What Is Christian Medical Foundation?

Welcome to CMFI

Recently, telephone calls and letters have arrived at Christian Medical Foundation suggesting that an article in the newsletter should be written detailing the activities and objectives of Christian Medical Foundation. We have been in existence now since 1960, the organism of CMF being a dream which is gradually being fulfilled. In those early years, I had gone to my first Camps Farthest Out meetings and Order of St. Luke meetings in Philadelphia, Ardmore, and Mountainview, California. There I had seen a dimension of New Testament Christianity which had somehow escaped me. Through the efforts of Professor Ruth Wanstrom of the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan in 1954 and 1955, I had been introduced to the truth of the healing ministry, particularly in the Episcopal Church.

In my early days of medical practice, I had incorporated some of Dr. Wanstrom’s teachings and had begun to pray with my patients and point them to the healing services in the church, actually bringing about healing services in Grace Episcopal Church in Bay City, Michigan, with our Rector, William Hall. This began to create a certain amount of consternation in my colleagues. Most of them had developed a philosophy that Medicine was to be practiced strictly from the psychosomatic point of view, leaving the spiritual dimension of patient care to ministers and priests. However, it became apparent very soon that there was an extreme variability among the clergy with reference to their belief systems. Most patients in hospitals at that particular time and continuing through to the present era are very poorly cared for from the spiritual point of view.

Beyond this, there is the biblical truth in both the Old Testament and New that God is the One Who heals, and that God answers prayer even to the extent of performing miraculous healing. We are told in Luke 1:37, that there is nothing impossible with God. We are also told that believers should lay their hands upon the sick and the sick will recover, and that we should call upon the elders of the church and that they should anoint the sick with the instruction that "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." James 5:14-16

With these ideas in mind and seeing the healing ministry in the Order of St. Luke and in the Camps Farthest Out, as well as other Christian movements at that time, there occurred within my heart a sense that God was giving me a imperative to see if the healing ministry could not be in some way instituted in American and hopefully, Canadian Medicine in a day of increasing emphasis on science and mechanization.

These past thirty years or more have been extremely challenging for all physicians particularly the Christian physician. During this era one has seen the development of callous, questionably ethical, points of view in Medicine and Nursing with the establishment of abortion on demand, the use of fetal parts in organ transplantation, and increasing pressures for euthanasia and life destruction at the hands of physicians.

The Beginning of CMF

Christian Medical Foundation was founded in Texas in 1962, after initial beginnings in Bay City, Michigan going back to 1955. An attempt was made in Henderson, Texas to establish a healing hospital. Such a hospital would be primarily Christian, would emphasize prayer and the healing ministry as a primary consideration, and the best of medical and surgical care coming after the continued on next page
spiritual orientation toward the patient. By and large, East Texas was open to our endeavors, and I will be eternally grateful to the physicians and to the people of Texas for opening their hearts toward our vision. However, economic situations created the necessity to move CMF to Tampa, Florida in 1963. At that time a similar attempt was made to establish a Christ-centered, healing hospital in the Tampa area. Again, there were economic problems, as well as increasing opposition to the concept, which occasioned a move to Medford, Oregon where a hospital had already been established and where the experiment in spiritual patient care could be carried out.

Henderson, Texas

This experiment lasted for two years, during which time it became obvious that the care of the patient on a logo-psychosomatic basis was not only practical and successful, but an extreme blessing not only for the patient, but for the hospital staff as well.

Because of opposition to the concepts, not only from the medical profession but also from the church in general, it became necessary to turn the work in Medford over to another Christian group and to return to Tampa in 1966. At that time, Christian Medical Foundation began plans to establish a center for healing, this time not an inpatient facility but a place where the medically hopeless could come for counsel and prayer. Again, there was opposition to the concept, but God gave the anointing and the ability to persist. Christian Medical Foundation has gradually found acceptance not only by the religious community in general, but by many of the physicians and nurses in the local, state, and national medical circles.

As an illustration to what happens at the Foundation, it is well to point out the fact that this center has not only seen countless hours of free counsel given to a multitude of people, believers and unbelievers alike. Also, the Foundation has served as a place where physicians and nurses could come for the highest and best in medical, surgical and psychiatric instruction given from a Christian and a spiritual point of view. Throughout its existence, CMF has held Christian Medical conferences on national and local levels beginning in 1961 in Texas and continuing on to the present day in Tampa and regionally across the United States and Canada.

