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Special tribute to a remarkable man of God
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CMDA’s 2003 Annual Report
Doctors after God’s own heart
J. Raymond Knighton Jr., former Executive Secretary (1951-1965) of the Christian Medical Society (now CMDA), died Saturday, August 30, in Brunswick, Georgia, after a month-long illness. He was 81.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Knighton was raised in Chicago as well. While serving with CMS, Mr. Knighton began the Medical Assistance Programs as an arm of CMS to match surplus medicines and supplies donated from U.S. pharmaceutical companies with needs at mission hospitals around the globe.

In 1965 Medical Assistance Programs became an independent agency known as MAP International. Knighton resigned his position with CMS in order to become president of MAP, a position he held until 1980. He was supported in that work by a number of the original board members of MAP, including former U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop. After 1980, Mr. Knighton remained active with MAP in a number of ways. Two years ago MAP published the memoir “Serving the Servants,” written by Mr. Knighton to chronicle the first 25 years of the organization’s history.

Today MAP provides nearly $150 million a year in essential medicines and supplies to organizations serving some of the world’s poorest communities. The organization will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2004.

Mr. Knighton is survived by his wife of 59 years, Beth, four children and 12 grandchildren.

“Addressing the needs of those who lack access to quality health care is a passion of mine. As I looked into residency programs, I discovered that In His Image Family Practice has that vision, also.

Residency encouraged my passion to serve as I helped In His Image and others establish Good Samaritan Health Services. GSHS and local churches now use a mobile medical van to deliver Christ-centered health care to the under-served in our city.

I encourage medical students who have the boldness to follow their God-given passion of serving others to apply to In His Image.”

Catnell Owens-Agbeibor, MD
CMA™ Condemns RU-486 Regimen Associated with Teen’s Death

by Jennifer Pickel

CMA condemned the Food and Drug Administration approval process of the abortion drug RU-486, after the death of Holly Patterson of Livermore, Calif., a San Francisco-area teenager who died on Sept. 17 after taking the chemical abortifacient provided to her by a Planned Parenthood clinic.

“Abortion clinics are moving even further away from physician oversight by having women take this dangerous drug at home,” noted Dr. Gene Rudd, Associate Executive Director of the CMA.

“Many women will not be able to distinguish between the drug’s typical side effects of bleeding and cramping with symptoms of a potentially fatal situation.

“Unless the FDA acts now to recall the drug pending a safety review,” Dr. Rudd added, “women are at serious risk of falling victim to a lax drug regimen that stresses access at the expense of medical safety.”

Fourteen television stations across the U.S. picked up an Associated Press interview with Dr. Rudd on this subject.

He also did interviews with “Janet Parshall’s America,” Citizen magazine, United News & Information, American Family Radio and World magazine.

For more on this story, and downloads related to RU-486, see: http://www.cmdahome.org.

More Washington Bureau Appointments

Yvonne Moore, M.D.  Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality
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About 400 years ago, English clergyman John Donne wrote: “No man is an island...any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”

On July 8, 2003, humankind, enriched for years by the charity, kindness, generosity, creativity, hospitality and wisdom of Paul Wilson Brand, was diminished by his passing. And around the world, millions who had been touched, directly or indirectly, by this remarkable man, mourned.

A Simple Beginning
The son of missionary parents Jesse and Evelyn Brand, Paul Brand spent his early years in the mountains of southwest India. There were no roads, no electricity, no plumbing, no radio or TV. There was only one manufactured toy in the house. Yet for Paul this was a period with intense delight, as he and his sister, Connie, would run around barefoot, playing with rocks and sticks as their toys, making up games to play in a world they thought of as rich, textured and full of wonder. In retrospect, Dr. Brand attributed his creativity to those early years when he had to develop and employ his creative imagination.

When Dr. Brand was 9, he and Connie (who was then 7) were sent to London in order to acquire a better education. When they left India, the children never dreamed it would be the last time they would see their father, who died six years later of blackwater fever. In a letter written about a month before his death, Jesse Brand included some advice for his son—advice that would become a guiding light for Paul:

“God means for us to delight in his world. It isn’t necessary to know botany or zoology or biology in order to enjoy the manifold life of nature. Just observe. And remember. And compare. And be always looking to God with thankfulness and worship for having placed you in such a delightful corner of the universe as the planet Earth.”

A Builder First, Then a Doctor
“Your father, dear, always wanted to be a doctor,” his mother reminded him. “I know he would be pleased if you...”

After seeing his father working with ulcers, pus and blood, Paul W. Brand knew that while he might someday become a missionary, he certainly did not want to become a doctor!
So, in December 1930, having finished his studies at University College School, Paul became a building apprentice. Over the next five years he learned all aspects of the building trade—planning, estimating, contracting, foundations, framing, roofing, plumbing, and (his favorite) masonry—skills that would later prove invaluable in ways that he could not possibly have imagined at that time.

By the time Paul was 21, he felt he was ready to go to India as a missionary. But to his great surprise and consternation, the mission board said he was not ready. He needed to complete some Bible school training and a short course in tropical medicine. To his amazement, he loved both the work and the study required of participants in this course provided by Livingstone Medical School—including learning to pull teeth!

Next he entered a missionary training colony in 1936, an experience through which he realized that what had birthed his missionary zeal was primarily love for his father. If the son were really going to help people tangibly, it wouldn’t be through evangelism or preaching. It would be through medicine.

In the fall of 1937, Paul entered the University College Medical School, where he met Margaret Berry over a chemistry laboratory bench to which they had been assigned alphabetically. By the end of that term, Paul was second in the class—to Margaret! Through medical training and residency their relationship developed. They were married in 1943.

