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Diary*

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The International Christian Medical & Dental Association

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break... When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”

Luke 5:4-8

How would you respond if Jesus walked in to your workplace and told you how to do your job? As an experienced fisherman (although evidently not always a successful one) Simon Peter had just come off a tough shift and may well have been looking forward to getting home to his wife. But Jesus asks him to let down the nets, and Peter’s reply is, *‘because you say so, I will.’*

The response shows great humility, trust and obedience. Do we show the same response to the Lord Jesus in every area of our own life? Jesus came into Peter’s workplace, giving dignity to his position and work and eventually giving him a new name, calling and purpose. He was encouraged to be faithful in the little day to day things and to see his work as God’s work, something that he invites us to partner him in.

As you pray through this diary, you too are called to trust the master who knows where every fish in the sea is, and who invites you to partner with him in his work, to see a Christian witness through doctors and dentists in every community of every nation.

Thank you for praying with us.

May you know the grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peter & Josh
ICMDA

1-4 October

Middle East & North Africa

Thursday 01

Today is the **International Day of Older Persons**. Pray for retired doctors and dentists as they seek to honour the Lord with their lives. May they be led into greater fields of ministry, using their skills, experience and phase of life to honour the Ancient of Days.

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. Daniel 7:13

Friday 02

In the aftermath of the explosion in Beirut, pray for believers working in **Lebanon** and organisations such as HOME (Health Outreach to the Middle East), as they care for the hurting and wounded and provide much needed supplies, Bibles and hope in a country that has suffered greatly in recent years.



Saturday 03

This weekend Shiloh 2020, the **Students' Mission Conference** is being held virtually from CMC Vellore, India. With the theme of Salt & Light, pray that all those attending would shine brightly with the love of Christ and would remain salty in a world that is in decay.

Sunday 04

Continue to pray for the family and friends of Jany Haddad following his promotion to glory in August. May those he ministered to in **Syria, Armenia, Iraq, Iran & Kuwait** follow his servant-hearted example of bringing the hope & love of Christ to all they meet.



5-8 October West Africa



Monday 05

We do not currently have any contacts in **Sierra Leone, Equatorial Guinea or Cape Verde**. Pray that the Lord would lead our fieldworkers to fellow believers working in healthcare among the 10 million people of these three nations.

Tuesday 06

Pray for the **CMDF of Ghana**, led by **Peter**, and for our fieldworkers **Anthony** and **Jacqueline** who are also based in the country. The fellowship has over 50 members - may the Lord give each one strength and grace to serve him well wherever he has placed them.

Wednesday 07

Liberia was black Africa's first independent state but has known much corruption, instability and poverty. We know of a handful of Christians working in dentistry and medicine in this country of 5 million people. Pray for the Lord's blessing on this nation and for a lasting peace and prosperity.

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16

Thursday 08

Pray for good conversations and relationships between doctors and the **Nigerian** government as there have been threats of strikes in state-run hospitals over pay, inadequate facilities and a lack of protective equipment. May there be grace, integrity and wisdom given to all sides.

9-13 October Europe

Friday 09

Pray for the ARCHAIE-4-ALL conference taking place in **Austria** this weekend as they consider emotions such as anger, hurt and offence and what a Christian response of forgiveness and resilience might look like. Pray for Drs Eva-Maria, Eric, Peter & Georg as they lead the sessions.

Saturday 10

Today is **World Mental Health Day**. Given past experience of pandemics, it is expected that the need for mental health and psychosocial support will substantially increase. Pray that workers on the frontline would have the resources they need to care adequately for those with mental ill health.

Sunday 11

Students & junior doctors in Europe have been given many training opportunities recently such as Sydenham, with **Peter Saunders**, mentoring in a Discipleship Making Movement, and Choices in Life, with **Rick Paul**. Pray for fruit from these



events and for others to engage in future sessions.

Monday 12

Pray that the Lord would lead us to a suitable candidate to take on the role of **Regional Secretary** for Europe. The CEO, Peter Saunders has taken on this role in the interim, but it is a key position within ICMDA with 24 of our 84 worldwide affiliated movements based here.