Attentive Physicians at an Annual National Conference

Within the past week, a patient came to CMF and stated that she had attended our monthly meeting in Orlando in the late 1960's facing surgery for a lower abdominal tumor. As she came to the meeting, she was told by the Lord that something wonderful was going to occur that night. She thought that the message from the Lord pertaining to a friend that she had brought to the meeting or perhaps to someone else and was amazed when at surgical exploration 48 hours later, the tumor mass in the lower abdomen was unable to be discovered.

Another patient came to Christian Medical Foundation in the late 1960's having had an ovarian neoplasm removed along with radical surgery followed by radiation treatments. At the time of coming to see us, she had developed a recurrence of the neoplasm in the abdominal wall and in the pelvis. She was on chemotherapy. After physical examination, the patient and her husband were taken to the chapel in the Christian Medical Foundation prayer and counseling center where they were prayed for and anointed in the Name of the Lord. This patient began to have an immediate regression of her abdominal neoplasm and is living and well today, twenty years later, having achieved her 80th birthday and beyond.

Dr. Reed prays in the chapel at CMF.

At Tuesday Bible study and divine healing services which have been carried out for many years, there are many examples of spiritual healing. One patient from Bradenton, Florida, with a thyroid adenoma went back to her physician prior to thyroidectomy and was found to have no thyroid nodule. A similar healing occurred in a patient with a thyroid scan which showed a nodule in the thyroid which disappeared following prayer at CMF. Patients have been healed of every kind of condition imaginable. Two patients with metastatic melanoma, one in which a primary tumor was never found are living and well many years after excision of the melanotic secondaries.
Dear Friends of the Littlest Angel,

A Blessed and Peaceful Holiday Season to all our Friends of the Littlest Angel,

How I wish you could all come and browse at the shop. Yes — we have angels! An entire tree brimming over with every kind of angel you can imagine. Christmas is that time of year when imagination and expectation is a natural part of the Holiday Season, and we have created that expectation for you at the Littlest Angel in lovely gift selections and books.

December will present the first angel in our Angel of the Month Club, a lovely brass angel candle snuffer for your holiday entertaining. We plan to have a special angel each month during the next year, so why don't you start your angel collection if you do not have one already, by writing or calling at once for your beautiful angel candle snuffer at $8.95 each including postage.

Many of you have purchased our stained glass angels and we continue to have them, as well as lead crystal angels, wooden angels, straw angels, Roman Italian angels, French Reco angels, kitchen angels, and many, many more.

God has blessed our endeavors over and above our expectations to create the shop as a helpmate for CMF, to help with salaries and expenses at the Foundation. To buy from the Littlest Angel is to help CMF.

The Book Nook is stocked with wonderful Christian books for all members of the family. We have linens, cookbooks, mugs, linen collars, avery jewelry, Toscany crystal, Towle silver, and Hen in the Holly Designs rabbits and bears. Any the Christmas Rabbit is very special for that special little girl at $49.95 and "Buster the Christmas Rabbit" is a darling little Christmas story by Brigid Wall Yeager at $6.00.

If we can help make a selection for you call, talk with us, let us know what you want to spend. We will help you with your selection, gift wrap it, and send it off to you at once.

Thanksgiving and Christmas, a beautiful season in our lives because, to the believer it is a time of thanksgiving to God for our Lord Jesus, for our daily keeping and supplying of our needs, and grateful hearts because He, our Father has revealed Jesus to us and quickened our spirit with His Holy Spirit that we might have power, resurrection power to live Christ, not in our strength but His Resurrection Power until His soon coming. For this I have a grateful heart. Bill and I wish you one and all a Blessed Christmastide.

Love,

Kay

P.S. We now have Mastercard and Visa!

I would like to be a part of helping CMF proclaim the Medicine of the Whole Person.

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Dear Dr. Reed,

I have just finished reading your book and I want you to know what a great help it has been to me.

I know it wasn't coincidence that we were on that same plane but the hand of God was in it. My original flight was scheduled from another city.

I doubt if even you realized what a sick and tormented fellow you prayed for on that plane. You will never know, until perhaps we meet in Heaven, how much that prayer meant to me. And God heard and answered that prayer.

The tinnitus I was having over a period of 3-4 months had just about destroyed me. Through God's help, the help of a good physician who is both a psychiatrist and neurologist, and medication, I am coping much better with my problem. I am back at work and I am actually a new man in comparison to what I was.

I was in such misery, I was near the point of committing suicide, even though as a Christian I knew it was not the right thing to do. I had gone so far as actually planning how I could do it.