Back to the Future

In 1946, a telegram came from India: “There is an urgent need for a surgeon to teach at Vellore. Can you come immediately on short-term contract? Cochrane.”

Paul responded that he was going into the army, in no position to take a teaching post, and that they were expecting their second child. But Robert Cochrane, the foremost leprosy specialist in the world at that time, refused to take no for an answer. Within a short time, all obstacles were overcome and all arrangements made. Margaret stayed behind for a time, to tend to the children—Christopher and Jean, who was born while Paul was in the very act of packing his bags for India.

Partial List of Honors and Distinctions

- Elected Hunterian Professor of Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1952 and 1962
- Received Albert Laskar Award for “Outstanding Leadership and Service in the Rehabilitation of the Handicapped” (1960)
- Appointed “Commander of the Order of the British Empire” by Queen Elizabeth (1961)
- Received Medal of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons (1966)
- Received the Founder’s Medal of the National Rehabilitation Association (1967)
- Received the Servant of Christ* Award from the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (1982)
- Received the Surgeon General’s Medallion, Department of Health and Human Services (1986)
- Honored as “Pioneer in Hand Surgery” by the Third Congress of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand; Tokyo, Japan (1986)
- Past President, International Christian Medical & Dental Association

*The organization was then the Christian Medical Society; the Award was then known as the “Man of the Year.” This was Dr. Brand’s most valued award.
For Paul, returning to India was a voyage into the past. The language returned quickly. The smells, sounds and sights were familiar—until Dr. Cochrane invited him to the Lady Willington Leprosy Sanatorium in Chingleput in early 1947. Dr. Cochrane showed him around the grounds, pointing out cases that were of special interest to him as a dermatologist. But Paul’s focus was hands. “Look here, Bob,” he said. “Tell me about these hands. What’s the matter with them? How did they get this way? What do you do about them?”

“Sorry, Paul,” Dr. Cochrane replied. “I don’t know.”

“Don’t know!” Paul replied. “Here you’ve been a leprosy specialist all these years, and yet you say you—you don’t know! Surely something can be done for these hands!”

Then sticking his finger in Paul’s chest, Dr. Cochrane responded with a message that Paul felt was straight from God.

“And whose fault is it, I ask you, that I don’t know?” Cochrane replied. “I’m a skin man. But it’s you, not I, who are the orthopedic surgeon! I wonder if you can explain to me why, when there are more than ten million leprosy patients in the world...not one, I repeat, not one orthopedic surgeon has ever really studied the deformities of leprosy.”

The Quest

These and other questions launched Dr. Brand’s search—to understand and to help. Yet, unbelievable as it seemed, there was no reliable data on record to answer the most pertinent questions: Was the progression of paralysis hazardous? Was the flesh of these patients “bad flesh,” or might surgery help? Did the fingers and toes rot away and fall off—and if so, why?

Over time it became clear that he would have to find the answers himself. So he assembled a small team, with whom he began to research the primary questions. As a result of their careful examination of about 2,000 patients, a pattern of progression of paralysis was identified. There were indeed some “good” muscles that might be useful in reconstructive surgery. But would incisions heal? Would sutures hold? After painstaking research and analysis, the answer was: It should.

By 1947 Dr. Brand was ready to perform the first-ever attempted reconstructive surgery on a person with leprosy, in this case a young Hindu named Krishnamurthy, whose condition was so extreme that even unsuccessful surgery would not worsen things. Dr. Brand started with the feet, and after initial success, moved to Krishnamurthy’s hands, which were eventually returned to a significant degree of usefulness through a series of surgeries.

The Crusade

Surprisingly, about two months after being discharged, Krishnamurthy returned, sadly holding out his “new” hands. “They are bad hands, Sahib doctor,” he said. “Bad begging hands.” People wouldn’t hire him because he still bore the marks of leprosy. And they no longer would give him alms out of pity, because now his hands were useful.

Another patient returned and said, “Sahib doctor, do you know how much you have harmed me?”

The solution was simple, but its implementation complicated. The former beggars must acquire new means of supporting themselves, trades they could take back to their own villages. A place would have to be built, skilled instructors hired, and physiotherapists found to help match each individual’s abilities to a specific trade.

There was space available at Vellore, but opposition to the plan at first, since some senior physicians disapproved of having leprosy patients on the campus with medical

From an anonymous leprosy sufferer:

Dear Dr. Brand,

I’m unknown to you, but through books that I’ve read about your work I feel as if I’m connected to you. You brought hope and life to many people in my situation.

Somebody in my church lent me the book “Ten Fingers for God.” I wept my way through many of the pages. You gave of your life unreservedly; You gave when it hurt; You gave that we could have a better life, be more acceptable to others and be respectfully integrated into society. We learned so much more about leprosy and understood so much of what we lived through.

When I read some of the tributes to you, again I was drawn into your life.

I saw clawed fingers being straightened;
I heard you in discussion with other colleagues, sharing your new and unaccepted ideas and then being proved correct. I believe the Lord gave you insight.

Thank you for persevering on our behalf. There are millions of leprosy sufferers who are now better off because of you.

Dr. Brand, I look forward to meeting you in glory.

Dr. Brand at Carville, with Dr. C. Everett Koop (left, center), Dr. Ronnie Matthews (right), and members of their team.
students. Dr. Brand the pioneer became Dr. Brand the advocate for persons with leprosy—a role he fulfilled until his death. Only after it was promised that a barbed wire fence would enclose the new buildings (it was later torn down by the medical students), that no patients would enter the main campus, and that all patients would be non-infective was permission to proceed obtained. A generous gift funded the small cluster of mud-walled buildings—“The New Life Center.”

