FROM OUR CEO
Mike Chupp, MD, FACS, FCS (ECSA)

What a monumental year in CMDA’s history of changing hearts in healthcare! After 25 years of leadership, the transition from Dr. David Stevens to myself as CEO was accomplished as we celebrated the love and faithfulness of our Almighty God.

How was God FAITHFUL in 2019? This annual report can’t provide more than a glimpse at what God continues to do in transforming Christian healthcare professionals for His glory. I trust you will be most encouraged by what CMDA is doing to disciple students and trainees in healthcare, support global healthcare mission activities, expand the influence of a biblical view of healthcare and bioethics in an increasingly antagonistic culture, and support the well-being of our members who are being stretched more than ever with the demands of practice.

I am amazed at the number of ministries under the CMDA umbrella for which our board and administration provide oversight and guidance. God used more than 3,200 volunteer healthcare professionals this year to accomplish healing and helping ministries in the U.S. and around the world.

God’s Word encourages us to remember what God has done in order to have the confidence and courage to take our next obedient steps in faith. As your new “Chief Exhortation Officer,” I would ask you to look back over 2019 and take note of God’s faithfulness in your life and in your healthcare practice. I trust you will be able to say with the prophet Isaiah, “Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore, I have set my face like a stone, determined to do his will. And I know that I will not be put to shame” (Isaiah 50:7, NLT).

“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the FAITHFUL GOD who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”
—Deuteronomy 7:9, ESV
One of the highlights of my year is a conference CMDA hosts for healthcare missionaries and their families around the globe. This is a special time for me because it brings together two of my favorite communities—healthcare missionaries and educators. While the focus of the conference is healthcare education, the stories we hear of God’s faithfulness penetrate the deepest part of my soul. These beautiful people serve in extremely difficult places, yet through the challenges they experience God’s faithfulness in ways beyond what most of us might imagine.

Each month as I review the CEO report, I get a glimpse into the many ways God is showing Himself FAITHFUL in your CMDA. This year Dental Ministries launched a second residency program in Detroit, Michigan. The Washington Office was busy representing CMDA members on challenging issues like right of conscience through more than 259 personal engagements with Congress, the White House and federal agencies. Your CMDA is now actively involved on 315 healthcare campuses, and there are now 92 Side By Side chapters. Our mission activities continue to grow, while new ministries are developing such as the Center for Well-being and the Church Commission.

How is all this ministry, and much more, possible? Through God’s incredible faithfulness! What’s difficult for me to comprehend is God often demonstrates His faithfulness by calling us—His broken, frail, distracted children—to do His work here on earth.

This year we celebrated the many ways the Lord used the leadership of Drs. David Stevens and Gene Rudd to expand and elevate CMDA over the last 25 years. Because God has been FAITHFUL in the past, we can trust HE will be FAITHFUL in the future of CMDA. The board has great anticipation of the many ways the Lord will use the gifts and talents of Dr. Mike Chupp to lead CMDA to even greater accomplishments. As you read this report, we hope you will be inspired to be an active part of the story the Lord is still writing at CMDA.

BECAUSE OF YOUR Faithfulness

40 GHO teams traveled to 21 countries to see 65,434 patients
31 MEI teams traveled to 13 countries
7,023 people made decisions for Christ through our mission trips
38 new career healthcare missionaries were trained
FINANCIAL Statement

Fiscal Year 2019 finished strong, resulting in a strong positive net income in all of the last five years. For the fiscal year ending June 30, CMDA General Fund did have a loss of $93,343, but overall CMDA had a positive gain. Overall income of $16,470,645 and expenses of $16,123,239 resulted in a net operating gain of $347,406.

Total Assets $21,882,695
Total Liabilities $1,922,098
Net Assets $19,960,597

FISCAL YEAR Highlights

- General Fund donations included more than $544,806 as part of a fiscal year-end matching gift campaign, with a strong response to direct mail appeals and calendar year-end giving.
- CMDA awarded more than $132,700 to students and residents for mission grants and scholarships from the James S. Westra Memorial Fund, Joseph and Eunice Risser Memorial Fund, Dr. and Mrs. Solomon K. “Brewser” Brown Fund, Johnson Short-term Mission Fund, James P. Owen Fund, Owen Scholarship Fund and the Steury Scholarship Fund.
- During the fiscal year, CMDA received $2,392,639 in donations for mission trips and projects. In addition, CMDA received $2,312,228 in donated medicines and supplies and in donated services for mission trips and academic exchange.
- The revenue for the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons was $2,030,525.
- We accomplished more ministry than ever before. Praise God for all His blessings!