Tuesday 13

Today is **World Thrombosis Day**. We are encouraged to keep our eyes open to thrombosis in order to stop blood clots & save lives. 60% of all VTE cases are hospital related. Pray that good education and prevention would reduce deaths and disabilities.



14-18 October South East Asia



Wednesday 14

Praise God for continuing fellowship among **Malaysian** medical student leaders. Pray for **Drs Samuel & Abraham** who lead the movement which meets every month. They plan to add leaders from new campuses that are not yet involved - their aim is to engage eventually with every campus in Malaysia.

Thursday 15

Today is **Global Handwashing Day**. COVID provides a stark reminder that handwashing is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of a virus. The call this year is for all of society to achieve universal hand hygiene. Pray that the campaign would have a lasting impact.

Friday 16

The national conference of the **UK Christian Dental Fellowship** is due to take place in person this weekend. Pray for Drs Ruth & Rebecca as they speak about Seasons of Faith - finding God in liminal places. May the conference strengthen the faith and relationships of all attendees.

Saturday 17

There continues to be great unity among believers and fellowships across the region under the banner **SEA Change**. Their monthly prayer meeting has each country taking turns to host, speak or share a testimony. Pray that this model would be replicated throughout the ICMDA world resulting in many answers to prayer.

Sunday 18

Today is **World Menopause Day**. This year's theme is Premature Ovarian Insufficiency. Pray for campaigns that advocate treatments that optimise women's health and promote best practice to healthcare professionals.

19-22 October East Africa

Monday 19

Pray for the discussions taking place in **Tanzania** concerning the Pan-African Conference scheduled for Easter 2021 and the ICMDA World Congress for July 2022. These are two key events in the ICMDA calendar and involve much planning and preparation. Pray for the organising committee of **Augustin, Alex, Daniel & Papa** as they prayerfully consider the best way forward.

Tuesday 20

Today is **World Osteoporosis Day**. Osteoporosis is a growing global problem with fractures affecting one in three women and one in five men over the age of 50. Pray that today's campaign might help raise awareness and improve fracture prevention for all those suffering from this debilitating condition.

Wednesday 21

Uphold the **CMDO of Rwanda** as they look to join ICMDA. Their national registration documents



have been submitted to the authorities and they await feedback - though this has been delayed due to COVID. Pray that this young movement would have a great impact in this landlocked country of 13 million.

Thursday 22

It is **International Infection Prevention Week**. Infection prevention and control has always been an important part of public health and safety, never more so than during this pandemic. As this week's campaign continues pray for good public support and that people would not grow weary of practising good hygiene and infection control.

23-26 October Central America



Friday 23

Pray for the discussions taking place in **Barbados** about forming a new association of Christian health professionals. Pray for our Regional Representative **Khara**, who lives on this island of 287,000 people, that she would know the Lord's help to see a lasting fellowship formed that would be a blessing to all Barbadians.

Saturday 24

The Junior Doctors' Conference of **CMF UK** takes place this weekend in person and online. Pray that it would be a refreshing time as they consider the theme: Loving God - how to give God your all as a Christian

doctor. Pray for Rev Dr Andrew Nicholls as he teaches God's word to each attendee.

Sunday 25

Please uphold the region's efforts to develop the student body of Central America. There are over 200 medical schools here (with half of them being in Mexico & Puerto Rico.) Pray for our fieldworkers **Mario R, Mario E & Jairo** as they lead this work and for their efforts to produce a guide for forming university groups and making suitable contacts on each campus.

Monday 26

There are plans to provide **training** for students and junior doctors in Christian leadership, medical ethics and evangelism in the region, and for a regional conference next month. Pray for the organisers and for suitable candidates to take part who would grasp the vision of ICMDA to see a Christian witness through doctors and dentists in every community in every nation.

27-30 October East Asia

Tuesday 27

Pray for believers in **China** who are working in healthcare. May they know the Lord's provision and grace to serve him well even when there is interference and difficulty. Pray for opportunities to show the love of Jesus to colleagues and patients and that the Kingdom of God would continue to grow.

Live such good lives among unbelievers that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 1 Peter 2:12

Wednesday 28

Today **Prof John Wyatt** finishes a 12-week training of trainers course in bioethics. Pray for the eight new trainers from all over the ICMDA world who are now equipped to use this material in their own settings. May many more health professionals be helped to wrestle with the topics raised in these sessions from a Christian worldview.