Pain as a Gift

The mystery of the disappearing digits began to be solved soon after the center’s founding, when Paul observed a young “New Life” patient seriously injure his hand without even being aware of it. This observation launched the scientist on a path of investigation that led, over the years, to the preservation of countless limbs and digits in people with leprosy (and, to some degree, in people with diabetes). There were many twists and turns along the way, and some reversals, yet the primary fact remained that people without the “gift” of pain were at risk of unknowingly wounding themselves repeatedly to the point where scar tissue accumulated under the skin, slowly replacing fat and blood vessels. No fingers ever “fell off” as a result of leprosy (though some were bitten off in the night by rats). But many were injured by burns, abrasions, overexertion of pressure, splinters, tacks, broken tool handles, and the like. As a result, over time, a sort of shrinking process took place.

Other conundrums of leprosy remained to be pursued, but the concept of pain as a gift led to some interesting connections. About 30 years ago, a young author named Philip Yancey showed up to visit Dr. Brand at Carville, Louisiana, where Dr. Brand had moved in 1966 to become chief of rehabilitation at the National Leprosarium run by the U.S. Public Health Service (a post he held until his retirement in 1986). Yancey, collecting material for his book *Where is God When It Hurts?*, had read a pamphlet by Paul entitled “Escape From Pain” published by the Christian Medical Fellowship of England.

During that visit, Dr. Brand on impulse gave Yancey a copy of a manu-

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He Aimed at Heaven…and Got Earth Thrown In

At one of the memorial services, Dr. Brand’s long-time friend and co-author Philip Yancey eulogized: “In Psalms it says, ‘Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.’ It’s not precious to us. It hurts… because we lack God’s point of view. To us, Paul Brand is precious in a different sense of the word—rare, like a precious gem.

“C.S. Lewis said, ‘If you read history, you will find out that the Christians who did most for this present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. Aim at heaven, and you get earth thrown in. Aim at earth, and you get neither.’

“Throughout his life, Paul Brand aimed at heaven. And because of that, the earth will always be a spectacularly, and gratefully, different place.”
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script he’d been developing for years. Over time, this became their first co-authored book: *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* (1981), which was followed by *In His Image* (1984) and then by *The Gift of Pain* (1993). Through these books and many other writings, millions have been blessed and encouraged (see the ad, page 9, for resources by, about, or related to Dr. Brand).

**The Legacy**

Creating this brief tribute has seemed, at times, similar to John’s challenge in writing about the words and works of Jesus. “If every one of them were written down,” John concluded his gospel, “I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.” Dr. Paul Brand achieved many remarkable things, but his primary legacy may be that the whole world is dotted with people whose lives he touched in one way or another.

There is Sadagopan (see the video “A Single Vision”), a person with leprosy (in a sense, representing all persons with leprosy) who showed up one day at Vellore, looking for Dr. Paul Brand. Since he had paid his last “penny” for transportation, and Paul was out of town, Margaret invited Sadagopan to stay overnight—this in a day when very little was known about how the disease was spread.

There are his students, who picked up his habits of posture and listening to the point where, as doctors, they reflect Paul Brand when they see their own patients.

There are other students, many of them whom he (and Margaret) have encouraged to pursue academic medicine, where they could be involved in a ministry of multiplication like the Brands have had.

There are colleagues—legions of them—who were challenged by Dr. Brand’s willingness to follow Christ—no matter at what cost.

There is his family—six children, twelve grandchildren—who have inherited Dr. Brand’s values and will carry on in their own individual ways.

There is Margaret, who recently told us: “As I try to go through Paul’s clothes, it is his shoes that affect me most. As I look at them I can hear his step, so confident and with a happy note to it. It’s been precious to me for 60-plus years. I can see him standing, teaching, walking with his family; all precious, tender and evocative memories. But I wonder: Can anyone really fill those shoes?

“I praise the Lord that he has taught so many people and they will carry on his teaching. I praise the Lord that his inspiration will always be with us in the tapes and videos he has made. I praise Him for the books and articles he left us. Most of all I praise Him for the person He made Paul to be...to show us Jesus.

“I know I can never fill Paul’s shoes but I can and must be all that Jesus wants me to be. I am sure I can hear Paul say, ‘That’s the way to go.’”

And, there is a child (unborn at the time) to whom Paul addressed this message (in a small group setting) two days before the fall that led to his death: “I agree with Margaret’s wish for your spirit and your faith. Now my wish is for your body! May you grow well, and learn about the wonderful way you have been designed and made. Now take care of yourself and when you get sick or break a leg, make it an occasion to appreciate your amazing healing cells. With love, Paul Brand.”

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Source: *Ten Fingers for God*, by Dorothy Clarke Wilson; “A Single Vision” (CMDA Resource); memorial services video; various obituaries. Photos courtesy of the Brand family and Gary Benson (55th Anniversary photo). Special thanks to Molly Coyner Cozens, secretary to the Brands, and to Catherine and Barry Baker, parents of David, to whom the message at the end of the article was addressed.
Doctors After God's Own Heart

Christian Medical & Dental Associations

2003 Annual Report
Dear CMDA members and friends,

God is doing something in healthcare today. We shouldn’t be surprised. He does His best work in the midst of crises when His children, at the end of their rope, reach out to Him.

