CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

WORMWOOD

1 Cor. 2:11 "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

John 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

One evening I picked up an old volume of words and phrases given to me by an elderly patient. I chanced to read something about "wormwood" which, the book said, was a rather poor anglicization of the Anglo-Saxon "wer mod" meaning "man inspiring". I was reminded of the C. S. Lewis book, The Screwtape Letters, in which the demon Wormwood was sent into the world to lead the saints into error and complacency. Can it be that the problem with man generally is "wer mod"--being filled with the spirit of man--not allowing himself to be filled with and controlled by the spirit of God? Most people today are contented and pleased to be man inspired. At one time I believed nothing was beyond man's capability to achieve. Science itself came to be as totally sufficient as any religion--especially surgery and the practice of medicine. With so much accomplishment and so many amazing achievements, who could but be converted to science and progressively led away from God and His Son?

But as one goes on in medical life he soon sees the frailty and the impotence of man and science. Sitting with the family at the bedside of a dear patient dying of massive hepatic metastases, I could not but reflect upon how little we really do know. Day by day, as I see these patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, I feel their hopelessness and despair as part of my own.

The tendency of the physician is to feel that his operation, his medications, his treatment modalities are part of God's plan in making man well. This may be true, but a century ago physicians felt the same way as they prescribed calomel and bleeding for many illnesses then as incurable as cancer. The Hospice concept was developed partly because of the tendency of physicians to prescribe their therapies to the bitter end, despite the obvious evidence that the treatment was unsuccessful and increasing the patient's sickness rather than diminishing it.

Belief in man and his modalities is sometimes called humanism. Much of present day Christianity is nothing but humanism--worship of the creature rather than the Creator (Romans 1:25). Certainly Medicine and Nursing are humanistic; Psychiatry and Psychology are also. The danger in our present day is the belief that Medicine and Science could be considered equivalent to serving God. Man inspiring--wer mod--wormwood--bitter medicine.

"Sinners whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall--"

Lord Jesus, may we always seek to be Holy Ghost inspired and not man inspired and that our wholeness and our hope may always be in Thee and only in Thee.

Lamentations 3:15 "He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood"

Revelation 8:11 "And the name of the star is called Wormwood; and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter."

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An Excerpt from The Word Newsletter by Clayton Norton, M.D. Dr. Norton is a Member of the Advisory Board of Directors of Christian Medical Foundation International, Inc.

"I, the Lord, have called thee in righteousness, ... to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." (Is. 42:6-7)

Huntington's Disease, until recent years, was felt to be a rare disorder, but, as is often the case, more knowledge of the disease has resulted in many more diagnosed cases. My wife, Jayne Ann, had this disorder for a number of years, until her graduation to the Heavenly Kingdom and her complete healing, on October 2, 1980.

Of course, our children were aware of the genetic odds of their acquiring this inherited disease: 50%. Since the symptoms do not usually appear till the middle ages, 40 years of age or more, they have difficult decisions to make on having their own children after marriage. There is no diagnostic test available to discover those in the at-risk group who will actually acquire the disease.

(At this time, we received the news that my oldest daughter is expecting her first child in late summer - the Lord's timing is perfect.) In my discussions about the inheritance, I said that, as Christians, we did not have to accept man's rules of genetic inheritance. However, it took a revelation from the Lord on an April day, recently, for this information to become 'heart knowledge', instead of 'head knowledge'.

A doctor, ministering in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, stated that the Holy Spirit of God permeated every atom of our beings as Born Again believers; that this same Holy Spirit can penetrate right through our cellular membranes, into the nucleus of the cell, where are contained the DNA and RNA. This can be so powerful as to rearrange molecular structures and even correct hereditary patterns which cause congenital disorders. "And if the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you (then) He who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." (Rom. 8:11) Suddenly, I had the understanding - our God reigns! I had placed limits on Him! He can rearrange gene loci on chromosomes. DNA and RNA were made by Him; why can He not repair, regenerate, rejuvenate, or renovate, or delete, if needs be. "With God nothing shall be impossible." (Luke 1:37)

My heart filled with joy and tears welled up in my eyes when I realized that the bonds of Huntington's Disease in my family were broken - that the 'risk factors' were those established by man and ignore the healing power of Jesus Christ that is available to us when we accept Him into our hearts and lives. Scripture states in 2-Cor. 5:17, "Therefore, if any person is (ingrafted) in Christ, the Messiah, he is (a new creature altogether), a new creation; the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away. Behold the fresh and new has come!"

