

Dear friends,

With every passing National Day celebration, I give thanks for the relative peace, stability and prosperity that we enjoy. One discipline I am trying to cultivate is to look back at the past with gratitude and look forward to the future with hope. In the Bible, the Israelites are often reminded to “remember the works of the Lord” and exhorted to “fear not” and “be of good courage” when faced with an uncertain future.

The CMDF sectional group under the Graduate Christian Fellowship (GCF) has also much to be grateful for. In the words of Dr Phoon Wai-On (first GCF President), the purpose for which we were set up was *“to show that it is not only possible but also perfectly consistent to be both a college or university graduate and a devout follower of Christ. This is very essential in this highly mechanised and materialistic age, because to some people it is an anachronism to be both a person with a high education and a staunch Christian at the same time”*. (To Whom much is given, 3rd edition, p12). By the grace of God, the CMDF continues in its mission to challenge doctors to take their vocation seriously as a means to witness Christ. More details on our ministries can be found on our newly revamped website.

The other long-standing commitment that we continue to fulfil is cross cultural missions. In 1977, Dr Andrew Ng and his wife Belinda, proceeded to Galmi Hospital in Niger. Soon after, another surgeon, Dr Tan Teng Kok and his wife, Siang Hoon went to Tanzania to serve in Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in 1981. The Medical Missions Foundation was later set up to help raise support for CMDF missionaries up till today. I am pleased to attach an update and appeal letter from the fund-raising committee in support of our overseas work. <https://tinyurl.com/y3t3onq4>

As every age and season brings new challenges, we pray that the Lord will raise up brave and courageous people within the CMDF, to put their hand to the plough for His harvest.

Blessings,

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