In the middle of assaults on the doctor-patient relationship, cost inflation, stratospheric malpractice rates, ethical capitulations and mushrooming bureaucracy, God is changing the hearts of healthcare professionals and teaching us to be more like Him. And He is using doctors to reach out to patients who are as sick at heart as they are sick in body.

Be assured that the Lord knows how we feel, faced with more patients and crises than we have time or energy to handle. Jesus cared for pressing crowds of sick patients and met their spiritual needs under incredible pressures. That reassures me. You and I don’t have to figure out how to fix the entire healthcare system overnight. We just need to be like Jesus, employ His principles, and minister—in His power—one-by-one to the individuals He puts in our path.

Like He raised up Gideon as a valiant warrior, God is using the Christian Medical & Dental Associations to help insure that men and women “of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” He is using us to build a Christian community in healthcare—a community from which to reach out with God’s love and Good News to our colleagues, our communities and our patients.

His hand has been evident this past year, as we have experienced growth in ministry and influence in doctors’ offices, in churches, in the halls of government and around the world. Wherever you find CMDA ministries, you will find a driving force—a central mission, summed up in this Scripture: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you…” (Matthew 28:19, NASB).

This annual report divides CMDA ministries into several categories: Discipleship, Service, Equipping and Voice. Evangelism, however, is more than a category; it is our overriding mission. Evangelism pervades every one of our over 50 ministries, everything we do at CMDA.

Evangelism motivates and energizes our campus chapters around the country. Graduate members across the country form grad chapters and local councils to reach their colleagues and communities for Christ. Our medical mission program shares the Gospel with needy patients, in the process providing evangelistic experience for docs who may never have shared their faith before. Our resource ministries provide evangelistic tools and training to help you share your faith more effectively and winsomely. And our media initiatives seek to impact our culture with biblical principles and the “aroma of Christ,” as we show why life itself has meaning.

As you read the following pages, I trust you will take encouragement from what God is doing through this movement of Christian doctors. With over 50 different outreaches from which to choose, you will surely find one or more that uniquely meets your personal and professional needs. I challenge you to look for a place where you can use your unique skills to mentor the next generation, reach out to the needy, reach your colleagues or speak out as a righteous voice in our culture. I hope you will also share this annual report with your Christian colleagues and encourage them to join this movement.

Working together, we can make a difference for His kingdom. And that’s Good News.

In Him,

David Stevens, M.D.
Discipleship

Will the next generation of doctors treat their patients with principled compassion or with an eye fixed on the ledger? Will their marriages survive the pressures of residency and establishing a practice? Will they see faith as anti-science superstition or an integral factor in healthcare?

How students today answer these and other questions related to values, ethics and spirituality will determine the future of the profession. While some medical and dental schools are attempting to address these issues, they typically refrain from using the moral compass—namely, the Scriptures—that can lead students to answers.

The student ministries of CMDA stand in this gap, providing access to biblical truth, Christian fellowship, dynamic worship and personal counseling. It all adds up to lifestyle discipleship. Such campus ministries may well be the best hope for building a generation of doctors who will honor and advance life in the tradition of our faith and our profession.
Like most students, Lisa Crisafulli’s packed schedule allowed little time for contemplating, much less planning and taking, a mission trip on her own. So when she came into contact with the Christian Medical Association’s San Antonio chapter, she jumped at the chance to join an already planned trip to Acuña, Mexico.

CMA’s San Antonio Area Director Roger Matkin regularly uses mission trips as a way to help students deepen their relationship with God by leaving their comfort zones and putting their faith into action. As Roger explains, “Mission trips provide the opportunity to be obedient to the One who said to the original 12 disciples in Luke 9, ‘go out and preach and heal.’ Christian healthcare providers are the only disciples on the face of the earth who literally can do that. These kind of trips offer life-altering experiences.”

Unlike the demanding, critical patients many U.S. doctors sometimes face, Acuña residents welcomed the mission team with open arms. “The people of Acuña were amazing!” Lisa recalls. “The love and compassion and sheer gratitude they showed us all was breathtaking.”

Lisa added, “For too long, I had put off and waited to answer God’s calling. Now my only wish is that I may give back something to the people we serve, perhaps to be more useful on the trips to come. So I checked off every date for the mission trips for both the spring and the fall semesters. If there is room for an extra set of hands, I am ready.”

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”

Matthew 9:35-38
CMDA has been a constant companion since 1963 when I entered dental school. What a significant source of encouragement for me during dental school, but especially when I neared the end of U.S. Air Force duty and sought practice options! CMDA leaders and regular members surrounded me with practice possibilities and good old fashioned friendship. Genuine Christian colleagues for a lifetime has been the result.

—T. Bob Davis, D.M.D.

I was pleased to be asked to serve as a mentor to a family practice resident here in my town — she’s an intern in the program I just graduated from last year! We’ve just begun to meet, but I was so encouraged by our first prayer time together. I can pray for her with deep empathy! Thank you for coordinating this program.

—Joanna Branum, M.D. (mentor)

**Did you know?**

CMDA currently has representation on over 80 percent of all medical and dental campuses.

The community-based ministries staff, which leads campus and graduate programs, has grown from eight roughly ten years ago to nearly 50 today. Community-based ministries staff are pursuing the goal of exposing every first-year student in medical and dental schools nationwide to the Gospel of God’s love in Jesus Christ.

The Christian Dental Association installed its first director this year, Dr. Jack Shuler. CDA published a dental brochure, distributed a dental audio CD and designed display booths for professional dental meetings. Dr. Shuler traveled to 13 dental schools to meet with students and grads and contacted by mail over 5,000 prospective new members. Membership in CDA has reached nearly 1,000.