Jesus, in His pilgrimage on this earth, did not avoid congenital diseases. Although we cannot be certain, the man 'blind from his birth', whose eyes Jesus anointed and then sent him to wash in the pool of Siloam, was probably suffering from a congenital type of blindness. "So he went and washed and came back seeing." (John 9:7) "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages teaching ... and curing all kinds of disease and every weakness and infirmity." There were no exceptions! And that same healing power, available to people 2000 years ago, is available to us today. Hallelujah! "He Himself took (in order to carry away) our weaknesses and infirmities and bore away our diseases." (Matt. 8:17)

The chains of hereditary bondage can be broken. Jesus comes to release the oppressed and to free us from all bondage. As that beautiful old hymn states, "Jesus breaks every fetter, and sets us free." "So if the Son liberates you, makes you free men - then you are really and unquestionably free." (John 8:36) "And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

Clayton Norton, M.D.
FINANCES OF CMF INTERNATIONAL

The purpose of this report is to make our supporters aware of our financial need, then to allow you to watch this report monthly and see how the Lord meets this need through your long-range pledges and monthly support. As of July 22, 1981, the need is:

**Monthly Running Expenses**

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We are grateful to all the kind friends who have been sending support during the past few months. With the ever-increasing expenses CMF must operate under, your continuing prayers and support are appreciated. A consistent monthly gift of $5.00 per month would really benefit CMF just now.

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**CHRISTIAN PHYSICIANS WANTED**

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Christian PSYCHIATRIST to associate with me in Child and Adult Psychiatric practice.

Medical job in U.S.A. hospital by young, Christian, Egyptian Physician (G.P.)

Also needs help with emigration and residence.

Spirit-filled Christian OB GYN to associate with other physician.

Medical Director to help develop and maintain Christian enterprise, Family Life Enrichment Ctr., 109 acre development.

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DAILY PRAYERS AT 1 PM IN THE CMF CHAPEL. EVERYONE WELCOME!

AUGUST 1981

The weekly TUESDAY AUXILIARY MEETINGS will be cancelled for the month of August.*
There are no SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS scheduled for the month of August.*
The DAYTONA STATION MEETINGS are cancelled for the month of August.*
* All of the above meetings will resume in September. The Foundation will, however, be open throughout the summer and operating normally.

SEPTEMBER 1981

SEPTEMBER 11-13-- Dr. & Kay, St. Paul's Church, Chatham, New Brunswick, CANADA. Contact: The Rev. Philip Williston, Parish of Chatham, 21 Winslow St., Chatham, New Brunswick, CANADA E1N 2Y2, or call the church office at 506/773-7387.

CMF INTERNATIONAL
NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON LOGO-Psycho-Somatic Medicine
Tampa, FL -- Airport Host Hotel -- Sept. 30 - Oct. 4, 1981
At this writing all of the invited speakers have accepted our invitations to be with us.
Maurice Rawlings will be in attendance and will be given a great deal of time Friday morning and afternoon. He will present his work along with Gerry Landry and Jo Magno (Head of National Hospice). Several new young physicians will be present giving their fresh views of LPS Medicine--(Dr. Bill Culp, ENT; Dr. Raphael D'Angelo, Family Medicine; Dr. Clif McClain, OB GYN). Clay Norton and Marsha Maybury will be on the program this year. John Merriman, Vance Byars and I will also be on board. Diane Abdi will be singing again.