Thursday 29

Today is **World Psoriasis Day**. Pray for today's efforts to shine a light on the challenges faced by those suffering from psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. The theme is 'informed'. May patients be able to manage their condition better and may healthcare professionals deliver positive information about psoriasis.

Friday 30

Uphold Regional Secretary **Han** as he supports our work in the region and brings together groups and individuals under a common aim - to see the Lord Jesus glorified through his people. Pray for a greater unity, trust and real fellowship among the established groups here.

EUROPE (24 members)

Regional Secretary: Peter Saunders (acting) AEO: Nurgul Mamyrova
Regional Representatives: Esther Frei (Western Europe), Alexander Kreschenko (Central Europe), Geir-Anders Kaldal (Nordic & Baltics), Paul Năndrean (Balkans)
Area Representatives: Jovita Anikinaite (Baltics), Marina Rastovic (Balkans), Alla Shelestovska (Central Europe)

NORTH AMERICA (2 members)

Regional Secretary: Vacancy

MENA (2 members)

Regional Secretary: Ehab Ayoub
Israel Coordinator: Philippe Seguin

CENTRAL AMERICA (7 members)

Regional Secretary: Mario Ruiz
Regional Representatives: Khara Collymore, Mario Euceda & Jairo Rojas

FRANCOPHONE AFRICA (8 members)

Regional Secretary: Jean Paul Dansou
AEO: Augustin Lutakwa
Area Representative: Luc Mahougbe

SOUTH AMERICA (7 members)

Regional Secretary: Jorge Patpatian
Regional Representative: Haniel Eller
Area Representatives: Lais Tamara Dias, Bruna Proença, Talitha Formagio Telles

WEST AFRICA (3 members)

Regional Secretary: Anthony Enimil
AEO: Augustin Lutakwa
Regional Representative: Jacqueline Asibey
Area Representative: Alex Etubi

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ICMDA's 14 Regions and Fieldworkers





31 October - 3 November North America



Saturday 31

Today many US students are gathering online for the **Emerging Leaders in Dentistry Conference** under the theme: Full Joy - finding it, living it, sharing it. Pray for each attendee as they explore their future of serving the Lord Jesus in dentistry.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:11

Sunday 01

Pray for the **CMDA of Canada** as they conclude their year of strategic planning. Thank God for the good collaboration with their neighbours in CMDA USA

as they have supported them through this process. May they listen well to the Lord's leading and know his blessing into the coming year.

Monday 02

It is **International Stress Awareness Week**. According to research, almost one in five adults were likely to be experiencing some form of depression during the coronavirus pandemic. Pray that this week's campaign would provide a platform for stress & mental health problems to be highlighted and that there might be lasting support & effective treatment for sufferers.

Tuesday 03

As the **elections** in America dominate news cycles, may the Lord raise up the government of his choosing. May the reaction to the results honour Christ and may opportunities for Christian doctors and dentists to shine like stars in the darkness continue.

4-7 November Eurasia

Wednesday 04

Continue to pray for our new Regional Secretary **Noel** as he supports this expanded region. There have been some excellent conversations between our fieldworkers recently and a growing partnership with IFES groups in the region - may this work be strengthened and Spirit-led.

Thursday 05

In some areas of Eurasia there is **conflict** and political turmoil. Pray for health workers trying to care for the sick in environments filled with uncertainty and unease. May each one know the Lord's peace and courage as they count the cost and follow in their Saviour's footsteps.

Friday 06

Pray for plans to run Saline Witness Training in **Uzbekistan**. There is a hunger among Christian doctors for help to integrate their faith in every part of their life. May these sessions equip many to cultivate, sow and



harvest in the fields the Lord has placed them.

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Colossians 4:3

Saturday 07

Afghanistan, Iran & Turkey are now included in the Eurasia region, but as yet we do not have many contacts here. Pray for open doors, divine appointments and good conversations - that we might see a growing work of Christian unity and fellowship among health professionals.



8-11 November Southern Africa



Sunday 08

Pray for **South Africa** as it continues to struggle from the effects of COVID. As of publishing, half of the COVID-related deaths in all Africa were in this one country, including nearly 100 doctors and many nurses. As in many parts of the world the economy is struggling and there is the potential for corruption as groups tender for PPE.

