



## 2014 Mid-Year Board Meeting Mission Committee Progress Report Nov. 6, 2014

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Below are listed the 2014 goals of the mission committee with an update on our progress:

### Short term missions projects:

- **Actively participate on the Advisory Council of Global Health Outreach (GHO).**

The GHO Advisory Council (GHO-AC) met January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Bristol, TN. Jeff Lewis and I both participated. Jeff is chair of the GHO-AC. A review of trips shows that there are still twice as many trips going to the America's, as opposed to other nations (33 vs 15). New trips this past year included Lebanon, Jordan and Indonesia. There are site visits scheduled, and hopefully future teams, to Vietnam, Jordan, China, Bulgaria (Macedonia) and Lebanon. Numbers of trip participants, patients seen and number of new conversions has been relatively constant, however, the number of prescriptions has been rising. The majority of the time was spent in talking about the role of treating chronic diseases on these short term trips. There was no hard and fast rule that came out of the discussion, but that each team leader needed to decide. If there was a local national partner that patients with chronic diseases could be followed up with reasonable certainty, then the team could provide relevant treatment that was locally available to initiate therapy. If there was not a reliable local partner to follow-up patients, then the team should confine the prescription interventions to those medications that did not require long term disease state monitoring and long term treatment.

- **Have 2 pharmacists participate on every GHO team that goes out to the field.**

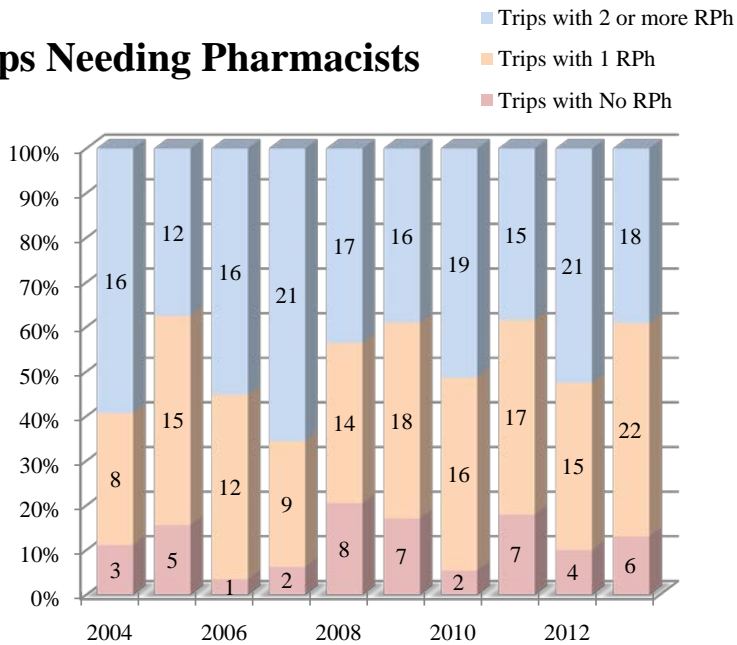
In the year 2013 there were 87 pharmacists or students that participated on 40 GHO trips. There were 6 trips that needed a pharmacist, but did not have one. So far this year we have 71 pharmacists (or students) scheduled to participate on 31 teams. There are 4 other specialty teams that do not require a pharmacist. Seven teams have left without a pharmacist this year. There are 5 teams still to go without a pharmacist and could each use two. There are also 5 teams still to go this year that could use one more pharmacist. So if God is tugging at your heart, there are still opportunities to answer that call!

	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14*
Number of Pharmacists	26	46	44	54	67	62	65	68	68	78	87	71
Number of GHO Teams (Non-specialty – Need RPh)	29	27	32	29	32	39	41	37	39	40	46	43 <sup>†</sup>
Number of GHO Teams Without a Pharmacist	11	3	5	1	2	8	7	2	7	4	6	12 <sup>#</sup>

\* As of May 26<sup>th</sup>, trips scheduled through the end of 2014

<sup>†</sup> Nineteen of these teams and <sup>#</sup>five of these teams still have not gone out so you can still sign up!

## Trips Needing Pharmacists



The 52 GHO trips in 2013 had 1134 participants. Thanks to all who have accepted the challenge to go on one of these GHO trips. More volunteers are definitely needed. Approximately 64,000 patients were served and 4,400 indicate decisions to follow Christ. There were several trips where faculty went along with students, some who received clerkship credit for the experience. Altogether 30 students participated.

