

## From the President's Kitchen Table Connected to God, connected to each other and connected to CDF – Change



**“They have changed the layout of the supermarket and I can’t find anything”.**

Change interrupts our everyday.

It can be expected or unexpected; planned carefully or completely unforeseen. Change may be our choice or someone else’s. We may be eagerly anticipating it or completely unknowing of what is around the corner. We may be fearful.

My husband was running on Birkrigg Common one evening last autumn. I was preparing an evening meal at home when I received an unexpected phone call from him; *“I think I may have dislocated my knee.”* Much later, after rescue by our local mountain rescue team, of which he is a member, an ambulance to the local emergency department and investigations, the diagnosis was made; a ruptured right quadriceps tendon. Following emergency surgery the next day, we were advised recovery would begin with 12 weeks in a full leg plaster followed by 6-12 months rehabilitation. An unexpected change for us, something new, something different.

Some of you will know that NHS England is carrying out a national procurement process to award new contracts to deliver orthodontic services in England. This has been on the horizon for a number of years and is now fully underway. The profession is waiting – paused, anticipating, planning; knowing there will be major change. We prepare, ready to act when called.

I write in mid-winter, for this to be

*continued over...*

published as Spring is springing; part of God's wonderful, expected and eagerly anticipated changing plan for our landscape. Of all the seasons, Spring reminds us of new life. Leaf buds swell and burst out from dormant branches, birds sing in anticipation and the earth warms up ready for new growth. It is a time perhaps, when we begin tasks planned during winter, take on new responsibilities or spring clean our homes.

Where I live in the north of England, we know that Winter will become Spring and organise our agriculture and gardens accordingly. Nearer the equator seasons change from rainy to dry and back. There is warmth all year; so different preparations are needed as the growing season lasts the entire year. Plans are made around these predicted changes.

Many of us have been both captivated and distressed by recent TV documentaries including David Attenborough's series Blue Planet and Blue Planet II. These programmes document difficulties faced by creatures and habitats, oceans and sea life, birds and atmospheres. The effects of change are graphically documented.

These are changes that should warn us. It is difficult to deny, although some would try; the physical changes to earth as we know it, the melting polar ice caps, temperature changes and rises in sea level are only some of the evidence of change.

Where is God in all this? *"He who was seated on the throne says, I am making everything new!"* (Revelation 21:1-5). God is planning perfect change; a renewal of all things. The God who promises restoration is doing something new. Are my life changes perhaps signposts directing me to look further into this unknown future? The new heaven and a new earth when there will be new ways and even newness will be new.

God will pitch His tent and dwell with us. Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and His time on earth shows us what God is planning to do again but this time on a cosmic scale. Utter change and transformation. He is coming and will live forever, in our midst, a healing, comforting, celebrating presence. Heaven and earth were joined together in Jesus, and one day will again be joined, fully and forever.

On a personal level, my husband's accident and recovery from injury have

unexpectedly changed things for me. John cannot drive the car and he must keep the full leg plaster dry. He is making excellent progress though and can now reach his feet to put on his own shoes and socks! My orthodontic work will change in ways when, as a result of the NHS Procurement, I close my practice to make way for new orthodontic provision and delivery. So, what is God's plan? We don't know, but there will be space for prayer and preparation for change.

So, I urge us all to take hold of change in our lives, be it expected or unexpected, pray it through and look up and ahead for the new thing that God is doing.

Let us all be encouraged by Paul's words to the Colossians, (Col 3:23), *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."*



**Susie Matthew**  
CDF President

## Do You Have a Story to Tell?

### Dear CDF members,

I'm asking for your BEST story where you have seen Jesus do amazing things! This is your story that you 'always' tell in Church, dinner table with friends etc that makes the listeners laugh, cry, reflect on life; it has an impact no matter how many times you tell it! It can be funny, sad, serious or light-hearted BUT a life or lives were being changed because of that story!

I'm looking to start a small book project called, "While You Were Waiting" that hopefully we can place into Dental Practices around the UK free of charge to 'waiting' patients.

The booklet will;

- Aim to create interest and be an easy quick read which a patient may want to take away with them.
- It will contain stories from around the world & the UK with animations of how colleagues have served the poor & marginalised, made a difference, etc which is a big interest point in UK Dentistry.
- Called, "While You Were Waiting" with a link to the 'While You Were Waiting' website.
- Can't be overtly evangelistic otherwise other practice owners won't receive it. The stories need to be more about changing lives.
- The stories can be funny, serious, contemplative etc.
- Each story you bring will allow me to end the 'chapter' with a quote/reflection that would create 'evangelistic' interest for the reader.
- At the end of the booklet is an opportunity to find out more about why the booklet has been written with a QR code that can be used on their mobile phone that takes the reader to a website explaining the Christian faith.

If you would like to be involved then please contact me at [ian@bridge2aid.org](mailto:ian@bridge2aid.org)

**Ian Wilson**

# A Message From the Treasurer



**At our Conference in October I was asked how we use the money that you all so generously give to CDF.**

### What do we do now?

Subscriptions and donations are received from CDF members. Some donations are restricted to Mission Partners and some are for general funds. It has historically been the case that restricted giving received is less than we give away to our Mission Partners, the balance being made up from general funds.