Monday 09

Pray for **Tygie**, our Regional Secretary, as he continues to recover from COVID infection; for **Augustin** as he looks for suitable work and supports ICMDA across the continent;

and for **Mfanelo** as he looks to multiply more trainers in the Saline Process course.

Tuesday 10

Uphold the **CMF of Zambia**, and **Khozya** as he leads the group. They recently hosted the Southern Africa regional conference online which was an encouragement. Pray for CMF members as they serve the country's 18 million people and for new students studying in the country's six medical schools.

Wednesday 11

The **Global Missions Health Conference** takes place online this weekend. It is their 25th anniversary and they have a packed schedule with over 100 breakout sessions and a line-up of excellent speakers. Pray that this event might inspire and equip new generations of healthcare workers to commit to using their skills for medical missions and the glory of God.

12-16 November South Asia

Thursday 12

The **Nepal CMDA** meets each month with 40 undergraduates giving them fellowship and mentoring with young graduates who share their experiences, challenges & learnings. May God use this fellowship to build and develop future leaders.

Friday 13

For the next three days the **South Asia Regional Conference** (hosted by the Nepali HCF and CMDA) takes place in parallel with the CMAI Doctors' National Conference. Pray that this joint venture would bring blessing to the region as they gather under the theme: Understanding the Times from 1 Chronicles 12:32.

Saturday 14

Today is **World Diabetes Day**. Today's campaign focuses on promoting the role of nurses in the prevention and management of diabetes. Thank God for nurses (who account for over half of the global health workforce) and pray that they



might show the love of Christ to each patient they serve.

Sunday 15

Next weekend virtual **Saline Process Witness Trainings** continue among healthcare givers and students. May God use these sessions & follow-ups to prepare witnesses for his kingdom.

Monday 16

Today is **World Tolerance Day**. As people mark this day, may there be a true understanding of what tolerance is: respect for someone's right to hold a belief different to your own. Pray that Christians in dentistry and medicine would be known as peace makers in an increasingly divided and intolerant world.



17-21 November Oceania



Tuesday 17

On Saturday, **Saline Process Witness Training** was scheduled to take place in Sydney. Pray that all those who attended would have grasped the big idea of joining in the Lord's work of being salt, light & witnesses in the world so that our Father in heaven is glorified.

Wednesday 18

This week is **World Antimicrobial Awareness Week**. Thank the Lord for the life-saving medicines he created in this world. Pray for efforts today to encourage best practice among the general public, health workers and policy makers to avoid the further emergence and spread of drug-resistant infections.

Thursday 19

Pray for **CMF NZ's** new initiative, Tuakana Support, which is designed to provide a safe relationship for clinical students to explore questions of faith, discuss the challenges of studies & placements, and receive input from another Christian a step ahead in their medical journey.

Friday 20

Today is **World Children's Day**, marking the adoption of the Declaration & Convention on the Rights of the Child, which calls for appropriate legal protection for all children before as well as after birth. Pray that the most vulnerable children - those yet to be born - would be protected from harmful ideologies and the promotion of abortion on demand.

Saturday 21

The Autumn conference of **AGEAS Switzerland** takes place this weekend. Pray that as they consider digitalisation in medicine they would experience the working of the Holy Spirit among them and in each attendee's life.

22-26 November

Francophone Africa

Sunday 22

Pray for the **CMDA of Cameroon** led by **Aronette** and supported by **Christèle, Steve & Patricia**. As they look to join ICMDA, they ask that denominational barriers would be broken so that members would be united by Christ and the Word of God, and that students would grasp the group's vision and have a greater commitment.

Monday 23

Praise God that an association of Christian doctors is growing in **Chad**. Remember **Nubata & Barak** in your prayers as they serve the fellowship and move towards a greater acceptance and comprehension of the ICMDA vision by uniting students & medical professionals.

Tuesday 24

Pray for a new social clinic that was recently started by our member **AMC, Togo**. Their aim is to provide appropriate low cost healthcare in a poor sector of the capital Lomé.