Five Regional Directors help expand and enhance community-based ministries: Scott Boyles, M.Div. (Northeast Region); Allan Harmer, Th.M. (Midwest Region); Will Gunnels, M.Div. (Southeast Region); Doug Hornok, Th.M. (Central Region); and Michael McLaughlin, M.Div. (Western Region and also Director of Community Based Ministries).
Writer and theologian Colin Morris once said, “Theology is what you are when the talking stops and the action starts.” Believing that faith and works go together like fire and heat, the Christian Medical and Dental Associations provide a host of opportunities for members to show Christ’s love in practical ways. Global Health Outreach, CMDA’s mission arm, sends hundreds of physicians, dentists, and their staff and family members overseas each year to care for needy patients while sharing God’s Good News. The Domestic Missions Commission promotes doing the same for needy persons in U.S. communities. Medical Education International facilitates overseas trips for U.S. doctors to share expertise and a Christian witness with their counterparts in developing countries.

As the raggedy man slouched into the homeless shelter on Lower Manhattan, his slumping shoulders and plodding gait suggested an age of about 70—not mid-to-late 50’s, as Dr. David Kim would soon discover in an examination. “Richard” had traveled to New York City from Boston with his wife and daughter, who now spent the nights apart from him in a women’s shelter. Richard’s general state of ill health suggested to Dr. Kim and his colleagues the possibility of cancer, but a proper diagnosis required a workup far beyond the meager health facilities of the shelter. Like many of the city’s poor, Richard was caught in a Catch-22: his deteriorating health rendered him unable to work using his handyman skills, and the lack of a job rendered him unable to obtain health care, as hospital after hospital refused to treat him without insurance.

Dr. Kim prayed with Richard, and with his wife and daughter. He also took action. He contacted a
A physician colleague from church who worked at a city hospital. The colleague arranged with hospital administrators to see Richard on a no-fee basis. Blood work, CAT scans, a colonoscopy and biopsy revealed a case of celiac sprue—easily treatable with diet modifications and supplements. After two weeks of inpatient care and subsequent help from the shelter, Richard and his family ultimately found work and moved into an apartment in Brooklyn.

“Last I heard, Richard and his family were doing very well,” relates Dr. Kim. “The sad thing was that if Richard had had insurance and been able to see a doctor before coming to the shelter, his celiac sprue would have been diagnosed much earlier. Instead, it took almost nine months and drained his resources and energy.”

Ten years ago, David Kim was embarking on medical school with a dream of caring for the underserved. “I knew that I wanted to be a doctor,” he said, “but I didn’t want to fall into the trap of treating medicine as a business, as many of my teachers and peers had done.”

After much waiting and prayer, an assemblage of medical and non-medical individuals formed in 1999, which eventually developed into Arukah Ministries (from the Hebrew word for healing and restoration). Arukah networks with a range of Christian urban ministries to set up faith-centered health services, recruit volunteers, and mentor Christian healthcare professionals and students. After volunteering part-time with Arukah for several years, this past year Dr. Kim decided the time had come to enhance Arukah’s ministry by leaving the private practice where he had worked for two years and pursue a long-dormant vision of launching a faith-based health center in Staten Island, to serve the underserved in Christ’s name.

“I wanted a way to dovetail my love for New York, medical missions and my professional career into one whole unit,” explains Dr. Kim. “To practice faith-based medicine, in my view, meant to treat patients with the best services modern medicine can provide while at the same time offering spiritual, biblical answers to the real illnesses people face.”

Meanwhile, the Christian Medical Association had joined with Christian Community Health Fellowship and others to receive Global Health Outreach participants saw over 48,000 patients this year.
and dispense, through training and direct grants to startup and struggling clinics, over $3.2 million in federal Compassion Capital Fund grants.

Encouraged by CMA Domestic Missions Commission members Drs. Rick Donlon and Bill Crevier, Dr. Kim applied for and received a Compassion Capital Fund grant of over $40,000. Coupled with part-time work with the Staten Island Hospital home visit program, which allowed him to keep up his insurance standing, Dr. Kim finally saw the green light to launch the dream.

“I couldn’t resist the call any longer,” explains Dr. Kim. “Although some of my colleagues thought I was committing professional suicide, what overrode everything was my need to obey the Lord’s calling—to take that step of faith and go. The peace God gave me was absolutely incredible. “I have never looked back since that day I walked out of the office for the last time,” he added. “I have absolutely no regrets. As (missionary and martyr) Jim Elliot said, ‘He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.’”

The Domestic Missions Commission partnered with the Christian Community Health Fellowship to help channel over $600,000 in federal grants to nearly 30 new and struggling Christian health ministries, providing direct financial grants and technical and administrative assistance.

A total of 638 doctors, their family members and staff put their faith into action overseas through Global Health Outreach medical and dental missions this past year. Thirty-two GHO teams ministered in 11 different countries.

Through Medical Education International this past year, 116 participants—more than double the number serving last year—traveled to 14 countries. MEI seeks to “build relationships with physicians, dentists and students in other countries through medical education and training, to the glory of God.”

“Our teaching was intended to encourage, but behind our academic face was the compelling motive to show Christ in the way we behaved and in the words we spoke.”

—Larry Norton, M.D.
Medical Education International team leader

“We worked in eight different prisons delivering almost 9,000 prescriptions of medicine and treating 3,000 prisoners. Even though I went to minister and encourage these men, it was I who was challenged, encouraged, loved, and I who learned what love, sacrifice and service really are.”

