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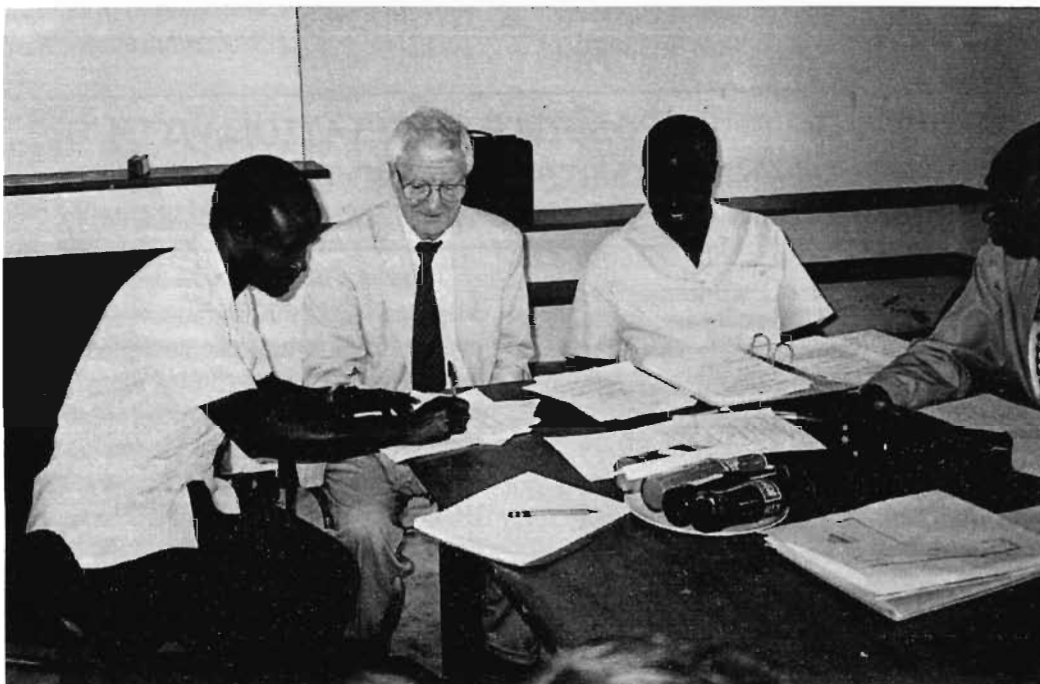
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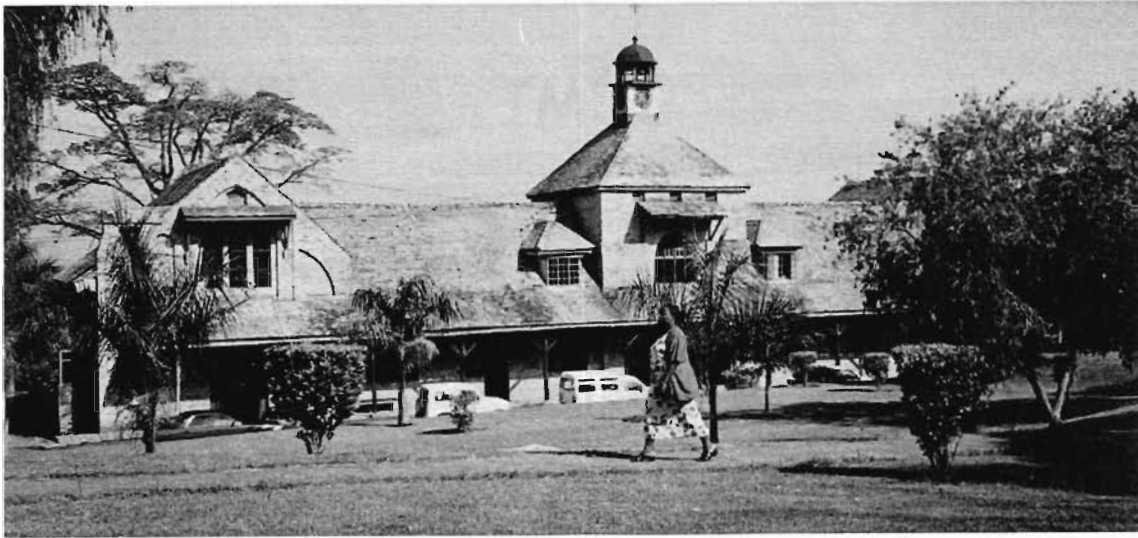
SIGNING THE AGREEMENT

An "agreement of understanding" was signed on February 20, 2000, at a meeting of the Ugandan Christian University senate.