Also, uphold the 30 enquirers who are exploring Christianity on an AMCT-led course, pray for



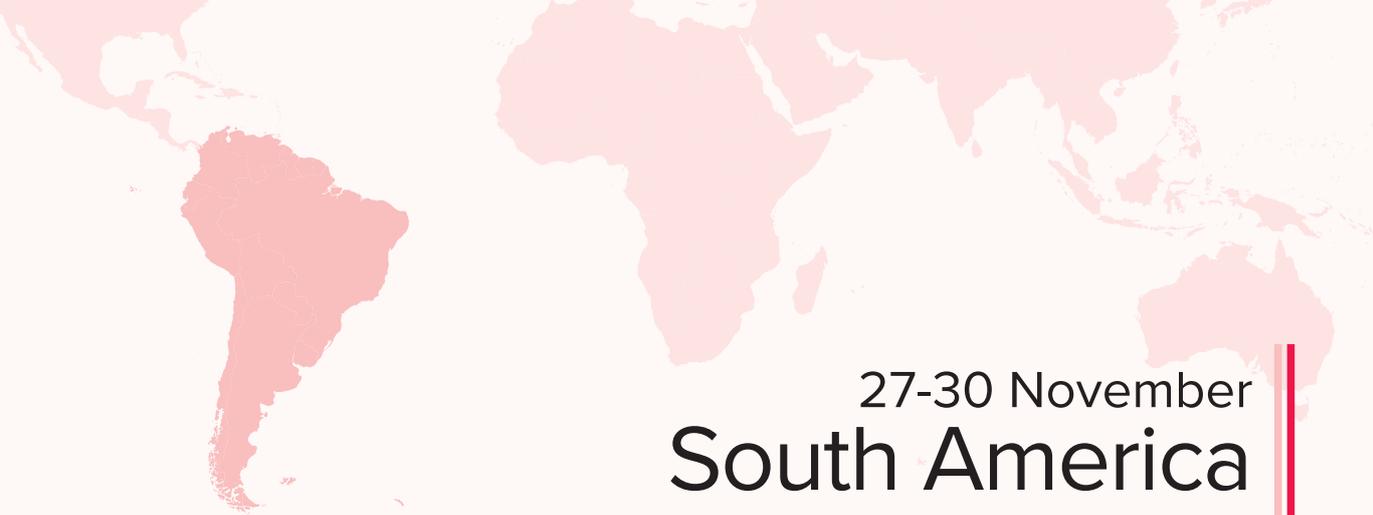
true conversion and real heart transformation.

Wednesday 25

Uphold Regional Secretary, **Jean Paul**, as he supports this new region - may he know the Lord's wisdom and help to start and strengthen national groups, and may the Lord lead him to contacts in the distant islands of **Comoros, Mauritius & Seychelles**.

Thursday 26

As in many areas, COVID has disrupted regular activities and planned events. The CMDA of **Burundi** have asked for our prayers, that the Lord might reveal other strategies to them to continue his work effectively and that each member of the association would be fortified in their faith and calling.



27-30 November South America



Friday 27

Venezuela is facing a very difficult situation politically and in the handling of its response to COVID. Pray for the Christian doctors and dentists here that they would know the Lord's provision and sustaining through these uncertain days.

Saturday 28

The 24th Student Meeting of **ACM Germany** takes place virtually this weekend on the topic: Essential. Pray for Pastor Gernot and Drs Martin & Annette as they encourage young people to focus on what is truly essential in the Christian life: who am I and what is God's calling on my life?

Sunday 29

There is real enthusiasm among Christian healthcare workers in Latin America for witness training in the **Saline Process**. Over 80 people from many different countries met earlier in the year for a taster with Dr Pablo from the UK. As they continue their training may it give them confidence to share the gospel confidently with those that they meet.

Monday 30

Pray for good teamwork among ICMDA colleagues across the continent and in particular for **Haniel** who has recently returned from Africa to Brazil. May his language skills and passion for the Lord Jesus enable him to serve the fellowships and communities of South America well.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24



We are praying that the Lord would lead the work and ministry of ICMDA in 2020.

We rely on subscriptions from our 84 member organisations to pay for our central office, but we depend on additional donations to cover our field and development work.

Your donation would be an investment in seeing more Christian medical and dental movements being started and strengthened around the world.

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