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Psalm 57:5

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Revelations Where You Least Expect Them

By Mary J. Ferrill Brown

"Would not God have discovered it, since he knows the secrets of the heart?"

Psalm 44:21 (NIV)



I looked out on my lanai one afternoon and saw my cat, Snowman (aka Snowy), sleepy soundly. Snowman is predominantly white; his name is derived from the distinctive black markings on his head (like “the eyes made out of coal” and hat on Frosty), but he also has black patches on half of his tail and a few other random places. He looked so peaceful while lounging in his favorite spot on the lanai, so I decided to snap a photo (see picture) to share with a friend. Who doesn’t love a good cat picture or video to brighten up your day? I included a caption that read, “Bliss...” My friend responded: “Awww, Snowman has a heart on his foot!” That caught me by surprise because I never noticed the marking before, but indeed, there it was. “How cool,” I responded.

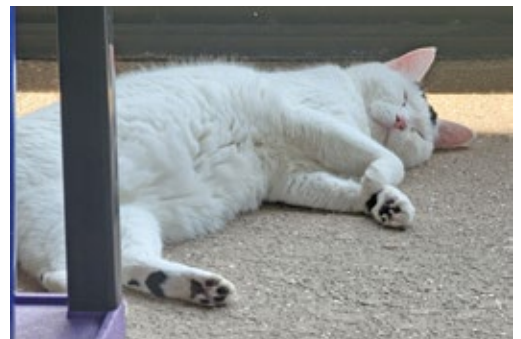
Snowman is a 14-year-old cat that I rescued when he was just a few months old. He is very friendly and the most photogenic of any cat I’ve had (and I’ve had many... but you can never have too many). I have more pictures of Snowy than any pet I’ve owned. He likes to be picked up and snuggled often. I thought I knew everything there is to know about him, but the small heart-shaped marking on his

foot unveiled in the photo has enabled me to see Snowman in a whole new light. What a perfect physical representation to remind me of the special relationship that I enjoy with one of God’s creatures.

Reflecting on this story made me think about my relationship with God. Although I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior at the age of 5, attended numerous Bible studies and church services, and read and studied at least 12 different translations of the Bible, God still finds ways to reveal new characteristics of Himself to me. He does this through prayer, the Holy Spirit, delving into His Word, and revelations from articles/discussions/presentations from other Christians.

No matter how many times we read and study God’s Word, there are always new and exciting things to discover. But we must also remain open and receptive to God’s subtle, less obvious sources of revelation. The word “reveal” is found 80 times in both the Old and New Testaments of the NIV translation. One of my favorite verses about revelation is found in the seldom quoted book of Amos 4:13 (NIV): *“He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind, and who reveals His thoughts to mankind, who turns dawn to darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth – the Lord God Almighty is His name.”* Perhaps the Lord is revealing that passage to you for the first time as you read this editorial, with a unique message intended solely for you! Or maybe you need this reminder from Daniel 2:22 (NIV): *“He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.”* Even from Old Testament times, the Maker of heaven and earth wanted to communicate His thoughts to us and include us in His perfect plans! We also know from John’s writings in the Book of Revelation that in the end times: *“Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”* Revelation 15:4 (NIV).

The disciples often had difficulty understanding Jesus’ messages, especially when He spoke in parables (a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson). On several occasions, the disciples had to ask Jesus to explain or reveal the meaning in His stories. Now that Jesus has ascended to the right hand of God, believers can rely on the Holy Spirit to reveal God’s plans: “However, as it is written: *“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God*



has prepared for those who love him—these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (NIV).

Each time we delve into the Word, we must pray and ask God to reveal new and exciting things to us so that we can see the “heart” of God’s message. I also like to think that God revealed the heart on Snowy’s foot to me as a sign that He loves me and cares for me. Another friend with whom I shared the picture responded: “Oh my goodness! Yes, love that, leaving an imprint of His love every step we make. The greatest commandment is to love Him above all and love others.” I always smile when I see my fur babies (I also have a dog)... but when I now look at Snowy, I get an extra big smile as I remember God’s love and revelation. Let’s strive to be more alert and aware of the beautiful surroundings God has provided to us. In that way, we will easily recognize His signs and wonders that guide us to the heart of what matters most to Him.

Two Months in West Africa as a Pharmacy Student

** Due to safety and security concerns, the author will remain anonymous and any information that could identify locations where the author visited or the agency that operates the hospital will be kept confidential. Also, some names have been changed to protect their identity.*



Getting There: - Sultan’s Story

Two common questions I was often asked before going to West Africa were: “How hot will it be there?” (It’s normally over 100 degrees) and “How long will the flight be?” The answer to that question is a whopping 13.5 hours, during which time I saw the Lord work in an incredible way to affirm that He had called me to travel to West Africa for a purpose; and also to show that He had a reason for prompting me to leave two weeks earlier than originally planned. While on the plane, I sat next to an individual from Ethiopia who had become an atheist after attending college in the United States. During the long flight Sultan asked me why Ethiopia is a Christian country, and using scripture alone, we walked through Acts 8:27-40, and subsequently Isaiah 53, and detailed how Christ was prophesied over 600 years before his coming to earth. As a result of solely explaining scripture – and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit – Sultan eventually told me, “I think I’m going to read the Bible this summer. I mean, life without God just seems pointless... and I think I need to

give Jesus a try.” While this obviously wasn’t a moment of salvation, I believe it was a clear testament that God had been working through this entire process.

Welcoming a brother into our family: John* was at the end of his rope

He had been a devout Muslim all of his life and he had a loving family, but he was unfulfilled in the Islamic faith. John came to the hospital with over half of his body covered in severe burns, clinging to life. The surgical team determined they couldn’t do anything to help him; but for some odd reason, they asked the pharmacy student to visit John after rounds – along with an interpreter/evangelist – to attempt to give him hope at the end of his life.

