Because of and through the heart of tender mercy and loving kindness of our God, a Light from on high will dawn upon us and visit us, to shine upon and give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to direct and guide our feet in a straight line into the way of peace. (Luke 1:78-79)

All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being. In Him was Life and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overcome it... (John 1:3-5)

There it was; the true Light coming into the world—the genuine, perfect, steadfast Light—that illumines every person. (John 1:9)

Christmas represents a time when Light first came into the dark world to bring hope to all mankind and peace to the hearts of men everywhere. Since the Depression of the 1930’s and the wars and turmoil of the ensuing four decades, the world has progressively become darker and darker. Even the lights of Christmas have been extinguished in recent years. Various American communities have forbidden Christmas trees. Some schools have disallowed the singing of carols. Brian of Nazareth has arrived on movie screens substituting ribald vulgarity and juvenile blasphemy for the only hope mankind ever had. In Cambodia and Qabar and across the world under atheistic communism, the light has all but been extinguished. But can His Light be put out?

As a small boy I once, according to my father, called out during the night, "Turn the dark light out!" Somehow today this seems like a very good idea. One is reminded of the "Collect for Aid Against Perils:"

"Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ." Amen.

Only God through Our Blessed Lord Jesus can lighten our darkness. Through the Lord's mercy, we can by His Help turn the dark light out. We can relight the lights of Christmas. We can rekindle Jesus' hope in the hearts of men. We can keep our own "eye single that our bodies be full of light." We can transmit that healing light to the dark minds and hurting hopeless bodies of a despairing world.

Yes, it is more than gifts and things, celebrations and parties. Christmas is a magic time of glorious hope and infinite joy. Thank you, Jesus—Thank you, God, for all that is ours through your unspeakable Gift—who came to us and comes to us at Christmas.

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W.S.R.

Financial Need of CMF: Each year CMF enters the new year with all running expenses paid in full. Please pray that God will again allow this to happen as we enter 1980. What will be needed is for 20 of our CMF supporters to give gifts of $1000, or more partners to give lesser amounts. Will you please pray concerning this need? Jesus will bless you for your liberality.

Healing The Whole Man—Mind, Body, Spirit by William Standish Reed, M.D.: This new amplified edition (formerly called Surgery of the Soul) has been published by Fleming Revell Power Books and is now available through CMF and your local book store. You may contact CMF if you wish to obtain a copy(s). Price is $3.95 a copy plus postage of 60c.

Operation Rhodesia: We aim to give to each of Rhodesia's seven million people a Bible. If you would like to share in this vision please make a contribution to OPERATION RHODESIA AND MAIL IT TO CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION.

News on Rhodesia (excerpted from a letter to CMF from Francis Grim, Jr., Aug., 1979):

During a recent trip through Rhodesia by a Christian team, the following occurred:

"Meetings were held in Churches, schools, hospitals and most of the large military establishments. Over a thousand people made professions of faith while many hundreds of Christians were encouraged to intercede for their Nation...and to carry out the Great Commission while the doors are still open."

"God granted us a very fruitful ministry in the major military establishments where we had the joy of sharing our experience of New Life with those men who constantly live under the shadow of death. Many soldiers received Jesus Christ..." We had the great joy of presenting both the President and the Prime Minister with a copy of one of the Bibles which we were distributing in Rhodesia."

"Over two tons of Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels and Tracts were distributed."

"We are in the first phase of a programme to place a New Testament in the hands of all those serving in the Zimbabwe Rhodesia Armed Forces."

Francis Grim asks that we pray that "Christian and political leaders who have been invited to the country may respond according to the Divine Will so that those of God's choosing may come to help, strengthen and encourage the Body of Christ in this land."

Please pray specifically for Rev. Jerry Fallwell as he goes to Rhodesia to evangelize.

January & February Happenings: Jan. 5—Dr. Reed, FDMFI Baton Rouge Chtpt., LA; Jan. 23-26—Dr. Reed, FDMFI Phoenix Chtpt., AZ; Jan. 29—Kay, Valley Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ; Feb. 8-10—Dr. Reed and Kay, Yok. Fellow Institute, weekend retreat, Richmond, IN.
MONTHLY HAPPENINGS NOTICE

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, INC. DECEMBER 1979
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DAILY PRAYERS AT 1 PM IN THE CHF CHAPEL. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

EVERY TUESDAY—10 AM, Ladies' Bible Study and sandwich Luncheon. Kay lectures on
"The Christian Family." (Please BRING A SANDWICH IF YOU PLAN TO STAY FOR LUNCH. Only
beverages will be served.) Dr. Reed addresses "The Clinical Correlation of the Gospel"
at 1 PM. Healing service at 2 PM.

DEC. 2—9—Dr. Reed and Kay, Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Nassau, Bahamas.
Contact Fr. Etienne E. Bowleg, Thompson Ave., P.O. Box 8696, 809/322-3015.
DEC. 13—6:30 PM, Dr. Reed, FGSMFI Orlando Chpt., First Federal Savings & Loan Bldg.,
DEC. 15—7:30 PM, Tampa CMF Station Meeting, 4821 Memorial Hwy., Tampa, FL. Dr. Reed.
DEC. 17—9:30 AM, Kay, Women's Aglow, Montgomery, AL. Contact Irene McDonald,
714 Lynwood Dr., Montgomery, AL, 36111, 205/281-2650.

DEC. 21—8 PM, St. Petersburg CMF Station Meeting, St. Petersburg Federal Savings &
Loan, 83rd Ave. at Ninth St. N., St. Petersburg, FL. Dr. Reed.
DEC. 22—7:30 PM, Daytona CMF Station Meeting, Holy Trinity By-The-Sea, North Grand-
view at Ora, Daytona Beach, FL. Contact Fr. David Ullon, 904/252-8997. Dr. Reed.

We thank you for the lovely seasonal art objects & crafts that continue to come in.
The sale of these gifts certainly helps to defray CMF's running expenses. We also thank
the volunteer workers at the November Bazaar—especially the organizers, Mary Placet and
Roberta Ritzheimer. Would any lady care to coordinate CMF classes in arts & crafts?

CASSETTE TAPES of the annual Doctors' Conference talks and of two series of lectures
by Kay Reed—"Your Home, Christ's Sanctuary" and "The Women of the Bible"—are available
from CMF. These would make lovely Christmas gifts. Please write us for details.

CHRISTIAN PHYSICIANS AND OTHERS WANTED

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Spirited filled GP/FP for general family preventive medicine—whole person medicine and
Students of MD, DO or DC schools to extern in GP/FP whole person practice for summer.
Living arrangements negotiated.

Christian Psychiatrist and Psychologist for counselling with Christian Corporation.

Christian Orthopedist to work with Navajos in Southwest—volunteer for Summer '80 or
permanent.

Ministry with any denomination charismatic church in U.S. by Episc. evangelist & wife.
Family Physician to join two Christian GP's, Salary, malpractice ins. & equip. provided.

Spirited filled Anesthesiologist or Nurse Anesthetist for medical missions in China.

Spirited filled Obstetrician to share practice with MD about to retire in four years.

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