

# International Christian Medical Institute (Canada)

1710 BEACH DRIVE • VICTORIA, BC • CANADA V8R 6J1 • TEL: (250) 592-0779 • FAX: (250) 592-0526

## Election of New ICMI Board

The new Board of Directors which was elected at the Annual General Meeting held on June 14, 1998, is as follows:

Susan Benzon, BA, PDP	David Klaassen, MD, FRCP
Marnie Bradfield, BSc, MA	David Neima, MD, FRCP
Dave Cook, BSc (Pharm)	Cherer Penny, MD
John Crone, CFA	Jim Sparling, MD, FRCP
Carl Garry, BA, MA, PhD	Loraine Spencer Gerry, BA, BLS, MDS
Stuart Kenning, MD, FRCP	Gerry Wickett, BA, MSW
Mary Anne Kinloch, BA	

## Your ICMI Executive Committee

President	Dr. Cherer Penny
Vice President	Dr. Jim Sparling
Secretary	Loraine Spencer Garry
Treasurer	John Crone
Principal	Dr. Carl Garry

Please pray for our new Board and Executive Committee as they take up their new roles and responsibilities.

## Continuing Medical Education

In February 1999, ICMI will launch an exciting new programme in Continuing Nursing Education in Uganda. The programme is in response to numerous requests from our Ugandan Advisory Committee for Continuing Nursing Education.

Three nurses from Victoria will be joining the ICMI team in Uganda in February, 1999. They are Norah Fisher, Loreen Freeman and Diane Hutchison. This will be the first time that ICMI will sponsor a CNE. About 200 Ugandan nurses are expected to participate.

## Miracles Do Happen

Norah Fisher, a Parish Nurse, told her clergyman about the need for nursing training in Uganda and that she was praying about going. He told one of Norah's patients. After several months, the Lord called her patient home. It was while attending the woman's funeral that Norah learned from the woman's son that his mother had left a small bequest to help Norah and Diane to go on an ICMI training mission to Uganda. Truly, the Lord works in mysterious ways!

## Word from the President

Dr. Cherer Penny, ICMI's President, and his wife, Esme, send their greetings and best wishes from South Africa where they are visiting with their family in George. We look forward to seeing Cherer and Esme when they return to Victoria in February.

## Put your Hope in God for I Will Yet Praise Him

Psalm 42:5b

Dr. Cherer Penny sent this verse to us as his message for our Board meeting. Loraine Spencer Gerry, who led the devotions, used that verse, together with Matthew 28:19- 20:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." This is Christ's command to us and His promise.

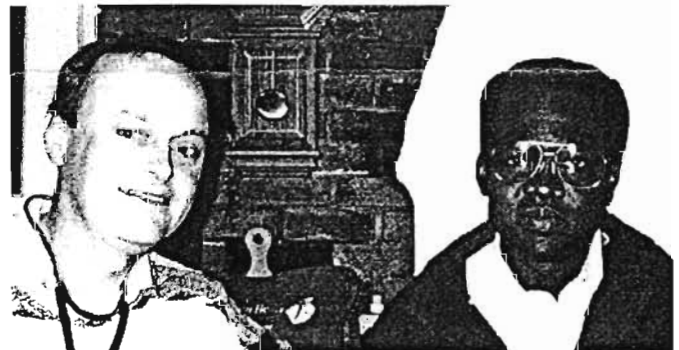
In 1 Peter 3:15: we are given the method for carrying out His command. "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience." As Christians and members of ICMI, we have to be ready to respond.

And in Jeremiah 29:11: we have the Lord's wonderful promise, "For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

In Psalm 138:8a, each of us receives confirmation that "the Lord will fulfill His purpose for me."

## Ugandan Doctor Sponsored for Training in Victoria

Dr. Maurice Rutakingirwa, a Ugandan medical doctor who is in Canada on an ICMI bursary, joined members of the Board for lunch on September 26, after which he gave a very informative talk on the state of medicine in Uganda.



*Drs. David Kinloch and Maurice Rutakingirwa in Victoria, BC*

Maurice met Dr. David Kinloch, a Victoria based cardiologist, in 1997 when David travelled to Uganda with ICMI to participate in a CME for Ugandan doctors. At that time, Maurice expressed his hope that he might someday be able to receive further training in cardiology. In June of this year, the Lord answered Maurice's prayers by making it possible for him to come to Canada for training with Dr. Kinloch. Funds were made available through Dr. Kinloch to set up an ICMI training bursary for Maurice to help him meet his expenses. Praise God!