The university and ICMI agreed to work work toward offering a joint Bachelor of Administrative Studies degree.

Pictured are (L to R): UCU's Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. Carl Garry, Bishop Eliphaz Maari, and Dr. Edward Mukooza

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UCU Administrative Building

ICMI DISCUSSES A POSSIBLE AFFILIATION WITH THE UGANDAN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

"...those who hope in the Lord will ...soar on wings like eagles" Isaiah 40:31

The Ugandan Christian University is situated at Mukono, approximately 30 kilometers outside Kampala. The university grew out of Bishop Tucker Theological College, which was founded in 1923 and named after the first Bishop of Uganda. Reverend John Barton, a member of the ICMI Board, served as Deputy Principal of the college for approximately seven years.

In 1997, Archbishop Livingstone Nkoyooyo's vision, to establish a new liberal arts university on the campus of the theological college, became a reality. The Ugandan Christian University (UCU) was created. Bishop Eliphaz Maari, one of John Barton's former students, became Acting Vice Chancellor of the new university.

Carl and Loraine Garry first met Bishop Maari when an ICMI student invited him and his wife, Eunice, to the ICMI graduation. Bishop Maari invited the Garrys to visit the UCU campus after which ICMI invited the Maaris to come to Victoria to meet the ICMI Board and discuss a possible affiliation between ICMI and UCU.

Many of ICMI's 200 graduates have been urging ICMI to upgrade its diploma program to a degree. The possibility of an ICMI-UCU affiliation seemed to be ordained by God. An "Agreement of Understanding" was signed by representatives of ICMI and UCU at a meeting of the UCU Senate on February 20, 2000.

Under the terms of the Agreement graduates from ICMI's Diploma program in Health Administration would receive advanced standing in a proposed new Bachelor of Administrative Studies (BAS) degree programme to be offered jointly by ICMI and UCU. The curriculum for the new BAS degree has been drawn up and it is now waiting to be approved by the UCU Senate, which is currently reviewing all UCU programmes.

Carl and Loraine Garry are planning to meet with Rev. Stephen Noll, UCU's new Vice Chancellor, when they are in Uganda in February and March to discuss the proposed new programme. A relationship between ICMI and UCU will be beneficial to both organizations.

ICMI NURSING TEAM TO TRAVEL TO UGANDA

In February 2001, Barbara Lake and Lynn Cramm will be travelling to Uganda to put on two ICMI-sponsored Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) workshops, one in Kampala and another in Mbarara. The workshops will focus on palliative care, which is becoming increasingly important in Uganda.

Thanks to the generosity of its donors, ICMI will be able to provide meals and conference handouts for the participants.

Following ICMI's successful CNE in 1999, we received many requests to sponsor another training workshop as soon as possible. Nurses in Uganda are eager to learn how to upgrade their nursing skills. The Lord has seen fit to provide a team of very qualified nurses who are volunteering their time and paying their own travel costs in order to share their special gifts with their Ugandan nursing sisters and brothers.

The ICMI workshop facilitators and the topic have been approved by the Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council through its registrar, Ms. Rita Matte. Rita, a graduate of the ICMI diploma program in Health Administration, was appointed registrar in 2000. Her's is one of the many ICMI success stories in Uganda.

During their stay in Uganda, Barbara and Lynn will also supervise the work of Debbie Ketterer, a nursing assistant from Victoria, who has volunteered to help carry out a training needs assessment of AIDS workers who visit dying patients in their homes in the villages around Kampala.