The tithe account provided \$7,700 in funding in 2013 for 3 pharmacists and 25 students to go on 8 different short-term trips. Three additional requests were not funded because the scholarship fund has been depleted for the year. Up until now in 2014 we have provided \$3,600 to 1 pharmacist and 8 students to participate on 6 short-term projects.

- **Continue to improve awareness of these projects to our membership, by using the newsletter, journal and website to raise awareness and share the results of these short term mission projects.**

Nothing new to update here. The journal, newsletter and webpage are all being used to promote upcoming GHO opportunities.

- **Write a pharmacist's handbook that can be used for the teams that are going out.**

The Pharmacists Manual for Short-Term Missions has been updated. The manual, the Best Practices paper, prescription labels and a sample formulary are all available on the website.

- **Implement a mission's directed fundraiser.**

The mission committee would like to request permission to make an appeal through the newsletter for individuals interested in making donations to CPFI to support missions. The mission scholarship fund is budgeted at 10% of our membership income. That was budgeted at \$7,700 this year. We have awarded that amount split between 31 individuals so far and we would like to ask for the ability to make an appeal for gifts designated for missions, so that we have funds to support additional requests that may come in during the remainder of the year.

### International Outreach:

- **Obtain current information about long term mission opportunities for pharmacists and post on the website.**

Ralph Boyle has been in contact with several individuals and we are working to develop a strategy to maintain contact with pharmacists serving long-term on the mission field and try to connect them with members who would like to provide encouragement and spiritual support for those who are faithfully serving outside of their home country.

- **Develop a strategy for reaching out to and encouraging the development of Christian Pharmacy groups in other countries.**

Bob and Paul are charged to develop a proposal about how we can be a knowledge resource, not a financial resource, to see Christian Pharmacy groups begin to develop in other countries. Bob is currently with Paul in the Congo trying to strengthen and increase the number of contacts.

### **Evangelistic Outreach:**

- **Identify a subcommittee that will take on the charge of promoting evangelistic involvement of CPFJ and other Christian pharmacists.**

Jeff Copeland will be putting together a plan to keep the issue of personal outreach before each of us. There is an evangelism training program designed for medical professionals that is available in video format for a 10 week small group session. To find out more details check the link on the mission's page on the CPFJ website. CMDA is in the process of developing a new tool to replace this program and it is called Grace Prescriptions. The program will be available in various media formats, but will be revealed in a live seminar in Chicago September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> (<http://cmda.org/events/detail/grace-prescriptions-chicago-illinois>) and then in several other venues. If anyone is interested in helping Jeff Copeland as he takes on this important task, please let Jeff or myself know. Also, some people after reading our page that lists our beliefs, might want to know more about how they can have a relationship with God. As a result, there is a link to a page that helps seekers have their questions answered, and then tries to help them come to Christ ([www.everystudent.com](http://www.everystudent.com)). We would like to consider more programing in this area in future meetings.

### **Leadership Transition:**

- I have asked Keith Allhands to take over as chair of the missions committee. With my other responsibilities and with some changes in my job at the University I have found it increasingly difficult to keep up with all of the missions activities. I have agreed to continue to serve on the committee, but I have asked Keith to take over as chair, and he has agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Keith Allhands*