The evangelist, James,* was led into the patient’s room by this pharmacy student. Upon some questioning, James learned that for reasons known only by God, John’s burns were the result of an attempt to end his own life. He was broken, tired, and in hopeless despair. From his own religious beliefs, he assumed that his god, Allah, had abandoned him. James quickly discovered that John had



never in his life heard about Jesus Christ. He began to share the Gospel truth that John was in fact loved by the One true living God (who is not Allah); and that this God loved him so much he sent His one and only Son Jesus to die for him, so that his sins could be forgiven and he could spend eternity with Jesus in heaven. James explained that when a person believes and receives Jesus, he or she will receive forgiveness regardless of whatever sins he had committed. John made the decision to accept Christ in that very moment, saying, “Allah isn’t working, I need Jesus. I need His forgiveness.”

Over the next few weeks, something truly miraculous happened: John did not succumb to his burns, and he is still alive at the time this article was written. John has reached out to the hospital evangelists on several occasions and was able to speak with one of our evangelists, who confirmed that John is still walking in the Christian faith and has a continued desire to know Jesus better! In a land where Islam rules, a person who boldly leaves Islam and comes to the saving faith in Jesus Christ is a major victory, and more proof that the LORD is working in West Africa.

Working as a Pharmacy Student in West Africa: What Pharmacy looks like in Missions

Like most readers of this article, I made the decision to say “know” (pun intended) to drugs years ago, and have been on the journey of becoming a pharmacist ever since. While in West Africa, I was able to put those skills to use as I participated in daily clinical rounding with an OBGYN team, a surgical team (see photo), a pediatric surgical specialist, an internal medicine specialist, and an orthopedic team. I was able to provide drug recommendations that resulted in positive outcomes, as well as new medications now being implemented at this



hospital. Most of these interventions were in the realm of antimicrobial stewardship, pharmacokinetic mechanism, and diabetic care of patients. I was also able to participate in staffing the outpatient hospital pharmacy which filled over 1200 prescriptions daily; and in that setting I utilized the pharmacy knowledge that the Lord has granted me to optimize patients’ medications so they can lead healthier lives. I worked under an amazing mentor and pharmacist, who taught me so much and gave me a clear example of what it looks like to be a missionary pharmacist.

My education in pharmacy has trained me to identify when clinical interventions (such as the examples above) are necessary; and through the Holy Spirit, I was also blessed to make what I call “spiritual interventions” almost daily. When talking with the evangelists, it is clear that the hospital’s pharmacy team is the most common initiator of these “spiritual interventions,” in which we either note the patient’s chart or personally notify the evangelist and medical team when a patient needs an evangelist in addition to our team praying with them. In combining both clinical and spiritual interventions, I can truly say that through Christ we were able to help heal both bodies and spirits.

Final Thoughts

This photo might not look like much, but it shows exactly why I am here. As I was out walking one evening, I heard a man fervently praying and seeking God. While I could not understand him, it was clear he was desperate for the God of the Universe to see him and hear his plea. The sad reality was that he was praying in Arabic, which likely meant he was praying to Allah, the god of Islam. This man was not praying to the One true living God, and despite his desperation, his prayers were not reaching God the Father since he was not praying in the name of Jesus. Perhaps he has never heard about Jesus, or perhaps he simply wonders why none of his prayers are answered. Please pray that I (or someone else) would have the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ to this man, that we may point to the true hope that is in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.



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“For Following our Lord’s Example of Service to Others”

The Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award was established in 1990 *“to identify the person who most exemplifies the Lord's example in service to others through CPFI.”* The award is given only when the awards committee and/or the CPFI Board determine that there is an outstanding individual who deserves recognition. This Award is the highest honor given by CPFI. Warren E. Weaver, considered the founder of CPFI, lived by the verses from Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV): *“Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make My joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”*

The 2024 Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award was presented to Jeffrey A. Bates at the CPFI Annual Conference and National Student Retreat held at Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, North Carolina.

Jeff is very well known and highly respected by our CPFI family. He has the vigor of the Energizer Bunny, the patience of Job, and the ability to work with change at a moment’s notice. Throughout his professional career he has consistently placed the Lord first in his life and in his decisions, which has sometimes resulted in several employment changes. As the current Dean of Pharmacy at Cedarville University, Jeff has many responsibilities; yet he always makes time to minister to others, just as Jesus demonstrated. Cedarville students report that Jeff’s office door is always open and his cell number is freely available to anyone who needs it. He has the gift of encouragement and can often be found chatting with students, faculty, parents, and fellow pharmacists. Jeff is the Faculty advisor for the CPFI Student chapter at Cedarville. God has tremendously blessed CPFI with a humble, enthusiastic, dedicated, and tireless Educational Affairs Chairperson. Our Annual Conferences and the CE presentations have been exceptionally valuable under Jeff’s leadership, and we are grateful for the many ways that he has contributed his time, effort, gifts and talents to CPFI and the field of pharmacy.

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The Mechanism of Action of our Lives

By Logan Grove and Nate Smith

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” Ephesians 6:13 (ESV)

As pharmacists, we spend so much time focusing on the mechanism of action of different drugs, but how often do we reflect on the mechanism of action for our own life? What are we doing within our families, church, work, and community to show and share the love of Christ? We can put a special coating on tablets to extend its release. We can change the route of administration to avoid first pass metabolism. We can manufacture drugs that will positively impact specific medical conditions. Yet, what are we doing within our lives to make a positive impact on the world?