## Victoria Dentist to Join ICMI Team in Uganda in 1999

Dr. Brian Carr-Harris and his wife Sara will be travelling to Uganda in February 1999 as part of the ICMI team. Brian, who has a busy Victoria dental practice, has volunteered three weeks of his time to work with ICMI in Uganda. Arrangements are being made for Brian to help out at the dental clinic at Mengo Hospital and to give some lectures at Mulago Hospital. Sara will be visiting AIDS victims in their villages.

The addition of Brian and Sara to the team marks an important occasion for ICMI because it will be the first time that a dentist and his wife will be working with us in Uganda. Please pray for Brian and Sara.

## Report on Mengo's TB Clinic

A young Resident, who has recently returned from Uganda, reported that the TB clinic at Mengo, started by Dr. Jim Sparling, is seeing 50-60 new patients each week. Jim has made applications for funding to humanitarian groups and aid agencies in order to provide some basic equipment for the clinic and for training Ugandan health workers in the proper management of TB, especially in the use of Direct Observation Therapy System (DOTS). A visiting doctor said: "It is hard to imagine how very sick the patients are, who come to the clinic for help".

## ICMI Membership

In the two years since ICMI was registered in BC, membership in the Institute has grown from the original eight signing members to sixty members today.

Mary Anne Kinloch is the new Chair of the Membership Committee which hopes to continue to increase our membership by attracting new members from all walks of life, especially individuals from health related groups. If you know anyone who has a heart for missions, please encourage them to seriously consider becoming an ICMI member and joining one of our teams going to Africa.

## Reminder to Renew Memberships

Please remember to renew your membership for the coming year before January 1, 1999. Your membership is important because it allows you to share Christ's love with our less fortunate African brothers and sisters.

## Donate your Old Computers

ICMI is planning to introduce computer training into its Health Administration programme. We will require 15 386s or 486s with word processing and spreadsheet software. Carl Garry has been speaking to different groups and individuals about getting the computers donated to ICMI. If you have a 386 or 486 computer in good working order which you would like to donate to the programme please call Carl at (250) 592 0577.

## Fundraising Lunch

Susan Benzon, who taught in Uganda for three years, is the new Chair of the ICMI Fundraising Committee. In cooperation with the St. George's (Cadboro Bay) Outreach Committee, Susan is arranging for an ICMI luncheon which will be held

on January 31, 1999 at St. George's Hall immediately following the Sunday 10:00 am service. Please plan to attend. Since space in the Hall is limited, you are advised to sign up (or phone Susan at 477-3316) in advance so you will not be disappointed. We look forward to seeing you there, together with all of our ICMI supporters from St. George's.

## Diploma Programme in Health Administration

ICMI's Health Administration programme continues to be an important part of ICMI's work in Uganda. The students shown in the picture have just completed their second semester. All the books used by the students, including the library books shown in the background, are the result of your generous donations. There are now 4,000+ volumes in the library which is fully catalogued. Paper, pens, workbooks are all provided for the students.



*Students in our Health Administration course*

Tuition fees, which are normally paid by the hospital, are used to cover the cost of a student's food and lodging during the course.

The training helps students to improve the quality and delivery of care in the hospitals where they work. The training also enables students to improve their own financial situation as well as that of their families. The direct beneficiaries are the patients, the hospitals, the students and the students' children who are able to attend school because their parents can pay the compulsory school fees.

Carl and Loraine will be teaching in Uganda for the third semester when twenty of the students in the picture will be graduating. It will be a celebratory time as the students' proud parents and friends come to Kampala to see them graduate. It will be a proud moment for ICMI and we thank the Lord for making it all possible. Please pray for the students and staff.

## Become an ICMI Supporter

Yes, I would like to become an ICMI supporter

With a gift of .....

With a monthly pledge of .....

With a membership of ..... \$75

With a student membership ..... \$25

Name .....

Address .....

.....

.....

\*ICMI is a registered charity, so donors can obtain a tax receipt for their donation.