## GHO 2013 SHORT-TERM MISSION PROJECT SCHEDULE

2013 Dates	Location	Pharmacists and Total Team Members
Jan. 12 - 20	Cubulco, Guatemala	Team of 22 - 2 pharmacists
Jan. 12 - 19	Managua, Nicaragua	Team of 25 - 1 pharmacist
Jan. 25 - Feb. 9	Siem Reap, Cambodia	Team of 25 - 1 pharmacist
Feb. 8 - 17	El Sembrador, Honduras	Team of 15 - 1 pharmacist
Feb. 8 - 22	Debre Berhan, Ethiopia	Team of 12 - 3 pharmacists
Feb. 16 - 24	Santa Isabel, Ecuador	Team of 21 - 1 pharmacist
Feb 17 - Mar 2	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Specialty team of 9 - no pharmacist required
Feb. 26 - Mar. 9	Tikapur, Nepal	Team of 19 - <b>no pharmacists</b>
Mar. 2 - 10	San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua	Team of 50 - 1 pharmacist, 1 student
Mar. 9 - 16	Santa Ana, El Salvador	Team of 17 - 1 pharmacist
Mar. 16 - 23	Jeremie, Haiti	Team of 41 - 1 pharmacist, 1 student
Mar. 23 - 30	Puerta Plata, Dominican R.	Team of 18 - 3 pharmacists
Mar. 23 - 31	Tela, Honduras	Team of 25 - 1 pharmacist
Apr. 2 - 11	Vietnam	Team of 8 - <b>no pharmacists</b>
Apr. 6 - 14	Managua, Nicaragua	Team of 19 - 1 pharmacist
Apr. 11 - 22	Moldova	Team of 19 - 1 pharmacist
May 10 - 24	Kabul, Afghanistan	Team of 12 - <b>no pharmacists</b>
May 18 - 26	Ciudad Sandion, Nicaragua	Team of 31 - 1 pharmacist
May 25 - June 1	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Specialty team of 38 - no pharmacist required
May 25 - June 2	San Marcos de Colon, Honduras	Team of 9 - 1 pharmacist
May 25 - Jun 7	Burkina Faso, West Africa	Team of 17 - <b>no pharmacists</b>
Jun. 1 - 9	Boqueron, El Salvador	Team of 21 - 1 pharmacist, 1 student, 1 tech
Jun. 1 - 9	Santa Ana, El Salvador	Team of 50 - 2 pharmacists, 7 students
Jun. 8 - 16	Huaquillas, Ecuador	Team of 21 - 1 pharmacist
Jun. 8 - 15	Managua, Nicaragua	Team of 28 - 1 pharmacist
Jun. 22 - 30	Santa Domingo, D.R.	Team of 27 - 1 pharmacist
Jun. 22 - 30	Cubulco, Guatemala	Team of 19 - 1 pharmacist, 1 student
Jun. 22 - 30	Isla de Ometepe, Nicaragua	Team of 47 - 2 pharmacists
Jun 23 - 29	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Specialty team of 7 - no pharmacist required
Jul. 6 - 14	Matagalpa, Nicaragua	Team of 51 - 2 pharmacists
Jul. 17 - 27	Abuja, Nigeria	Team of 11 - <b>no pharmacists</b>
Jul. 20 - 28	San Miguel, El Salvador	Team of 58 - 1 pharmacist, 8 students
Jul. 22 - Aug. 2	Tefle/Klenu, Ghana	Team of 18 - 2 pharmacists
Jul. 27 - Aug. 4	Santa Domingo, D.R.	Team of 44 - 4 pharmacists
Aug. 2 - Aug. 17	Nairobi, Kenya	Team of 30 - 2 pharmacists, 5 students
Aug. 3 - 11	Wasala, Nicaragua	Team of 46 - 2 pharmacists, 2 students
Sept. 14 - 22	Nicaragua	Team of 14 - 2 pharmacists
Sept. 19 - 29	Moldova	Team of 17 - 1 pharmacist
Oct. 4 - 13	Gualaquiza, Ecuador	Team of 16 - 1 pharmacist
Oct. 5 - 13	Santa Domingo, D.R.	Team of 13 - 2 pharmacists, 1 student
Oct. 11 -25	Ethiopia	Team of 12 - 1 pharmacist, 3 students
Oct. 11 -25	China	Team of 9 - 1 tech
Oct. 19 - 27	Cubulco, Guatemala	Team of 21 - 1 pharmacist
Oct. 19 - Nov. 2	Mumbai, India	Team of 12 - 1 pharmacist
Oct. 29 - Nov. 9	Tikapur, Nepal	Team of 17 - 1 pharmacist
Nov. 2 - 16	East India	Team of 9 - 1 pharmacist
Nov. 3 - 9	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Specialty team of 9 - no pharmacist required
Nov. 8 - 16	Tegucigalpa, Honduras	Specialty team of 20 - no pharmacist required
Nov. 15 -24	Lebanon	Team of 13 - 1 pharmacist
Nov. 16 - 24	Nicaragua	Team of 17 - 2 pharmacists
Dec. 7 - 15	Nicaragua	Team of 7 - <b>no pharmacists</b>