As I reflect on this past semester in pharmacy school, I have been considering these questions and the impact that Christian pharmacists can have on the world. We are confident that God has called us into the pharmacy profession for His glory, and that each one of us has been placed where we are for a reason.

The Dean of Cedarville University's School of Pharmacy describes us as “Kingdom Ambassadors in white coats.” In Ephesians 6:20, Paul calls himself an ambassador in chains. When I consider the enormous impact that Paul had (and still has) on the world, I dare to think about the potential impact that we as Christian pharmacists can have. Paul was in chains in a Roman prison, and we are out in the workplace (which can sometimes feel like a prison). We know that a drug can have a powerful effect on the physical body, but what impact can we have on the body of Christ? How can we strengthen and help our Christian brothers and sisters so that they are better prepared to fulfill their mission for Jesus? This must be done not only through our pharmaceutical knowledge, but also through our words and actions.

Ephesians 6:10-18 urges us to put on the whole armor of God. In a world that is moving farther and farther away from the truth of the Gospel, we must stand firm in our faith. The specific command in Ephesians 6:10 is to put on the whole (or full) armor of God, so that we can stand against the schemes of the devil. For example, Ephesians 6:15 instructs us to have our feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. The best way to have our “feet fitted” is by building our foundation on the Word of God. By wearing combat boots in rough terrain instead of flip-flops, we'll have good traction and secure footing, allowing us to stand firm. In that same way, we need a foundation in the Word of God (our combat boots) to stand firm in the battles we face. One of the simplest and most effective ways to coat ourselves in the armor of God is to immerse ourselves in God's inerrant word. It's similar to coating a tablet to avoid degradation, protect stomach lining, and ultimately improve the drug's efficacy. Spending time in the Bible and in prayer is critical for our spiritual health.

When determining the routes of administration to treat medical conditions, it is obviously important to consider exactly what we are treating. A *topical application* of albuterol will not be effective in managing asthma. In the same way, Christians need to be grounded in God's Word to avoid making unwise decisions and to have the most effective outcome.

As we continue in this year, we have another opportunity to think about the trajectory of our life. Is the ‘mechanism of action’ for our lives benefiting the kingdom of God? 1 Peter 1:13 (ESV) tells us to “Prepare your minds for action ... set your hope

fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” Let us prepare our minds through Scripture as our mechanism of action to further the Kingdom of God, to reflect God in us, and to be efficacious for Christ.



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Sharing the Love of God in Pharmacy School

By Anique Tchio

We all know one of the most popular Bible verses, John 3:16, which states *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* (NIV). The love of God means everything; and as children of God, Jesus commands us to *“love one another, as I have loved you.”* (John 13:34 NKJV). Going through the many challenges of pharmacy school would not have been possible for me without experiencing God’s love for us. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy and Health Professions (UMES) chapter of the *Christian Pharmacist Fellowship International* (CPFI) is one of the most important student organizations at UMES.

The UMES chapter of CPFI was able to bring several students together by hosting our general body meeting along with karaoke night. We shared the word of God, sang joyful songs, and enjoyed the company of other believers. During the semester, various members used the CPFI GroupMe thread to text verses of comfort, motivation, and hope to students before assessments. Since it is traditional to celebrate love on Valentine’s Day, the UMES CPFI chapter began sharing God’s love among faculty, staff, and students enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy Program on Valentine’s Day in 2022. Participants were delighted to both give and receive boxes of candy with a kind and encouraging note containing an expression of love, friendship, or gratitude; this effort also proved to be a huge fundraiser for the organization. Members of the CPFI Executive Board used donated funds to purchase candy, takeout boxes or small gift bags, and miniature Mylar balloons. Notes from the sender were attached to the candy boxes which were delivered to recipients on the UMES campus throughout the day. This fundraiser not only provided a brighter day for several UMES students, faculty members, and staff, but it also made the recipients aware of the CPFI’s existence.

God calls us to love, be kind, and do good to one another. Romans 12:10 (KJV) says: *“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.”* And Hebrews 13:16 (KJV) says: *“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”* During each academic year, CPFI members continue to show love and dedication to the community by participating in the Adopt-A-Block program organized by Emmanuel Wesleyan Church in Salisbury, Maryland where volunteers package food and distribute bags to families in the community. Our CPFI chapter provides the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus by caring for others, including those outside of the pharmacy school. With the help of our faculty advisor, Dr. Miriam Purnell, the UMES CPFI chapter organized a health

screening event at The Christian Shelter in Salisbury. I believe that putting a smile on someone’s face through an act of kindness is an easy way to show others the love of God. Organizing Valentine’s Day grams, Adopt-A-Block, health fair events, biweekly meetings, and other activities help us to meet needs and touch people on many levels. As a result, many pharmacy students are drawn to CPFI as it always welcomes everyone and reflects the love of our Savior.



My name is Anique Tchio, I am a student at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. I became a member of CPFI during my first year of pharmacy school. In my second year, I served as the chapter secretary. During my time as the CPFI secretary, I served alongside other E-board members and helped organize multiple events that strengthened our chapter and brought pharmacy students together.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

For Such a Time as This

By Scott Benken

Introduction

When I read God's Word, I am always amazed and inspired by many things; but two things often stand out. First is the profound sovereignty that the Lord demonstrates over space, time, and events. It's mind-boggling to see the way that He places the right person in the right place to accomplish His right purpose at the right time. Psalm 33:11 (NIV) says *"the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations."* Second is the remarkable demonstration of faith seen by so many heroes of the Bible, as described in Hebrews 11 – often called the "Hall of Fame" chapter. The absolute emptying of one's self-confidence and the placement of total control into the hands of our God is truly inspiring. As readers of God's historical Word now, it is easy to see these two observations in action and to see the wonderful outcomes that resulted from the intersection of the Lord's timing and a faithful response. The reality of such examples in our own lives is sometimes difficult to see, but it's such a blessing when the Lord reveals the purposes behind the scenes!

