

# CMDS Newsletter

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CMDS Membership Cards  
Coming Soon!  
Celebrating 40 years!

Your CMDS National Office is trying something new for our organization. We will be sending out membership cards to all those who renew their membership this coming year. These cards will incorporate our new logo as well as a reminder of God's faithfulness for 40 years of CMDS ministry. These will also provide a way of knowing when it is time to renew your CMDS membership before it expires! (Yes, as a membership organization one is only a member if the dues are current!) Watch for more information on this in the coming FOCUS magazine!

Coach's Corner  
By Wayne Elford - CMDS' Planned Giving Coach

## NEW CMDS CANADA LOGO



We are excited about the changes you will see in CMDS this year! We are celebrating 40 years of CMDS service! You will see this celebration theme in our letters, on our website, and during our conferences. We are proud of this milestone and took this opportunity to redesign our envelopes, letterhead and logo! This has been an enjoyable journey for the National Office! Our previous logo had served us well, but when we asked people to explain the logo, many could not explain the symbols that were present. We wanted to keep those Christian symbols (cross, towel, and foot washing basin) in our new logo because we believe they represent what CMDS and its members desire to be. This gave us the opportunity to update the symbol that we show to the world! We hope you like it!

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## STUDENT OVERSEAS ELECTIVE REPORT

Pamela Ng (University of Toronto)



I had the privilege of doing a Student Overseas Elective with Dr. Steve Foster at CEML in Lubango, Angola. I learned so many things during my time there. The first thing I learned is the need to develop a child-like faith. Dr. Foster shared many personal stories of how God continually provides for him to do the work that he is called to do. I was also challenged to be happy with less. Many Angolan children use their creativity to create their own toys and mean so recreation. Despite



### **Planned Giving - Getting Started**

Estate planning helps us make the best stewardship choices with the resources God has given us.

Start planning by completing an estate inventory. Many financial institutions and charitable organizations have free examples of estate inventories -- they are generally divided into four sections; 'People, Property, Plans, and Planners'. For further information, contact [welford@shaw.ca](mailto:welford@shaw.ca)

### Opportunities to Serve

The CMDS Website allows physicians who are needing help in their practice to advertise online. We invite you to make use of this service that the National Office provides to our membership. Go to [www.cmdscanada.org/opportunities](http://www.cmdscanada.org/opportunities), and fill out the application to add your posting - either internationally or locally.

Currently, there are several local opportunities posted, as well as all the opportunities that were listed in the back of the last FOCUS magazine.

On-line Social Networks for  
CMDS Students and Residents



If you are

having so much less (compared to North American children), they looked just as happy and joyful.

The biggest limiting factor was language - everything id conducted in Portuguese. The language barrier made it difficult to obtain a patient history. This limited the amount that I was able to develop my clinical skills. Learning the local language would be a tremendous benefit for future electives.

In medicine, there can be a pressure to keep up with a certain lifestyle, but this experience has taught me the value of living simply. Coming out of Angola, I made a commitment to not get caught up with the culture of materialism, consumerism, and greed, and to focus my energies on more important things, like serving others.

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## NEW ASSOCIATE STAFF

Dana Sproule - Kingston



Dana Sproule has been campus staff with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship for five years and has recently moved to Kingston to serve as the Undergraduate Ministry Director for the Eastern Ontario region. Dana has been involved with Inter-Varsity since her first week as a student, serving on leadership teams, planning national conferences and serving as a student representative to the board of directors. She fell in love with the ministry first, because of the deep commitment to students and vision for change she saw in the board members, and later because of the strong affection and compassion she felt for the students themselves. Dana believes that undergraduate work can and does change the course of students' lives and she has dedicated herself to that work.

Dana has served as undergraduate staff at Wilfrid Laurier University, in Waterloo, for five years, the past two years as team leader and internship

either a student or resident, you will have recently received an invitation to join a "Google Group" for students and residents. We hope that you will check that out.



There is also a Facebook page for CMDS students. We hope that you'll use these on-line tools to stay in touch with others.

Currently both sites have a request for ethics issues from a students or residents perspective. We hope that you will submit information for this topic for the next FOCUS magazine.

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director. The fellowship there has grown significantly under her leadership during that time, to include a thriving small group ministry, several investigative Bible studies, urban and overseas missions opportunities, mentoring and leadership development. Dana has also worked closely with teams of young staff, developing their skills as scripture teachers, servant leaders and mentors for students.

Dana is a visionary, eager to explore new directions and try new things, including work with a Korean Christian Fellowship and the CMDS group at Queens. She is a gifted speaker and scripture teacher, and she brings vision, compassion and wisdom to give leadership to this region and her staff team. Dana is excited about the potential for growth and maturity in the Christian students across the region and she is looking forward to developing strong ties in the Kingston community.

CMDS would like to welcome Dana to the Associate Staff team. We look forward to working with you. We would also like to say a big THANKS to Susan Norman for her faithful service to the students in Kingston - you will be missed, but we wish you all the best in your new adventures in South Carolina!

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## FOCUS ARTICLE PICKED UP BY NATIONAL E-MAGAZINE

CMDS would like to congratulate Associate Staff Member Ron Abarbanel (Dalhousie) on getting his article "Beer and the Bible" reprinted from the Spring 2009 FOCUS magazine. In August it was published on the Christianity Today website.

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