.



MASTERS in FAMILY MEDICINE

Dr. Sangeetha Balaji, Reports

Online Masters in Family Medicine is an accredited 2 year blended learning, Family Medicine distance learning course offered by the collaboration of ICMDA with University of Edinburgh and Christian Medical College. The first year (MFM 2014-2016) face to face sessions took place in 3 regional centers – Bowen University Teaching Hospital, Nigeria; Mengo Hospital, Uganda and CMC, India. The session was attended by 18 candidates.



The contact program included facilitator and local consultants aided, case presentations and clinical case discussions; clinical skill practice; Family medicine principle lectures; video lectures; other activities including student seminar and role play.

The testimonials from them are very encouraging and we are motivated to add on more regional contact centers in Egypt and Caribbean.

Students' feedback

“Very useful. It has provided an opportunity to meet and get to know our tutors and other participants. The structure of the curriculum has been good especially the areas which focus on clinical skills, ...group discussions and video demonstrations....”



“Yes – it was intellectually stimulating, resourceful, challenging and above all fun....”



“The contact program is something more than useful. It has helped me to gain knowledge... helps me see myself as a potential Family Physician with a lot of responsibilities. I'm glad that I'm part of this program”

Quality control

To personally interact with the MFM students and for quality control purpose, University of Edinburgh tutors visited the centers at Ogbomosho, Nigeria and Vellore, India. We take this opportunity to thank them, our regional local coordinators, consultants and administrative staff and our visiting facilitators for their efforts and commitment to the program.

Application status for years 2015 – 2017

The University of Edinburgh is receiving applications for the academic years 2015-2017. The last date for receiving applications is 24 August 2015.

To know more about the course, please see the attached brochure.



CONFERENCE CALENDAR 2015

August 07-09	East Asia Regional conference
August 28-30	National Conference, New Zealand
September 2015	Denmark Annual meeting
October 08-11	Pan-Portuguese, ICMDA meeting in Lisbon
October 23-25	Polish CMF -National conference
October 2015	CMDF Malawi National Conference

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8: 38-39

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