One such Bible story typifies this intersection: the story of Esther.

The story of Esther begins with King Ahasuerus (also known as King Xerxes) of Persia dismissing Queen Vashti for her refusal to submit to his command (Esther 1:12-19). To find a replacement Queen, he held a Miss Persia beauty contest; and Esther, a beautiful Jewish orphan raised by her Jewish cousin Mordecai, was chosen (Esther 2:7-17). Initially, Esther kept her Jewish heritage (and her relationship to Mordecai) a secret from the King and his court.

Mordecai uncovered a plot to assassinate the King and he informed Esther, who told the King, saving his life (Esther 2:21-23).

The villain of the story is Haman, the King's advisor. Mordecai had refused to bow to him, resolving to bow only to the LORD (Esther 3:2-6). Upon discovering that Mordecai was Jewish, Haman plotted to exterminate all the Jews. Haman persuaded the King to issue a decree for the destruction of the Jewish people, neither of them knowing that the Queen was Jewish (Esther 3:8-13). Mordecai urged Esther to intercede with the King, warning her that she too will perish if she remains silent (Esther 4:13-14). Esther, risking her life by approaching the King unannounced, invited him and Haman to a banquet (Esther 5:1-8), where she revealed her Jewish identity and Haman's evil plot against the Jews (Esther 7:3-6). The King was enraged and ordered Haman to be hanged on the gallows (Esther 7:9-10). Esther and Mordecai then gained the King's favor, and he issued a new decree favoring God's people (Esther 8:8-11).

Esther's courage and faithfulness saved her people, but this story also showcases God's providence. The story captures an incredible intersection of God's plan and Esther's willingness. The "moral of the story" could be summed up in Esther 4:14 (NIV) where Mordecai encouraged Esther: *"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"* We see that God placed Esther in that royal position to

protect His chosen people, but Esther's faith is also part of the story.

Personal Introduction

I am a critical care pharmacist by education and training, and many would consider me a "critical care person" through and through. The Lord has given me a passion to be present for the sickest of patients and to be amid turmoil during the most acute times. Naturally, I find critical care to be a perfect fit. I have been very blessed to serve in this role in Chicago for the past 14 years, caring for countless numbers of critically ill patients. Beyond patient care, I have worked tirelessly to further research in this field, which has positioned me to educate others nationally and internationally on topics such as cardiac arrest, targeted temperature management, and renal replacement therapy. While I have educated thousands on these topics, I have also received tremendous benefits positioning me to understand these complex topics to a level I could not have imagined.

My Mom's Story

At 3:26 a.m. on October 24, 2018, I received a devastating phone call. It was my father calling from Ohio in great distress, saying that my mother had just suffered a cardiac arrest, needed renal replacement therapy, and was being transferred to the intensive care unit (ICU). My dad handed the phone to the doctor who explained what I already knew: my mother would need targeted temperature management, was in critical condition, and her anticipated outcome was grave.

In a single moment, my life came to an unexpected intersection: the intersection of my personal life and

my professional expertise. Within a few hours, our family of 5 was on the road to Ohio. Few words were spoken on the 4½-hour drive from Chicago to Cincinnati, other than taking turns praying for the Lord's hand of healing and grace to be in this situation.

When we arrived at the hospital in Cincinnati, I walked into a very familiar scene. We were led to the

ICU where my mother lay in her ICU bed. The head of the bed was 45 degrees, she was intubated on the mechanical ventilator requiring multiple sedatives, low dose vasopressors, and continuous renal replacement therapy. She was pharmacologically comatose, her temperature at goal per the American Heart Association guidelines at the time; she was wearing her pneumatic compression devices and had

multiple intravenous lines coming from different parts of her arms, legs, and neck. She looked like every patient I take care of every single day. At the same time, I could see mom – and just mom – as if all the equipment was not even there. It was truly a shocking intersection.

During her brief time in the ICU, the Lord positioned me to know minute-by-minute exactly what was



happening from a pathophysiologic and pharmacotherapeutic standpoint with my mother. Because of this, I was able to converse with the doctor and nursing staff as though we were colleagues. And because of this, I was able to inform my father, my sister, and my mother's siblings (all non-medical folks) exactly what was happening now and exactly what was going to happen next. Of course, this did not deter our prayers as we gathered around her often during that 36-hour stay, asking the Lord for a miracle... but always trusting that He knew the best trajectory for my mother. It was through those prayers that the nursing staff was touched by our faith. It was through those prayers that my mother's siblings decided they needed to get right with God. It was through those prayers that my mother's friends were inspired to know the Lord after hearing the unwavering trust we had in our Savior Jesus.

As per God's sovereign plan, my mother did not survive.