—Holly Johansen, Zambia

... if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”

Isaiah 58:10
When Christian doctors and students need resources to equip them to integrate their faith and profession, the PDR and campus bookstore offer little help. That’s why CMDA makes it a top priority to bring you the best in Christian teaching, counsel and encouragement. From books to videos, speakers to interactive DVD’s, conferences to specialty groups, CMDA provides the Christian doctor with biblically sound, professionally reliable resources to meet your need.

Dr. Clydette Powell is Medical Officer for Tuberculosis in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C.

“CMDA equipped me from the time I set foot in medical school in 1972,” Dr. Powell recalls. “I was concerned that at medical school, I would be a young Christian in a very rigorous academic environment. That summer, the Christian Medical Fellowship (Christian Medical Association today) at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine sent a letter to every incoming medical student and invited me to a fellowship dinner in somebody’s home. This was sent from heaven—it was wonderful! Those people helped guide me through the demands of four years at Hopkins. I still am in touch with people from this fellowship group 31 years ago.”

During her senior year at Hopkins, Dr. Powell worked at a mission hospital in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo), with medical missionary and CMA member Dr. Dan Fountain. “Dan helped me see how my faith could best be shared in a public health and preventive medicine setting. It wasn’t so much his words but his own passion—a conviction that the most appropriate outreach for people was at a public health, community-based level,” she said.

“In the developing world,” Dr. Powell observes, “many TB patients are poor, in prison, marginalized. These are the very people to whom Christ would have reached out in His day. That’s why I have a passion to help where I can.”

Besides her USAID work, Dr. Powell still practices clinical medicine, volunteering in Washington, D.C., at the clinic for pediatric AIDS patients at Children’s National Medical Center and at the TB Clinic for the Department of Health.

**Upper photo:** Dr. Powell in Cambodia with new believer, Vanny Yame. **Lower photo:** Dr. Powell in Albania, with 10-year-old Elda, who could not walk or stand. “The Lord placed us side by side,” Dr. Powell said, “so that one who could walk (me in this instance) could help her stand—in hope.”
Dr. Powell also sees open doors for ministry in the office. “My work here at USAID has been as much sharing a message of hope and faith at an individual level as it has been doing the same thing around the world. People will see the Bible verse on my desk and ask, ‘What does that mean—to trust in the Lord, and not lean on your own understanding?’”

Additionally, some of Dr. Powell’s most satisfying volunteer work comes through the Commission on Medical and Dental Education (CMDE), a CMA ministry that sponsors educational and spiritual retreats for medical and dental missionaries in Asia and Africa.

“These missionaries have been working in some difficult settings,” Dr. Powell explains. “Through

Did you know?

The Commission on Medical and Dental Education’s 24th International Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand was the largest conference in its history, with 377 attending from 24 countries in Asia, SE Asia, the Middle East and the USA. Attendees could earn up to 60 hours of CME or CDE credit.

A total of 641 individuals attended CMDA national meetings this past year, including over 100 attendees who sailed through the Winter Conference at Sea aboard the Golden Prince. Next year’s national convention is slated for June 9-13, 2004, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort near Dallas.

The Women in Medicine and Dentistry page of the CMDA Web site (www.cmdahome.org) got a makeover, and members now enjoy a list-serve and monthly e-mail devotionals.

Over 100 physicians and dentists contacted the Medical Malpractice Ministry last year. The “Medical Malpractice Ministry Resource Kit,” provided free of charge, offers legal, practical and spiritual counsel. “Physician Heal Thyself,” a new resource by Curtis E. Harris, M.S., M.D., J.D., includes a PowerPoint presentation with sound.

CMDA’s Continuing Education program granted 487 CE hours, held 16 joint conferences and 11 direct conferences. The Academy of General Dentistry was again approved through December 2006 as a PACE program provider.

The Psychiatry Section holds a fellowship meeting every year at the APA convention, including this year’s meeting in San Francisco. The mission of the Psychiatry Section is “to encourage Christian psychiatrists to integrate their faith with the practice of psychiatry.”

The Marriage Commission held six Marriage Enrichment Weekends in 2002, with 67 couples attending. The Commission’s goal is “to stimulate an ongoing process of marital growth by teaching couples, from a biblical perspective, skills to refocus, rekindle and recommit to each other as marriage partners and to Jesus Christ as their common bond and Lord.”

Some medical schools in developing countries require students and residents to read CMDA’s SCAN, an electronic monthly scientific digest provided to medical and dental missionaries. SCAN, which often focuses on tropical diseases, is compiled by a team of dedicated CMDA members and staff after reviewing dozens of medical journals.

The Paul Tournier Institute serves as CMDA’s educational resource center. Publishing highlights this year included the best-selling health book in Christian Booksellers Association markets, Ten Essentials for Highly Healthy People by Walt Larimore, M.D., and When Your Doctor has Bad News by Al Weir, M.D.

The Placement Service matched 40 doctors with like-minded practices this year.
CMDE, we offer spiritual encouragement and professional updates. We provide close to 60 CME hours of training at these meetings. It’s intense and exciting. I get to enjoy fellowship with people I’ve known now for over a decade—it’s like having heaven before I actually arrive. CME activities also provide a time for physical and spiritual renewal. We have fun—a lot of laughter and spontaneity, and friendships are deepened each year.”

“The conference was wonderful! The children’s program was good, the accommodations and food good, the connections and fellowship refreshing, and the plenary sessions uplifting and soul-satisfying. We were encouraged to get more active in missions, renewed in family calling in medicine, were spiritually fed, made new friends, saw old ones, and I haven’t laughed so hard in a long time. That alone renews body and soul.”