But praise God, He rescued me. I still have some tinnitus which is some days more intense than others, but I look forward to the day God completely removes it — either here on this earth or in Heaven.

I went through a terrible experience before and during the time I was hospitalized, but I have come through it all with a closer walk with the Lord and a greater zeal to be used by the Lord in the days I have remaining on this earth.

Yesterday I drove 300 miles to witness for my Lord and give out Gideon Bibles at our state prison. The experience was such a blessing.

There is a need at our Baptist hospital in India for radiologists for periods of 2-4 weeks. The Lord willing, I would like to go next summer for several weeks.

I am interested in learning more about the Christian Medical Foundation Meeting you were attending in Tyler, Texas and perhaps how I could become a member.

I am passing your book on to some of my friends and would like to purchase a few for some of my friends who are also physicians.

Again, I thank God for permitting me to meet you. I hope we can meet again some day and have a long chat.

Yours in Christ,

P.S. Your witness and zeal for the Lord inspired me to be a bolder witness.

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From a letter —

Dear Dr. Reed,

Sorry to hear contributions are coming in slowly. That seems to be the case with a lot of good organizations.

I have been a small contributor to your cause for many years.

I have prayed about this letter and the Holy Spirit seemed to say, "Double your gift. My servant William is trying hard to serve and honor God."

May our gracious God continue to bless you and your worthy associates.

Peace and Joy,

H.L.
Christian Medical Foundation has been utilized not only for the giving of Christian spiritual direction (which we prefer rather than the term "counseling"), but the Foundation has been a catalytic support to a number of other Christian Medical organizations. This is true of the support of CMF of Caring Professions Concern in England, the International Hospital Christian Fellowship in Holland, South Africa, and the United States, and the Right To Life movement not only locally but nationally with its endeavors to expand the horizon of Christian Medical ethics.

Christian Medical Foundation today exists on a beautiful ten acre area in central Tampa. A peaceful four acre lake is bordered by the CMF House which faces the Standish Reed Surgical Clinic. Just inside the gates is the small frame house which houses Kay Reed's "Littlest Angel" with its stepping stone path that leads to the "Book Nook".

The surgical clinic in which Dr. Reed practiced for many years, given to Christian Medical Foundation by Dr. and Mrs. Reed, serves as a consultation center for people who come with all manner of physical and psycho-physical problems. The Standish Reed surgical clinic building also houses the Christian Medical library, the extensive central files and archives of CMF, and the tape library which contains not only tapes representing the history of Christian Medical Foundation but the Charles and Lavonne Hoefle tape collection outlining the early and historic phases of both the Order of St. Luke and Camps Farthest Out.

In the CMF House, the prayer and counseling center, the U.S. CMF newsletter is produced on a bi-monthly schedule, as well as the Canadian newsletter which is sent to doctors and nurses and interested laypeople across Canada. The counseling center is utilized for the keeping up with the massive correspondence which comes to CMF as well as the recording of the finances of the Foundation. In the center of the building is the chapel where people come each week for Tuesday Bible study and divine healing services. The chapel is also used for the daily prayer time at the Foundation. During our Annual International Physician's Conference the chapel is used for some of the meetings.

The staff of Christian Medical Foundation consists of Dr. Reed as President and Executive Director, and Kay Reed as the Director of CMF and of its spiritual direction facilities as well as the Littlest Angel. Lyn Thornton, Assistant Director, is in charge of the day to day running of the Foundation and the guidance and direction of all its activities and staff. Lyn also coordinates all Conference planning for both the regional and national conferences and is the editor of the Newsletter. Tawny Thornton handles the bookkeeping and the preparation of financial reports in cooperation with our CPA Mr. Kenneth Delabarre, who does our annual audits. The person in charge of the mailing list, as well as the computers, is Victoria Vause who is ably assisted by a crew of volunteers. She is also the layout editor for the newsletter. Joan Becker is our Executive Secretary and she also coordinates all of our speaking engagements. Anna Mary Oberholtzer manages all filing, the tape library, and is preparing and preserving the CMF Archives.

It is hoped that in the future Christian Medical Foundation can build a Conference center for the teaching of Spiritual Medicine and Ethics. God has given a beautiful vision of a center where spirit-filled Christian physicians and nurses could come to give instruction to the many doctors and nurses across the United States and

The Standish Reed Surgical Clinic, top left; The Littlest Angel, top right; and The CMF House, bottom.
Canada and overseas who already come to our regional and national meetings, but who would like to receive added instruction particularly in their areas of specialized endeavor. With the challenges that are occurring today in Medicine and Nursing from the ethical standpoint, there is the need of a teaching center for Christian Medical ethics. There is also the need for doctors to hear about the mechanisms and means whereby vital Christian principles can be applied in their day to day practices, not only in psychiatry and Medicine in general, but also in surgery and the surgical specialties. This is already being done during Tuesday meetings at CMF, where Kay Reed teaches Biblical Principles pertaining to Wholeness, and Doctor Reed lectures on the Clinical Correlation of the Gospel and conducts weekly services of Christian Healing.