It was many months later when I realized how blessed I was for this radical intersection in my life. First, my mother suffered a cardiac arrest secondary to expedited coronary disease likely related to her breast

cancer and its treatment. Through her battle and victory over breast cancer, she came to accept Christ as her Savior. That serious illness gave her a chance at redemption... and the faith she acquired during that illness is the reason she is celebrating eternal life with our Savior now. In John 3:14-15 (NIV), Jesus said, *"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."* Because of our shared faith in Christ, I know that while mom did not survive her cardiac arrest, I will see her again in paradise where she will not have pain and suffering... where *"there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain"* (Revelation 21:4, NIV). Second, there are few people who know exactly what is happening to a loved one moment-by-moment from life to death. The Lord positioned me to have this knowledge and it was such a comfort to fully understand what was transpiring. As Schoolhouse Rock made famous, "knowledge is power." But I recognize that this wisdom came from the Lord's providence. Proverbs 2:6 (NIV) says, *"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."* In a very real way, I believe that the Lord used my interest, education, training,

and expertise to prepare me for those last moments of my mother's life. If all my professional work was intended just for her last moments, it was all worth it. And I praise the Lord for it. Lastly, I realized how to live my faith out loud and how I would respond to tragedy in my life. Through the loss of someone so dear, I was never more affirmed in my hope, faith, and trust in Jesus. Christ made His presence known and it was unmistakable and unshakable. As Paul declares in Romans 8:38-39 (NIV): *"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."*

While we won't always know the exact reasons why the Lord orchestrates what He does, we can respond by seeing life through a lens of faith and trusting the Lord with all our heart: as we are instructed in Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV): *"Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."* We can prepare ourselves for **such a time as this**.



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in health professions education (MHPE) in 2022. While he carries various titles, the title that has truly defined his life is one given through John 1:12-13 (NLT): "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." As such, he strives to live out his Christian faith in every aspect of his personal and professional career.



Akpe na mawu. Thank You God.

By Marjorie Hayes

Since I first became involved with CPFI over 10 years ago, I've always wanted to serve on a Global Health Outreach (GHO) medical mission trip. I was also very apprehensive about traveling with a team of people I don't know to serve in some far-off land. In October 2023, I went with a small team from my church to serve at an ABWE mission hospital in Togo, West Africa. That had been my most challenging mission trip to date, as the Lord pressed me to evaluate the completeness of my surrender to His will. Because of that, even before returning from Togo, I began praying about what and when my next mission trip would be, with concern that I'd never have the courage and strength to do another. I had the opportunity to speak to CPFI Executive Director Ron Herman, who is also a recruiter for GHO. Upon my inquiry, Ron told me about some of his experiences serving on GHO teams, and also about the upcoming GHO trips that did not yet have a pharmacist on their team. As the Holy Spirit worked in my heart, the Ghana, West Africa trip in August 2024 seemed to me the only trip that existed. In spite of that supernatural sense of the Lord's guidance, I still felt unsure about joining Team Ghana. I decided I would pray and take one step of faithful obedience at a time, asking the Lord to continue to open the doors of His choosing. Before I knew it, I had purchased my plane ticket, was raising support, and applied for my Ghana VISA.

There were 18 of us to make up Team Ghana, of which I knew none. We met the first time in JFK airport in New York to fly together into Accra, Ghana. I was struck within those first few hours by how quickly the Lord brought a miraculous sense of connection and unity between us. This was especially important and significant to me, as it was one of the main prayer requests for our trip, remembering Jesus' words that *"all will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another"* (John 13:35, NKJV). We were from all over the country and of varying professions and ages, from 14 years old up into the 70's. This was the first mission trip for several members of our team, including three teenagers who are the children of our team leaders; and this was the 62nd mission trip for one special lady on our team who is a nurse. But the Lord was not done forming and unifying His team!

We, along with our many bags of ministry supplies, all arrived safely in Accra on Saturday morning, July 27, 2024. We met up with the members of our team who flew in at different times and spent the afternoon in the mall having lunch and exchanging our US dollars to Ghanaian cedis. The currency exchange rate is 1 US dollar to 15 cedis... in other words, \$1.00 goes a long way in Ghana.

On Sunday morning, we drove to Dzetorkoe, which is in the south Tongu district and is the village where we held our medical outreach for the entire week. GHO's ministry

partner in Ghana is Ghana Christian Mission (GCM). These partners and villagers put together a JOYFUL festival to celebrate the kickoff to our ministry week. As we danced and sang and worshipped the Lord together, He continued to make us less like strangers and more like family, further uniting us with our Ghana partners, and taking His rightful place at the center of all our activities.

We began our week of ministry (and each day that followed) by coming together in a big circle in the center of the village, praying, and singing a praise song that the worship leaders taught to us. While the national language in Ghana is English, there are over 80 distinct other languages spoken throughout the country. The most common tribal language spoken in the area where we were serving seemed to be Ewe, and the song of praise they taught us is in Ewe. That first day, the worship leader (who stood in the center of our circle) told us that he will give us a special song to take back to the United States with us. The lyrics of "our song" are "Akpe na mawu. Yehowa me kafu wo daa. Halleluyah, O si yana." In English, that is "Thank You God. Jehovah, I will praise You always. Hallelujah, Hosanna." This song of thanksgiving and praise to our wonderful God has filled my heart ever since, and it is a pure joy and privilege for me to share it with you, as our Ghanaian worship leader instructed.

Each day at breakfast, one of our team members shared a short devotion. I gleaned some priceless pearls during those times. I sensed at the beginning of my trip to Ghana that the Lord was going to continue teaching me something that He began teaching me in Togo last year. The lesson He taught me during my time in Togo is that He desires all of me and will not be satisfied with less. This spiritual principle is taught to us by Jesus as the first and greatest commandment: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."* (Matthew 22:37, NKJV) We coined it in Ghana as "being ALL IN"! As someone shared on our first morning devotion: idolatry is the sin of putting anything (even the good things in our lives) in the place of God. As I took his message in, the Lord impressed upon my heart that while He will not be satisfied with my giving Him less than all I am, I also will never be satisfied with giving Him less than all I am. He made us, His creation, with a God-shaped hole inside our soul that can only be filled by Himself; and the more we strive to fill that hole with anything other than the One for Whom it was made, the more lost and empty we will find ourselves. *"For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness"* (Psalm 107:9, NKJV).