—National Convention attendee

“Thank you for your effort and work on the SCAN. As we are rather isolated with no internet access I appreciate your support in supplying valuable medical information! I’m without any medical journals at this rural outpost.”

—Medical missionary

“My partner and I posted our available position with CMDA. We then prayed to the Lord to send us help. Within six months the new physician began working with us. God had brought us a perfect match for our practice. We are convinced Christ personally picked this physician for us.”

—Emidio Novembre, M.D.; Elkin, N.C.

“This morning, I was reading in the book Jesus, MD, by Dr. David Stevens, where he described working ‘like a machine’ to get through his long line of patients, until patient Arap was in front of him. At that moment, it was as if God said: ‘I knew when I brought this man here that you couldn’t help him medically, but what about his spiritual cancer?’

“Work in the ER is tough, and I, too, sometimes feel like a ‘machine’ as I work as fast as humanly possible to get my patients seen, treated and dispositioned. There always seems to be another ‘triage’ waiting.

“I am praying for God to fill up my very dry well with His sweet water and help me care for and love those patients that are so very difficult and unlovable by the world’s standards.”

—Darilyn Falck, M.D.
The statesman Edmund Burke once observed, “All that is needed for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” In the bioethical war of ideas, our culture desperately needs to hear doctors articulate a reasoned, life-honoring perspective that brings both science and ethics to bear on topics such as human cloning, abortion, assisted suicide and stem cell research. While CMDA staff frequently appear on national television and radio shows, we also train our members to serve as media spokespersons.

The Christian Medical Association also impacts national policy through its Washington Bureau, which serves as a liaison between the membership and Congress and the Administration. The Washington Bureau networks with like-minded policy groups, working in coalitions to provide expertise and increase our impact. The net result of these efforts is a clear voice for Christian values, presented with scientific integrity and compassion.

One of those voices has been Jean Wright, M.D., M.B.A. She has testified in both houses of the United States Congress, served on federal commissions, appeared in numerous media outlets including Fox News’ “The O’Reilly Factor,” and leads CMDA seminars on how to impact public policy. She currently serves as Executive Director of the Backus Children’s Hospital in Savannah, Ga. In a recent interview with Today’s Christian Doctor, Dr. Wright traced how God has changed her life through public policy action.

How did God prepare you before the first call came to give testimony in Congress?

At the time, I was serving as division director of a six-person physician team. Besides clinical work, we focused on research. We had recently added an expert in fetal pain—a world-class scholar who was really on the cutting edge of the field. So I was getting an education in my day-to-day work, not even thinking about where it might lead.

My main speaking to that point had been in lecturing at our Sunday School class at First Baptist Church in Atlanta. It was a tough crowd of single professionals who really knew how to put you on the spot with questions—a lot like a congressional panel. I had no thought of getting into public policy; I was just doing my job.

What did you think when the call came to testify?

I remember standing at my desk when the phone call came from Rep. Henry Hyde’s office, asking me to testify in the U.S. House of Representatives about abortion. They wanted a
pediatric anesthesiologist with expertise in fetal pain. In what I call my “Esther Moment,” I realized that if I didn’t say yes, God would find someone else to give that testimony—and I would miss out on the opportunity. Looking back now, I would have missed out on all the excitement, the thrill and the blessing that I have experienced as a result of testifying. I would never have found myself standing, months after my testimony, as a guest in the East Room of the White House.

How has God directed your life since the hearings?

My experience in public policy has been a huge faith builder. As I have seen what God has done, my life has been changed. And my institution has benefited, too. Spending time lobbying in Washington, testifying in Congress and serving on federal commissions has taught me how to advocate and work for change in a large system. That’s something that many of us doctors—who are trained to make autonomous decisions—aren’t very good at.

You have to put your ego on the shelf, too. You want to see the Senator and you end up talking to a 25-year-old staffer. But those staffers are often the ones making things happen behind the scenes in Congress.

What do you see your role as in the future?

God doesn’t necessarily call us to be successful—just to be obedient. Early on in my public policy endeavors, I learned about William Wilberforce, the great English statesman who almost single-handedly brought down the slave trade in his country. It took him over 20 years of persevering in the battle. That’s why I’ve named a little boat I got recently, Wilberforce. That boat is a reminder to me that God has put me in this battle for the long haul. I just want to be found faithful.

“There had been a shooting at the Capitol recently and security was tight, with heavy security and menacing policemen everywhere. The reality of the battle we were facing was hitting home to me. I began to realize that this was about spiritual warfare. The night before my testimony, I had a dream in which I testified and then walked out on the steps of the Capitol and got shot. Given the intensity of the debate over abortion, for all I knew, everyone in the hearing room could be blown away.”

—Jean Wright, M.D., on her Senate hearing testimony, given on the 25th anniversary of Roe v Wade.
Did you know?

Through its Washington Bureau, the Christian Medical Association has become a trusted “go-to” source for appointments to prestigious U.S. Health and Human Services Department commissions, where over a dozen CMA members are now impacting national public policy.

CMDA received nearly 400 media hits this year. Interviews with radio networks provide national coverage that aren’t reflected in this number. Highlights included: the Reformatorisch Dagblad (a Netherlands newspaper); Washington Times; Washington Post; San Francisco Chronicle; “Breakpoint with Chuck Colson;” Diversion magazine; Associated Press; United News & Information; Salem Radio Network; Voice of America; and, CNS News.