With these ideas in mind, there are physicians who presently serve on the Advisory Board of CMF, as well as many other members of the Foundation who are in vital teaching roles in American and Canadian schools who are willing and extremely well qualified to carry out 48 hour intensive seminars in the Christian aspects of their areas of endeavor. Additionally, there are many problem areas facing Medicine today. Consider abortion, euthanasia, organ transplantation, the care of the elderly, the care of the patient with Alzheimer's disease, the care of and meeting the problems associated with AIDS syndrome, which need to be addressed on a continuing basis at an education center where doctors, nurses, and clergy can come for the best in vital Christian instruction and teaching. The conference center will function in this regard, as well as being an ongoing, vital Christian witness center to Florida, the United States, and Canada, manned by physicians and nurses and those who are interested in the spiritual dimension of life in general. This will be an ecumenical center, not tied to any denomination but being open and available to all doctors who are interested in vital and valid Christian, New Testament, spirituality in their own lives and family, and the lives of their patients. In this regard it might be pointed out that there are movements abroad to subvert the Christian message in the direction of humanism and the occult. Christian Medical Foundation already exists as a vital bulwark against psychic and spiritualistic healing. This area of its endeavor must be expanded.

In order to carry out its vision, it is vitally necessary that in the future CMF be endowed by someone who, perhaps has watched this ministry over the years and has seen its validity and its persistence in spite of all kinds of oppositions and difficulties. It is my belief as the Founder and President of Christian Medical Foundation that we are on the threshold of a great breakthrough in Christian spiritual Medicine and Nursing. It is hoped that all those who read this issue of Progress Notes from CMF will pray that at this Christmas Season and in the year to come, should Jesus tarry, that this vital Christian ministry can expand and continue to carry forth the worldwide ministry to health caring professionals. Please keep CMF in your prayers and in your thoughts. For those of you who have given in times past, please continue to do so and know how very much all of us here at CMF thank the Lord Jesus Christ for you.

CONCERNING CMF FINANCES

For all of the many friends of CMF who have given sacrificially during the long hot summer just passed, I want to give you special thanks for helping us to meet the major aspects of our obligations. The Foundation continues to have indebtedness, as a result of a drastic falling off in giving during the early summer months. At this present time we are facing the New Year and as usual we praying that God will bless CMF in allowing us to pay all of our indebtedness prior to the beginning of the New year. This has been the pattern that the Lord has established over the years and for this we are most grateful. At this writing it would be necessary for the Foundation to have $35,000 in order to finish 1988 in the black with all bills paid. At this Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's time, as President of Christian Medical Foundation, representing the Board of Directors and the staff of CMF, also as honorary President of CMF of Canada, along with President Dr. Don Denmark, I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support of CMF in times past. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, a blessed and fruitful and giving Christmas and a prosperous, joyous and spirit-filled New Year.

William Franklin Reed
More Letters

Dear Bill,

I just read your recent article "Anastasis" in the new issue of "Progress Notes". It was wonderful. The Lord has recently led me to consider more deeply the meaning of being "born again". In 1973 I discovered the Lord through the baptism of the Holy Spirit in St. Louis, Missouri. I was attending a "Life In The Spirit" seminar held by a local Roman Catholic parish. I have since then considered 1973 to be a major step in my spiritual pilgrimage. From that experience with the Lord I received the gift of prayer, the gift of praying in tongues and what I call the gift of discernment or spiritual insight. Daily, I am amazed at how Jesus is able to empower the many things I do when my soul is truly open to Him.