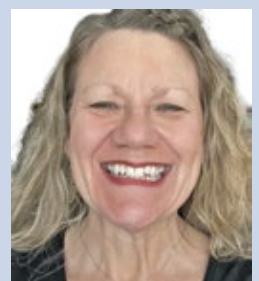
The last pearl I'd like to share from this incredible experience was given by a dear sister in Christ who is taking over as the new GHO team leader for Ghana. She

said God's will is for us to know Him and to make Him known! With that in mind, I believe God's hand was powerfully at work unifying us into such a tight team so that we could work together harmoniously and make Him known to those we came to serve. We saw close to 2000 patients in the course of our week of ministry. Of those, there were 32 commitments made for Christ. One component of our end-of-the-day worship was to share

what we call our "God sightings" of the day. The God sighting I will share with you is when I peeked out the window of the pharmacy to see one of the 14-year old daughters of our team leaders with her Evangucube (which tells the Gospel with pictures), surrounded by children as she told them about Jesus! Priceless! Akpe na mawu. Thank You God. *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase."* (1 Corinthians 3:6, NKJV).



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Marjorie got her first opportunity to serve the Lord on a medical mission trip in 2008. She went to the Dominican Republic with SCORE international and was forever changed by her experiences there. Several short-term medical mission trips followed, with her most recent trip being with a GHO team to Ghana, West Africa. Marjorie knows firsthand how the Lord can use times of dire need to draw hearts to Himself for salvation, and she believes that is the heartbeat of medical missions.

God's Healing Hands in Honduras

By Nina Petrillo

Wimbledon Tennis Champion Roger Federer once said, "When you're playing a point, it has to be the most important thing in the world. And it is. But when it's behind you, it's behind you. The mindset is crucial—because it frees you to commit to the next point with intensity, clarity, and focus."

This quote is powerful because it paints a picture in which being present in the current moment is key—whether that is playing a sport, serving in the mission field, caring for patients as a health care professional, or just spending time with others. Be focused on the moment at hand and not on the moments that have already passed by you.



Nina Petrillo, PharmD and Dr. Kyle Montgomery assessing a patient's blood sugar level by performing a finger stick while on a house visit in San Marcos De Colón, Honduras.

A story I want to share is one of our "God-Sightings" (as the team loved to call them). It is something that can only be explained as the power of God on display. As a team, we were blessed to go on house visits while serving the people in Honduras. This is where a few team members—a doctor, pharmacist, nurse, servant, and translator – go to a patient's home since the patient does not have the ability to come to the clinic.

I will always remember that Thursday morning because it demonstrated how God's mercy and compassion were woven into this patient's story. Last year around this time, the patient had suffered a stroke and was practically confined to his bed. He couldn't get up, let alone perform any basic commands given by the doctor. The doctors who went last year (in 2023) to Honduras thought the patient would not even make it to the end of the year, BUT GOD. God had other plans—more powerful than we could have imagined!

When we arrived at the patient's house this year, the patient was able to sit up in his bed, stand using a stick, and perform all the commands that the doctor had asked of him. It was a miracle!

The patient didn't live his life wishing for the full mobility he had prior to the stroke. He was focused on making the most of the present moment and aiming to get better as each day went on. Unfortunately, due to his circumstances, he didn't have enough money to buy his medicine; so his neighbors came together and bought some for him.



Chip Wight, PharmD lifting up the patient's needs in prayer to God in Duyure, Honduras.



From left to right: Nina Petrillo, PharmD, the patient, Dr. Kyle Montgomery, Katie Main, Pre-Med Student, and Stephanie Daniels, PharmD in San Marcos De Colón.

As we were on the home visit with him, we could tell that he was trying to stretch his medicine to make it last, since he couldn't afford to buy more. Seeing this dire need broke our hearts... and having compassion on this man, we went to the local pharmacy and purchased enough of his medication to last him a few months. While in town, we also decided to buy him a cane so he could balance himself when performing daily activities. When we arrived back at his house to give him the supplies and medications we purchased, he proclaimed with gladness, "God has decided to bless me today!" The patient was immensely grateful and knew that God's blessings had been poured out on him. It wasn't because of anything that we did, but rather God using our team to do His work—for His glory and His majesty! This story reminded me of a biblical truth: we serve an all-powerful God who meets our needs and is there for us every step of the way.



From left to right: Jocelyn Freimuth, Pharm D, Nina Petrillo, Pharm D, Hunter Walton, Servant, Sierra Walton, Pharm D, and Paul Petrillo, Pharm D playing fútbol with the children in Duyure, Honduras, holding up the number 1 as a tribute to Lionel Messi, the greatest fútbol player ever!

It also brings to mind Matthew 9:35-38 (ESV) which states, *"And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"*

Jesus saw a need and had compassion on the people He encountered. He demonstrated the Father's love to everyone He met. My friend Chip shared with me this quote by Maya Angelou: "I've learned that people will forget what you said... people will forget what you did... but people will never forget how you made them feel." This is so true. The patients we saw in Honduras may

forget the treatments we provided, but they will not forget God's compassion and love that was shown to them. May we learn from Jesus' example and strive to meet needs and show compassion and love to everyone we encounter. More importantly, through our actions may we always point people to Jesus and His perfect love!



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trips to Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic. Her hobbies include playing piano, watching fútbol games, trying to snowboard when possible, traveling, having her husband teach her guitar, and spending time with family and friends. She loves being able to use her God-given gifts to serve those in need and cannot wait to embark on more medical mission trips in the future!