IN MEMORIAM

ICMI is saddened by the death, during the past year, of two of its members and loyal supporters: Milo (Mike) Coldren and Catharine Worsley. Please pray for their families.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Ekiria Kikule, MBCHB, Dip. H. Admin., has recently received her MA in Public Health from Makerere University. Dr. Kikule had previously earned a Diploma in Health Administration from ICMI where she was the top student.

Dr. Kikule also served as ICMI's first Programme Coordinator in Uganda and continues to teach in the programme where she is a valued member of faculty. Congratulations Ekie! We are all very proud of you.

Dr. Edward Mukooza, MBCHB. Dip. H. Admin. has been given an ICMI bursary to enable him to study for a degree in Business Leadership at UNISA through distance education. Edward will continue as Programme Coordinator in Uganda.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for a peaceful and satisfactory outcome to the Ugandan Presidential elections on March 6, 2001.

Pray also for the ICMI students who will be writing their examinations in March.

Pray for a successful outcome to the meetings between ICMI, UPMB and UCU.

Pray for the acceptance of ICMI's proposed new degree programme by the Senate of UCU so that ICMI graduates can pursue a degree in Administrative Studies.

Pray for the ICMI team that will be in Uganda in February and March.

Pray for the ICMI Board and Executive as they work to discern the Lord's plan for ICMI in Uganda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Nigel Lomas as ICMI's new Treasurer. Nigel replaces Mary Anne Kinloch who had agreed to serve on an interim basis until a suitable candidate for the position could be found.

Congratulations to Jocelyn Raymond, a member from Halifax, Nova Scotia on her recent marriage to Dr. Robert Reid, an Ophthalmologist. May the Lord bless their new life together.

Rebecca Lam, a medical student from Calgary, has recently returned from Uganda where she worked for two months as an ICMI volunteer. Thanks and welcome home, Rebecca.

HONOURS

A Diploma in Health Administration, Honoris Causa, will be conferred on John Porter Crone at this year's ICMI graduation to be held in Kampala in March. The Diploma is being awarded in recognition of John's outstanding contribution to the ICMI Board of which he has been Treasurer and a valued member since its inception. Thanks John and congratulations!

Dr. Jack Jagwe, MBCB(EA), Dip. H. Admin (Hon), FRCP, (London) will Chair this year's graduation ceremonies.

Mr. James Lwanga Kagwa, the longest serving member of the UPMB Board will be awarded an honorary Diploma by ICMI for his service.



Carl Garry was invited to speak about ICMI to the Microbiology Club at the University of Victoria in November 2000.

BOARD MEMBERS

The following individuals were elected to the ICMI Board at the Annual General Meeting held on September 23, 2000:

Executive Committee: President – Cherer Penny Vice-President – Lorene Freeman
Secretary – Loraine Spencer-Garry Treasurer – Mary Ann Kinloch
Principal – Carl Garry

Members-at-large: John Barton, Susan Benzon, Marnie Bradfield, David Cook, Jim Sparling, Garry Wickett

Please pray for all the members of the Board as they take up their responsibilities.

NEW MEMBERS

The ICMI Board takes pleasure in welcoming the following new members: Lynn Cramm, Harry Janzen, Debbie Ketterer, Patricia Coldren, Shauna Lee Nast, Nigel T. Lomas.



Hitting the books before they hit the road are (L to R) Bob Lake, Lynn Cramm, Loraine Spencer Garry, Doug Kralt, and Barbara Lake. Not pictured, but going: Debbie Ketterer, Carl Garry

ICMI TEAM TO UGANDA IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2001

*Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven.
(Matthew 5:16)*

A team of seven ICMI members from Victoria, BC, will be travelling to Uganda in February and March, 2001 to provide training and development education for Ugandan health workers. Members of the team will be volunteering their time and staying in Uganda anywhere from four to eight weeks before returning home to Victoria. In addition to giving their time, volunteers pay for their own travel and living expenses. We ask that all ICMI members and supporters pray that the Lord will bless the team members and their work in Uganda.

Three members of the team who will be teaching in the third semester of the ICMI Diploma programme in Health

Administration are: Dr. Carl Garry, Principal, Dr. Bob Lake and Loraine Spencer Garry. Two nurses, Barbara Lake and Lynn Cramm, will be giving Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) workshops on Palliative Care and End-Stage Symptom Management to approximately 150 Ugandan nurses.