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Reservation materials will soon be in your hands. Plan now to be in Tampa Sept. 30 - Oct. 4.

1981 TAMPA CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR MED STUDENTS, INTERNS, RESIDENTS, AND THEIR SPOUSES

This year we plan to throw the doors open wide to med students and young physicians. The CMF tithe account pays monthly our missionary obligations and is accumulating funds for this new scholarship fund. This account represents 10% of all CMF income. Physicians and others who want to give to this fund may make their checks earmarked for "Scholarships". This, to me, is cause for great rejoicing and gives me as president of CMF great joy. Hallelujah!

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THE LITTLEST ANGEL

Dear Friends of CMF:

Jane is on vacation in England for six weeks so I am filling in and helping out!

The craft volunteers have been so supportive during her absence and are as busy as Santa's helpers on the night before Christmas preparing for the Conference!

Before her departure, Jane and Kay made a dash for the Atlanta mart on their regular buying trip and really outdid themselves. Everything they bought for the L.A. is fantastic -- music boxes, brass objects, unusual ornaments, purses with button-on covers and stocking stuffers for the men in your life. Please plan to do all your Christmas shopping with us this year!

We appreciate all your love and support of the Littlest Angel.

God bless you all and may each of you experience the healing love of Jesus and the never-ending tenderness and concern Dr. and Kay generate as I have felt since my arrival at CMF.

Lots of Love,
Jennifer
(Jane's daughter)

HELP! Does anyone have an extra copy of the book Beyond Medicine, by Hans Holzer, that they could send to Dr. Reed? It is now out of print and unavailable, so he would greatly appreciate any help locating a copy. Thank you.

HEALING THE WHOLE MAN--MIND, BODY, SPIRIT, by William Standish Reed, M.D. Published by Fleming Revell Power Books, the book is available through CMF or your local book store. If you contact CMF for a copy, please send $3.95 a copy plus postage and handling of $1.00 (U.S.) or $4.95 a copy plus $1.00 (Canada).

CASSETTE TAPES AVAILABLE: You may contact CMF for a catalog of the weekly Women's Auxiliary Bible Studies and talks given by Kay Reed and Dr. Reed, or for information on two series of lectures by Kay Reed -- "Your Home, Christ's Sanctuary" and "Women of the Bible."
"DIVINE HEALTH IS FOR YOU", by Edward Glazier, M.D.--Continued

CHILDREN OF GOD ARE NOW FREE FROM THE POWER OF SICKNESS
Romans 8:2 "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."
2 Peter 1:3 "according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness."
Col. 1:13 "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness."
Galatians 1:4 "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world."

GOD'S DESIRE FOR HIS OWN IS HEALTH
Phil. 4:19 "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

GOD'S PROVISION FOR BELIEVERS TO PRAY FOR OTHERS
James 5:13-16 "The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up."

CHILDREN OF GOD MUST TAKE THE AUTHORITY OVER SICKNESS
Matt. 10:1 "He gave them power..."
Luke 9:1 "He gave them power and authority."
Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give unto you power..."
"HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, THE WORKS THAT I DO SHALL HE DO ALSO, AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE SHALL HE DO ..." John 14:12

HAVE YOU RECEIVED JESUS AS YOUR HEALER?

CMF OF CANADA FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Toronto, Ont. -- Hotel Triumph Sheraton -- Sept. 18-20, 1981

The keynote speaker will be Dr. William Standish Reed, M.D., author of Healing The Whole Man--Mind, Body, Spirit. Saturday seminars for Doctors and Nurses will again be featured. On Sunday morning, Dr. Reed will speak at the Church of the Nativity in Malvern, Scarborough, Ont. (Minister: The Rev. Bill Ferguson) For further details, call Mr. Bill Walker at 416/431-2442.

CMF MAILING LIST: CORRECTIONS OR REMOVALS DESIRED? If your address needs correction or removal, please indicate this next to the address printed below--cut it off--and return it to us. THANK YOU!