Lately the Lord has called upon me to pray seriously about the moral confusion in our church and society at large. But especially, the Lord has asked me to pray for the Episcopal Church that she may regain a stronger understanding of the Lord's moral teachings. In doing so, he has led me back to the notion of "rebirth" and how conversion is truly a "rebirth" process. As you have mentioned in your article, and I really agree, that possibly a real reason why so many Christians are at odds with the church morally, is that they have NOT experienced existentially a "re-birth" (commitment) into God's way of living. As a Church and an inheritor of the apostolic faith we so desperately need to recapture the meaning of the word regeneration. Most clergy now a days believe this word died with the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Today's church claims baptism or any rebirth is a incorporation into something, a fellowship oriented ideology, but where is regeneration ever seriously mentioned? Your point is well taken in your article: "Could it be that the majority of Christians in the world today are living outside the Kingdom of God and that is the reason for the present apostasy of the church? The regenerated Christian is not born of the world's system." On the contrary as you pointed out, they are born of God and as such, they need to live in obedience to the will of Christ. God and I (as also the rest of reality) are not separate. We are distinct, for I am not God; but we cannot be separate, for apart from God I am nothing. What must we do to make Christians realize that within our mortal bodies dwells the Holy Spirit, and that in our present life we can call upon the power of the resurrection, we can call upon the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to see with the eyes of Jesus Christ instead of with the eyes of the world we live in. What must we do as a Church to enable Christians to realize that they have been called upon by Jesus to stand up (anastasis) and not submit to the standards of this world but rather be people who have been regenerated, "transfigured", changed into the very image of Christ himself to be Christ-like to the world. "So then, my brothers, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. That you will be able to know the will of God — what is good and pleasing to him and is perfect." I'm afraid to say that these words from sacred scripture are not being heard very clearly today. But what Paul says is ever so true, that faith expresses itself in obedience. What God wants from the believer here and now is the believer's willingness to be a person under discipline (disciple), someone who is willing to "stand up and be accounted for" when life begins to get tough. The Holy Spirit will be the power within us enabling us to fulfill all of this as long as we are open to the meaning and the source of regeneration. If all of this died with the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, then please God give me back the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

I thank God for your faith, and for the faith of your wife Kay as well. It's truly a privilege to know you both and to call you both "friends".

God bless,

Rev. D.F.K.

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BOOK OFFER

We are offering two beautiful devotionals this month, just in time for the holidays and the New Year. They are just the right size to slip into that Christmas stocking.

1. GOD'S PROMISES FOR SPIRIT-FILLED LIVING - $9.95.
2. WISDOM FROM THE BIBLE - $5.95.

Prices include postage and handling. Florida residents should add 6% sales tax.

TAPE OFFER

This month we are offering two recent tapes from our Tuesday meetings here at CMF. One is from Kay's Ladies Auxiliary meeting and the other is from Dr.'s Clinical correlation of the Gospel.

2. "LIBERTY AND THE ANOINTING" #88-0731.KSR, by Dr. Reed.

Suggested donation, $5.00 per tape.
POSITIONS AVAILABLE/DESIRED

BE/BC OB/GYN wanted to join Atlanta based, Pro-life Obstetrical practice as third associate. CONTACT: Dr. Joseph S. Randall, 3964 S. Atlantic Rd., Smyrna, GA 30080, (404) 432-2055.

BOARD CERTIFIED NEONATOLOGIST wanted to join established private practice in Houston, Texas. CONTACT: Z. Friedman, M.D., 1313 Hermann Dr. #4075, Houston, Texas, 77004.

CHILD PSYCHIATRIST wanted to join multi-disciplinary group. Interest should include developmental assessment with a major unit. Treatment with adolescent patients in an inpatient setting. CONTACT: Sue Hendricks, Physicians & Surgeons Medical Complex, 312 Grammont St., Suite 404, Monroe, LA 71201, (318) 322-2264.

BORN AGAIN PEDIATRICIAN needed to join three Pediatrician practice in Jacksonville, Florida. Good salary, early partnership, opportunity to minister medically and spiritually in office and abroad. CONTACT: P.O. Box 747, Atlantic Beach, FL or Dr. Gyland, 2606 Park Street, Jacksonville, FL 32216, (904) 389-4140.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELOR wanted to head up new Adolescent Residential Chemical Dependency Treatment Program. Also needed Christian Counselor for staff. CONTACT: Ed Wishart, Bedford Medical Center, 2900 W. 16th Street, Bedford, Indiana 47421, (812) 279-3581.

PHYSICIAN, M.D., retiring from Public Health director position, desires Christian Medical situation in preventive medicine and public relations emphasizing Christ in Medicine. CONTACT: G.A. Reich, MD, 1040 W. Lake Hamilton Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33881, (813) 294-4698.

DESIRE TO SELL: Well established, 32 year old general dentistry practice in excellent Southwest Georgia city of 17,000 population. CONTACT: Dr. Sam J. Whatley, P.O. Box 160, Moultrie, Georgia 31766, (912) 986-4674.

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