Beautiful Feet: Spreading the Gospel Through Pharmacy Practice and Daily Life, Wherever God Leads

By Deidra McIntosh Simpson

Have you ever felt that tug to GO? Yet you weren't sure how it would be possible – financially, time wise, or maybe you even questioned your ability to help (because of your history or your current walk with the Lord)? Or maybe you haven't felt that tug... rather the opposite. Maybe you never understood why people desire to go to the ends of the earth when so many near you need to hear about Jesus too? Well, there is good news for both groups. The Bible is clear: we must GO (Matthew 28:19-20). However, Jesus tells us in Acts 1:7-9 that we must go not only to the ends of the earth, but also to Jerusalem (your hometown), Judea (your state/country), and Samaria (neighboring state/country). The Lord is working all the time in every pocket of the earth, from your backyard to the tiniest village across

the waters. What a privilege to join Him in that work, to be His hands and feet... and *how beautiful are the feet that carry the good news*. (Romans 10:15). The verse before that, Romans 10:14, tells us how critical it is to go, tell, and be sent: “How can they believe in the one who they have not heard...” Has God asked you to GO somewhere for Him?

Our sending church in Florida had a sign as we exited the parking lot that read, “Now entering the mission field.” Sometimes we need a visual reminder that we’ve all been sent to serve the Lord. We must use the gifts and talents God has given us for such a time as this, wherever He has us today and wherever He leads us tomorrow.

Some of us struggle with the idea of whether God can use us, or why He’d even want to. When we explore Scripture, it is clear He uses those who are willing to surrender all and follow Him. None of the disciples were the leaders of their era, and none were particularly exceptional – *until* they surrendered and followed Christ. They lived out what Jesus spoke in John 15 that we are to love others as He loved us, laying down our lives for them. *Laying down our lives*. In the United States, most Christians currently do not suffer persecution to the point of death, as is the case in many other parts of the world. Laying down our lives could mean sacrificing our money, our gifts and talents, or surrendering our precious commodity of time. As with the early disciples, we are to use our time to minister to and serve our families, neighbors, strangers, and even our enemies.

Where do we start? Have you considered what it looks like to serve at your workplace? Maybe you don’t have opportunities there to share a full Gospel presentation; but consider the way we interact with colleagues, the way we educate our patients and students, and how we speak about peers and patients with one another. We may not always see how following the Biblical commands to be slow to speak, slow to anger (James 1:19), and to speak truth with grace and love (Colossians 4:6, Ephesians 4:15) can impact others, but it matters! We may be the only image-bearer of Christ that some people will ever experience. Let’s not miss those opportunities to serve day in and day out. I often tell my students this: anytime Scripture refers to our tongues, we also need to consider that it includes our typing thumbs. So we also need to be careful with what we say in our texts and emails. We should use each and every opportunity to point others to Christ with grace and love at home, at work, at the gym, at the grocery store, while on vacation, wherever we walk and whenever we talk, in person, and on whatever social platform we are utilizing. *Be those beautiful feet that share the Good News* (Romans 10:15). Pray for God to open doors for you to speak the truth in love, giving you the words and the boldness to speak. Then make space in your life to do that.

As pharmacists, we have a skillset and knowledge base that allow us the opportunity to meet the needs of others by being His hands and feet in our workplaces, in our communities (such as free clinics), during disaster relief, and through short and long-term medical trips. When I recently spoke with a friend who is serving in South Asia, he shared that healthcare professionals go there to educate local medical providers via short-term trips which, in turn, supports their Visa (which is difficult to obtain and maintain). While most of us are not called to go overseas on a long-term basis, going and using our skills on a short-term basis can keep those long-term folks on the field longer. Engaging in this way provides the opportunity for wider seed sowing and can lead to more faithful prayer for those we encounter in the field, while also building deeper relationships.

It can be overwhelming to process the call to GO: the where, when, and how. If you would like to utilize your pharmacy skills in medical missions, there are many organizations that need you. The following is a list of conferences where you can learn about their work, the locations where they can use you, and when/how you can be a part of the work they are doing:

- Global Missions Health Conference (GMHC) held each fall in Louisville, KY
- Remedy Conferences held each spring in the eastern and western USA
- “Med Advance” held each year through the International Mission Board
- “Prescription for Renewal” with Samaritan’s Purse
- You can also do an Internet search for opportunities with various other organizations (CRU, Navigators, ABWE, OMF, IMB, etc.).

Why GO? If nothing else, we were commanded to do so in Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:7-8. But telling others about the greatest gift ever given should be our heartbeat! My favorite verses are Revelation 7:9-10, “A great multitude that NO ONE could number, from EVERY tribe, EVERY nation, and peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb clothes in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Emphasis mine.) Can you imagine how glorious that will be? We get to be part of making heaven bigger! What a privilege!

Whether you GO near or far, always put on the full armor of God, as our battle is not against flesh and blood but it’s a spiritual one (Ephesians 6:10-18); pray for a bridge to the Gospel, then speak truth with grace and love. Truth without grace is cruel, and grace without truth is meaningless. None of us have yet arrived, but each new day is a new opportunity to live a life that radiates Jesus in spirit, word, and deed wherever He has led us. So, wherever you are – or wherever you find yourself at any given moment – GO, and be a disciple that makes disciples.



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Psalm 37 “Do Not Fret” By Jeffrey Bates

Life sometimes seems to devour us. There is no good explanation for why those making horrible, self-centered, sinful choices are so successful. Everything they touch seems to turn to gold. We do our best to remain unstained by their sin and to keep our eyes on our loving Savior, but we feel consumed by the constant barrage of their unbridled, boisterous attitudes. In fact, many times, we act as though excessive focus and discussion on their evil somehow makes us more spiritual than we really are. God’s word gives us some exceptional guidance.

“Do not fret” is mentioned by King David three times in the 37th Psalm in the NIV translation. In this context, David seems to be reminding himself and his readers that fretting doesn’t accomplish much. Fretting, in fact, seems to distract in many ways -- and if unchecked, can even lead to the fretter’s own sin.