Michael Oldham, CPA, MAcc, CGMA
Chief Financial Officer

Mike Chupp, MD, FACS, FCS (ECSA)
Chief Executive Officer

These charts are derived from management’s reporting for the year ending June 30, 2019. An independent audit is available upon request and on CMDA’s website.

Founded in 1979, ECFA provides accreditation to leading Christian non-profit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with established industry standards for financial accountability, transparency, fundraising and board governance.
Dr. Tatiana Santos was a medical student the first time she attended the annual meeting of the American Medical Association (AMA) back in 2017.

She attended specifically because she knew the AMA was considering changing its position on physician-assisted suicide. “It is one of the biggest threats to authentic medicine,” Dr. Santos said. “I care about this issue because I was once in a life-or-death situation, and I needed someone to fight for me.” She continues to attend the AMA meeting every year to speak out against assisted suicide because she values the importance of fighting for the lives of her future patients.

Physician-assisted suicide is now legal in eight U.S. states, plus the District of Columbia. In 2019, there was yet another movement within the AMA to change the official position to neutral. However, that movement was met by a surprising opposition—Dr. Santos and a conglomerate of students, residents and physicians who joined forces to speak up against the push to change the AMA’s position.

In a world where younger generations are often faulted for not being concerned with public policy and advocacy issues, this group made a powerful statement to the AMA. “The future of medicine is realizing that our country can and will dictate how we practice medicine unless we speak out,” Dr. Santos said. “The vast majority voiced their concerns and conflicts on the AMA taking such a dangerous stance.”

One medical student who testified called on his future colleagues to remember why they entered medicine in the first place. “Medicine did not become a noble profession by taking the easy way out,” stated Dillon Still, a third year medical student at Stanford University School of Medicine. “Is this who we are as doctors?”

Their efforts made an incredible difference, as the AMA voted 65-35 in favor of retaining its position against assisted suicide. It was a landmark decision in an environment that is otherwise increasingly open to the idea of allowing physicians and other healthcare professionals to participate in hastening the deaths of their patients.

Through CMDA, healthcare professionals and students just like Dr. Santos are being FAITHFUL to speaking God’s truth in the public square, FAITHFUL to serving as a Christian voice in healthcare ethics and FAITHFUL to protecting human life.

Defeated the legalization of physician-assisted suicide in 11 states

68 volunteer state directors working to protect healthcare right of conscience

2 position statements released on the issues of medical and recreational marijuana

“As a Christian woman, I stand firm on the principles of the Holy Bible. God blessed us with life and only He reserves the power to take it.
—Tatiana Santos, MD
Sometimes when you ask healthcare professionals how they’re doing and they say fine, they don’t really mean fine. It’s just that those in healthcare generally aren’t good at acknowledging their own needs. CMDA has been FAITHFUL in addressing the challenge of life balance and burnout in Christian healthcare professionals for a long time. Initially behind the scenes, and then in a more public way through the Life & Leadership Coaching ministry, our certified coaches have ministered to Christian healthcare professionals for many years. But more was needed.

That’s why CMDA established the Center for Well-being this year. We’re so excited to see God bring our vision to life as we help Christian healthcare professionals align with God, optimize well-being and maximize influence. Here’s what one doctor who wasn’t “fine” had to say about working with one of our coaches:

“I was burning out as a physician and contemplating ways to quit medicine. Coaching completely turned this around. I went from being certain that I was done with medicine, to becoming excited again about the ministry that God called me to. I am truly amazed at how quickly this transformation occurred … Things that I didn’t think would ever happen are now taking place after just a few weeks. I so appreciated having a Christian coach because my faith is so central to every aspect of my life. Not to sound overly dramatic, but coaching truly saved my career!”