The Ethics Commission re-crafted the Dentist’s Oath, and plans statements on “Moral Complicity with Evil,” “Non-Traditional Family and Adoption or Procreation” and “Healthcare Rights of Conscience.”

Over 400 radio stations nationwide air CMDA’s public service announcements.

Major newspapers including USA Today, the Washington Post, Chicago Sun-Times, Denver Post, Washington Times and other leading newspapers—with a cumulative readership nearing 10 million—published 20 CMDA Washington Bureau commentaries.

CMA members in Hawaii, with support from the national office, helped stop an assisted suicide bill the legislature was poised to pass this year, while members in Vermont helped organize a coalition to fight efforts to legalize physician-assisted suicide in that state.

Testimonials

“On May 1st, I was confirmed for the appointment by President Bush to the Board of Regents of Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda and they’re putting me right to work. Thanks for your part in making this possible. It’s an honor, and I will try to serve well with the Lord’s help.”

—Shari Falkenheimer, M.D.

“Thanks for your insightful and poignant comments on the problems that face anyone interested in the truth of some of these medical-ethical issues. As I recently read George Will describe it, there is a kind of ‘intellectual vertigo’ that seems to substitute for careful moral reasoning on these issues. You have spelled out some of the issues. Thanks for all you do.”

—John Crouch, M.D.
For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, CMDA realized a net income in the General Fund (operating budget) of $4,287. Net income in combined funds totaled $621,136. This combined net income represents the result of total income for operating and restricted funds of $10,714,692 and total expense of $10,093,556.

Total assets - $14,450,677
Total liabilities - $3,897,407
Net assets (for all companies) - $9,932,134 (includes new facilities)

Total income in the General Fund (without considering donated services and medical supplies and the facilities) totaled $5,717,076. Non-budgeted operating funds of donated services and medical supplies and facilities together realized income of $3,886,561. So total income from operations was $9,603,637. Using the same guidelines, expense in the General Fund was $5,712,789 and for donated services and medical supplies the amount was $3,209,316 for total expense from operations of $8,922,105.

An independent audited financial report is available upon request.

Did you know?

By the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2003) the “Heart Changers” capital campaign had received pledges of $8,776,396 toward the $10 million goal, with $6,493,863 in pledges already given. The campaign was launched in 2002 to fund a national headquarters, expanded world mission outreach, enhance regional and campus ministries and strengthen the “voice of Christian doctors.”

CMDA gave $8,900 in Westra grants, $18,950 in Short-term mission grants and $2,000 in Gilson Fund grants during fiscal year 2003.

In addition, $62,500 was given through the Steury Scholarship Fund, which helps pay toward medical school expenses in agreement for service on the mission field.
Our involvement with CMDA (for 40-plus years) has been worth every spent second, every spent effort and every dollar given. For these have been multiplied many times over, and our voice has been amplified to the world. This is by God’s grace and by God’s community in CMDA. In other words, this is as it should be.

—Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Scheidt

There’s an adage that says: “What comes up in the bucket reflects what’s down in the well.” I am thankful that it is true at CMDA. The CMDA well is filled with leadership and staff committed to changing the face of healthcare by changing the hearts of doctors. The CMDA bucket comes up brimful of opportunities for its members to serve and to share the good, heart-changing news of Christ’s marvelous mercy and grace through the mediums of medicine and dentistry. What a privilege to support and share in those opportunities!

—Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Colip

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New Light on Depression, the most recent resource in the continuing CMDA/Zondervan publishing partnership, is a comprehensive, reliable, readable and practical Christian book on all aspects of depression.

Authored by Today’s Christian Doctor editor David B. Biebel, D. Min. and psychiatrist Harold G. Koenig, M.D., New Light on Depression is designed for those who are depressed, their family and friends, and professional caregivers. The book draws upon its authors’ personal and professional experience, describing in easily understandable terms the wide variety of counseling and medical treatments available, without endorsing one school of thought or another on depression and its treatment. Some of the more common styles of counseling are represented in dialogues between counselors and clients.

The authors advocate a multidisciplinary team approach tailored to the true needs of the depressed person, stressing the critical need for greater cooperation among religious and medical providers of treatment and counseling.

“The chapter on myths and misconceptions is worth the price of the book,” Dr. David Stevens says, in his foreword. “Among other things, the authors pull the mask off the belief that real Christians don’t become depressed.”

Each chapter includes a set of questions for reflection and/or discussion in a group setting. Many of the chapters also include practical and useful tools, such as: personal wholeness self-check, depression self-check, suggestions and guidelines for choosing a therapist, suggestions for what to do if a depressed person seems suicidal, straight talk with your doctor, notepad for things to discuss with a professional treatment provider, and a decision-making checklist.

The last section of the book is especially designed to nudge believers toward a different way of viewing depression, which can be (like physical pain) a “gift,” which God, in His grace, can transform into compassionate ministry to others and a powerful witness to the world. In summary, the authors wish to facilitate, for those with depression, the experience described by the poet, Dante (The Divine Comedy: Inferno, Canto 34), as he returns from the dark depths of hell and sees “the shining world”: “And so we came forth, and once again beheld the stars.”

“As a physician,” Dr. Stevens wrote, “I’ve taken care of many patients with depression and read widely on the topic. This is the best resource I’ve ever put my hands on. Putting it into the hands of doctors, patients and family members will provide much more help than a mere prescription for Prozac. So get a cup of something hot, curl up in your favorite chair and be ready for large doses of insight, gripping stories and practical suggestions. You are about to have your thinking on this subject transformed.”

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