Debbie Ketterer, a registered nursing assistant, will be going to the villages to study the educational needs of health providers for AIDS patients.

Doug Kralt, a graduate student in bio-chemistry will be teaching computer skills in the ICMI Diploma programme, assisting in the Health Administration programme and helping in the laboratory at Mengo Hospital.

Please pray that the Lord will bless each member of the team for being true to His great commission: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."*
(Matthew 28:19).

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION IN KAMPALA

An ICMI medical team from Victoria, Drs. Jim Sparling, Pat Marshall and David Kinlock travelled to Uganda in November, 2000 to mount a two-and-a-half day continuing medical education (CME) workshop, focusing on hypertension.

The CME was sponsored by ICMI in cooperations with the Uganda Heart Foundation, headed by Dr. Maurice Rutakingirwa. Maurice received a bursary in 1999 to train with Dr. Kinloch for one year before returning to Uganda to head the Heart Foundation.

One hundred and thirty-three doctors from all parts of Uganda attended the workshop, which was facilitated by Dr. Edward Mukooza, the ICMI program coordinator in Uganda, and Rebecca Lam, an ICMI student volunteer. The workshop started each morning with prayer and devotions.

WORKSHOP ON SPIRITUALITY AND HEALTH CARE

A workshop on Spirituality and Health Care was given at Queenswood House on November 24, 2000, and was jointly sponsored by ICMI and the Capital Health Region – Pastoral Care, which is headed by Charles Joerin. Seventy participants evaluated the conference as “excellent.”

Anne Cooke, Chief Nursing Officer for the CHR, gave the keynote address and said, “Our organizations are in spiritual crisis. We are not discerning where the spirit is leading; we are allowing ourselves to become overwhelmed by activities and details; we are losing touch with our root values and goals.”

She added, “Leaders need to believe that within chaos, there is a deeper order that has not yet emerged – the order that is the movement and guidance of the Spirit. This will lead us to an establishment of a community committed to healing.”

Dr. Cherer Penny, President of ICMI, spoke of the trinity of body, soul, and spirit. Cherer asserted that prayer is the language of the spirit. We all need a relationship with God, a personal God. Healing is not just a physical phenomenon; healing is wholeness.

Dr. Lynda Miller spoke about “Parish Nursing.” She defined a parish nurse as an RN with specialized knowledge, called to ministry and affirmed by a faith community to promote health, healing and wholeness.

Dr. Sydney Price-Sparling presented “Complementary Modalities of Healing.” She told of the need to construct thoughtful bridges between traditional and

complementary medicine and the importance of her own spiritual preparations prior to a client appointment.

A priest from St. George’s Anglican Church, the Reverend Kevin Arndt, led a lively discussion on “Ethics in Health Care.” He remarked on the difficulty of integrating integrity and faithfulness into our world, which is secular, and where external individuality and religious tolerance border on indifference.

Charles Joerin led Martin Spray (drug/alcohol psychologist), Adam Richards (youth director in ministry) and Ruby Chapman (occupational therapist in palliative care) in a panel discussion on “Modalities and Applications” which included a personal glance at spirituality in the everyday practice of these professionals. All panel members spoke of their caring relationship with their clients.

The final presentation by Mae Meller and Lorene Freeman, nurses from a seniors’ intermediate care facility, spoke of their organization’s “Nursing Standards for Geriatric Care” and affirmed the value of “Spiritual Care Plan” development and documentation. It was suggested that validity for this assessment is based on the nurse-client relationship, which is built on trust, professional knowledge and confidentiality.

Other participants included Dr. Carl Garry (Principal of ICMI), Les Bonnell (hospital chaplain), Louise Hill (counsellor and social worker for children and families), and Archdeacon Logan McMenamie. They welcomed and introduced the speakers, skillfully directed questions and managed the flow of discussion. The conference ended as Les led those present to clasp hands in a circle of prayer, and offered praise and thanksgiving to our Lord God for an inspiring spiritual day.