In verse 1, the Psalm opens with this phrase “do not fret...” and appears to highlight quite simply that fretting is a waste of time and energy. David notes in verses 1 and 2 that evil men wither and die naturally. Fretting about these evil men accomplishes nothing of value.

“Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.”
(Ps 37:1-2 NIV)

The second use of this phrase is in verse 7, in which David seems to indicate that fretting is a distraction from focusing on God. Here he commands us to “be still” and to “wait patiently.”

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.” (Ps 37:7 NIV)

It is difficult not to turn three pages to the right and see this “be still” phrasing used again in Psalm 46:10 where the Sons of Korah state “Be still, and know that I am God.” Being still allows us to quiet our minds and our busy lives in an effort to remember that God is indeed in control and that He is fully aware of our circumstances. David’s reminder to “wait patiently” pushes me to James 1:3-4 where Jesus’ brother notes that perseverance, resulting from trials of many kinds, “finishes its work so that (we)

may be mature and complete.” Could it be that in today’s struggles, God is allowing men to make evil choices simply so that I will intentionally pause, lean on Him, and become more mature, conformed into His image (Rom 8:29)?

The last use of “do not fret” in Psalm 37 occurs just one verse later, in verse 8 in which David sounds a loud warning, commanding us to:

*“Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret
– it leads only to evil.” (Ps 37:8 NIV)*

It is obvious that David’s concern here is that fretting will not just be a waste of time or that it might distract us from more important things. Rather, he has ramped up his concern that fretting over other people’s sin can ultimately lead us to *our own* sinful choices. When our abhorrence of sin (Rom 12: 9, Prov 8:13) crosses a line into anger and wrath, we are no longer allowing God to be the judge of men’s hearts (Rom 12:19).

Conversely, Romans 12 concludes with verse 21 which states very succinctly where our hearts need to be regarding evil: *“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”* (Rom 12:21 NIV). This idea of replacing fretting with “doing good” is something David embraces explicitly v2, v27 and implicitly throughout Psalm 37 in many other places.

In conclusion, though the Christ-follower is called to hate evil and keep oneself pure, it is important to remember

that fretting over other’s poor choices can lead us inadvertently to our own struggles. Instead, this Psalm seems to push me to put my fretful energy into trusting and delighting in our great Lord, remembering that He is in control.

Here is an excerpt from a song that was penned during a difficult time a number of years back where my heart’s cry was for God to intervene in a powerfully difficult circumstance.

*When the world is closin’ in
Overwhelmed by the effects of sin
When I can’t escape the pain
Can no longer hide the shame*

*When life doesn’t make any sense
I feel encircled by a high fence
When there’s nothing more to gain
Simply no good way to explain*

*Most days seem filled with strife
Relationships often hurt like a knife
Life’s losses are a great big pile
Emotions seem oh so riled
But keep me lookin’ toward heaven’s heights*

*Remind me Lord, My identity is Christ
The way I feel right now is not eternally important,
Today’s grief is only but a moment
So, keep me lookin’ toward heaven’s heights
Remind me Lord, My identity is Christ*



In April 2021, Dr. Jeffrey Bates was appointed Dean of Cedarville University’s School of Pharmacy after serving as Associate Dean for five years. Concurrently, he serves as President of the Cedar Care Village Pharmacy board of directors. Dr. Bates’ career of 30+ years has allowed him the opportunity to recruit, inspire, and equip more than 2,300 pharmacists. He works tirelessly to ensure students’ God-given passions and abilities align well, preparing them for a lifetime of patient care. Throughout his career, Dr. Bates has strived to exceed expectations, modeling excellent care and strong servant-leadership. In the years prior to joining Cedarville, Dr. Bates served at Ferris State University’s College of Pharmacy as Assistant Dean and Director of Student Success. While at Ferris, he founded the Ferris Pharmacy Care Clinic in 2013. Located inside Ferris’ College of Pharmacy, students regularly hone their clinical skills, assuring comprehensive care to underserved patients in and around Mecosta County. Further, he shared clinical responsibilities in an Interdisciplinary Diabetes Clinic, facilitating experiential and inter-professional learning for pharmacy, optometry, and nursing students. Dr. Bates is privileged to have been an invited lecturer many times on both state and national platforms. Dr. Bates has helped lead several non-profit organizations, serving on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Pharmacists Association, Hope House Free Medical Clinic, Cran Hill Ministries, and Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International. He has served as a deacon at Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville as well as led committees in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and at the Michigan Pharmacist’s Association. Currently, he serves on the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International Board of Directors and chairs its Educational Affairs Committee.

He and his wife Sheryl are originally from the west-central Michigan area, but are now privileged to call Cedarville, Ohio home. They have three children and one grandchild. Dr. and Mrs. Bates are strong advocates for, and supporters of, foster care and adoption.

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- We believe in one God, maker of all things, eternally existent as: Father, Son and Holy Spirit - the Holy Trinity.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, true man and true God; conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary.
- We believe the Lord Jesus lived a sinless life, performed miracles, was crucified for our sins, was buried, bodily resurrected, and ascended to the right hand of the Father.
- We believe that man is made in the image of God and that since the fall, all men are born as sinners unable to save themselves.
- We believe in the personal salvation of believers through the substitutionary sacrificial death and shed blood of Jesus Christ being justified by faith alone.
- We believe in the future return of the Lord Jesus in power and glory.
- We believe in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, indwelling each believer, transforming us and enabling us to live a Godly life.
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; those who are saved to everlasting blessedness and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Personal Affirmation

- ☐ I affirm my faith in Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.
My salvation is based upon (fill in):

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