PROGRESS NOTES
CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

A CHRISTMAS GIFT
By William Standish Reed, M.D.

Depending upon one's age, there are those in America today who remember quite vividly the time in our country which has been called "The Great Depression." In 1930, I was 8 years old. Ten years later I was 18 and a sophomore at the University of Michigan. My high school classmates had all experienced the difficulties associated with a nation experiencing a great economic upheaval and in 1940 the possibility of war in Europe. It has always interested me that Americans united in hope and in prayer in order to survive. America also believed in work and in optimism.

I can recall that Christmas gifts were very few and were received with great gratitude because of the obvious sacrifices involved. In 1932 I received a small bicycle that my father had painted red and made to look "as good as new." I was so proud of that bike.

At the university, in 1940, I was just happy to be able to hitchhike home to celebrate Christmas with family, church, and friends, with no presents that I can recall. But we had each other, our songs, our love, our worship, and our hope. We knew that we were strong and loyal and that we loved our country and one another, whether we were Protestants, Catholics, or Jews, or black, white, or Indian. We had no fancy cars, cocktail parties, or immoral activities, which violated God's laws.

Now, 66 to 76 years later, America has affluence, fancy cars, beautiful homes, and great buildings, which would have defied our imagination in the 1930's. We are divided and anxious at this time of the year as we plan great parties and give amazing gifts for those we love.

Where is prayer? Where is hope? Where is faith? Where is brotherly love? We are a strange symphony, out of tune, out of harmony, and we are confused. God is not the author of confusion. God is love. God is our hope. He is the Way. Yes, He is the same, yesterday at His birth, today in my moment of need, and forever!!!

Hallelujah, Jesus Christ the Lord of hope and life is born! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill toward mankind. This is my gift to you.

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!
EVERY TUESDAY

10:30 a.m.  Bible Study  
             Rev. Tom Wade

12:00 p.m.  Bring a Sack Lunch
             Potluck  
             1st of Each Month

1:00 p.m. Dr. Reed Speaking

2:00 p.m. Healing Service

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

The United States Congress wrote a bill, which was signed by President Bush. The bill states that if you have an IRA and are 70 ½ years or older, you can withdraw up to $100,000 and gift a non-profit organization or school, and not be taxed for the gifted amount, during December 2006 and December 2007.

CONCERNING CMF FINANCES

We want to thank each one of you who gave so sacrificially to us during this past year. As we approach year-end, would you please consider giving a Special Christmas Gift, to help us end the year with all bills paid. At present we owe:

$ 4,000.00 General Expenses
4,950.00 CPA (Audits 2 yrs.)
5,000.00 Repay Painting Chapel

$13,950.00 TOTAL OWED

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 33rd ANNUAL PHYSICIANS CONFERENCE
May 30 – June 3, 2007  Details Enclosed