And we’re having a global impact as we taught a two-day “Foundations in Christian Coaching” course at a conference in Southeast Asia, presented three burnout-specific sessions at the CMDA National Convention this spring and led retreats on burnout in Michigan, Florida and Missouri. Perhaps most exciting of all, a new project with MedSend to train healthcare missionaries to provide one-on-one coaching and mentoring to missionaries on the field has the potential of impacting healthcare missions in a profound way.

Through the Center for Well-being, CMDA is being FAITHFUL to providing new resources and services that address issues like burnout and life balance.
Throughout history, Christian academics were renowned for their scientific excellence. For a variety of reasons, “Christian” and “scientist” now seem like contradictory terms to many people. That’s one of the main reasons CMDA’s National Resident & Fellow Council (NRFC) established the VIE Poster Session, to help break down the secular-religious dichotomy and to prove Christians can excel in academia as we use our knowledge and skills for God’s glory. It’s also important to have a Christian venue in which to discuss research that may be contrary to popular medical opinion.

At this year’s CMDA National Convention, the NRFC hosted its third annual VIE Poster Session, with a higher turnout than ever before. A total of 34 posters were presented from students, residents and attendings. After the reviews by the judges, $1,700 was awarded to the 10 winners covering a variety of fields and topics ranging from spirituality, ethics, education, biotechnology, biomedical science, surgery, dentistry, nursing and more. VIE is a French word for “life” and represents the acronym for “Vignettes, Initiatives, Innovations and Education,” as well as our recognition of and commitment to stirring godly passions and life throughout CMDA and His kingdom through presentation of scholarly work.

The VIE Poster Session encourages more involvement with CMDA among students, residents and fellows. More than 85 students and residents attended this year’s convention, a large increase from past years. In fact, several students wouldn’t have been able to attend the convention if it wasn’t for the poster session.

CMDA’s Campus & Community Ministries introduced the new Peterson & Gieser Student Scholarship Fund this year to provide stipends to help students attend the convention. Since Drs. George Peterson and Kenneth Gieser founded CMDA back in 1931, the core of our ministry has happened on healthcare campuses around the country. The scholarship fund and the poster session together show how we remain FAITHFUL to that original goal of helping healthcare students learn how to live out their Christian faith in their studies, on their campuses and in their future practices. Because God is FAITHFUL to working in and through us, our outreach to healthcare students continues to grow each year.
The last time a Global Health Outreach (GHO) team visited Nicaragua in 2018, the team left the country amid a volatile political situation.

Riots broke out around the country in response to announcements about measures to increase social security payments, reduce pensions and repress peaceful demonstrations. As the weeks passed, the situation became more and more dangerous as the number of protestors grew larger and larger. Schools were closed, medical personnel were punished for trying to help injured protestors, restaurants and hotels lost business and eventually closed, and families were afraid to go outside.

GHO normally sends 10 teams to Nicaragua each year. As we prayed for discernment and wisdom, we made the difficult decision to cancel all remaining teams for the rest of the year, and we made no plans to schedule teams in 2019. It was essential, yet heartbreaking, to do.

While we watched the situation unfold in Nicaragua from the U.S., it was easy to become discouraged. Our staff was dealing with the logistical headache of cancelling multiple trips. As the doors literally shut for our teams to visit the country, we started wondering how we could continue to fulfill our mission of sharing the love of Jesus to the world through healthcare. But our answer was right in front of our eyes—we have a commandment to spread Jesus to the entire world, not simply Nicaragua.

We looked up to see God opening doors for our teams to visit new locations around the world. This year, we sent teams to Greece to treat Syrian refugees, to Zambia to care for orphans, to the Middle East to offer the love of Christ to Muslims and more. When we visited the Dominican Republic, a local physician shared how he had been praying for God to send a surgical team to his area for 18 years.

“If the doors to Nicaragua had not closed, we wouldn’t have seen these new opportunities, let alone walked through the open doors. God is still FAITHFUL, and He is still at work all around us throughout the entire world. He invites us to join Him in Nicaragua, the Middle East and to the ends of the earth.”

—Acts 1:8, ESV