Council members are all volunteers and they claim reimbursement for travelling costs to the council meeting in April. Our President also claims travelling costs for work carried out on behalf of CDF.

The giving at Conference is considered separately and this year was split 63% to our mission partners, 25% to Dentaaid and 12% to UCCF who work within our Universities.

### How do we decide how much to give?

We need to make sure that we have sufficient funds in the account to cover running costs, money for any upcoming costs e.g. Website updates and a safety net to allow for unexpected costs.

Our financial year is from April 1st to March 31st and our estimated budget for 2018/19 is:

EXPENDITURE - based on 2017 plus 3%	£
Printing/publications/adverts	4,100
Contribution conference costs (includes speaker fees)	2,000
Student work (includes electives)	2,000
Governance & council	1,400
Management & admin	5,000
Mission partners & charity (estimate)	26,000
Contingency	5,000
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>£45,500</b>

The Treasurer looks at the accounts in September and January and deducts the deemed running costs for the charity for that period. Currently £12,000 is kept in reserve plus any special costs that need to be allowed for. In September we give £10,000 to mission partners. In January most of the income has been received and the gift aid claimed. The President and Treasurer look at the overall financial year and take into account any significant expenditure incurred or expected in that financial year.

60%-70% of remaining annual income is calculated. Taken from this is the amount given in September leaving a final amount to split between mission partners.

### How is the mission fund allocated?

Mission partners have to be working in the dental field and the decision to include them is taken at a Council meeting and reviewed annually. The Mission Secretary is in contact with our Mission partners and updates the council. Every Mission partner is allocated a number of points based on their own circumstances and from this the amount is calculated.

Our giving to Mission partners including conference giving:

2015/16	£31,349
2016/17	£24,236
2017/18	£25,768

### What about the future?

Membership subscription has remained the same for many years and at present just cover these running costs. Our running costs are increasing year on year. Most members give well above their annual subscription and the surplus is allocated to our Mission partners.

At our next council meeting in April we will consider whether to increase the basic annual subscription. Please could you pray about this decision?

I would be grateful for your feedback.

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### Maureen Richards

Treasurer

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for further details.

## Save the Date!

This year's Annual Family Conference will be held at Hothorpe Hall 1st-3rd November 2019.

Put it in your diary now! More details to follow soon.

Some of the talks from last year's conference are now on the website. You can navigate to them by selecting Events/Annual conference at [www.cdf-uk.org](http://www.cdf-uk.org)

# My Trip to Mandritsara, Madagascar July 2018



**Mandritsara is a town in a remote part of Northern Madagascar. It is hard to get to, unless you are fortunate enough to get a Helimission helicopter or MAF plane to it. The only reason it gets a mention in any guide book is that it has one of the best hospitals in the country. This is because nearly 30 years ago David and Jane Mann were called to go as pioneer missionaries to set up a medical service in a regional centre where there was only a small government clinic. Alan Vogt was their dentist and he treated the Mann family of four children whenever they were back in the UK!**

Good News Hospital (HVM) was set up and alongside it a Community Health outreach team, a school and a radio station. It is distinctive as it is set up and run collaboratively with Malagasy believers and the work and the overtly Christian outreach are done simultaneously. The hospital does everything a small general hospital would



*The packing with bears protecting the equipment!*

be expected to do, including the laboratory tests, surgery, a maternity unit and both out-patients and in-patients. They also do specialist eye surgery and complex fistula surgery.

The medical staff are a mix of British and Malagasy and every day begins with the outpatients meeting in the open waiting area and hearing the gospel and singing. Afterwards the staff split off into prayer groups, depending on their speciality and then the day begins.

I came across this wonderful work when one of the Mann's daughters, Rebecca, came to the church where my husband is pastor, Eden Baptist Church, Cambridge. My daughter was in the youth group Rebecca helps run and was immediately interested as her grandfather (my father-in-law) was born in Madagascar where his parents were long-time missionaries. She went out for two summers helping in the school and with the missionary children. Whilst there, she chatted with a surgeon and anaesthetist Matt Sherratt. On discovering that I am a dentist he asked if I would go out and teach him the rudiments of simple dentistry and better local anaesthetic and exodontia techniques.

After discussion, planning and asking CDF to help with finances and getting practical help from DentaId, I went out in July 2018. Getting all the dental materials (white powder!) and suspicious medicaments through customs was a bit nerve wracking, but taking a mountain of knitted, lurid bears for the maternity hospital and packing them around the forceps etc possibly helped!

I spent only a short, but intense, week working with Matt and teaching some of the medics LA techniques and the principles of extractions. I saw over 50 patients who came from all levels of the hospital staff; from cleaners to maintenance men to nurses, teachers, doctors and the occasional out-patient.

I was also able to advise the occasional

missionary whose nearest dentist is a 24-hour bus journey away, in the capital Antananarivo. (Tana for short.)

The highlight was meeting the people, although communication was sometimes hard if they only spoke the local dialect and sadly my French is limited and my Malagasy non-existent. Matt was a great interpreter and when he wasn't there the French-speaking, local Nurse Madame Pirette managed wonderfully. I also managed to effectively train my daughter as a dental nurse in the last couple of days. The warm relationships between the staff were obvious and a real witness. Every staff member has to be a believer and I think it really shone through their interactions.



*Teaching at the weekly staff meeting.*

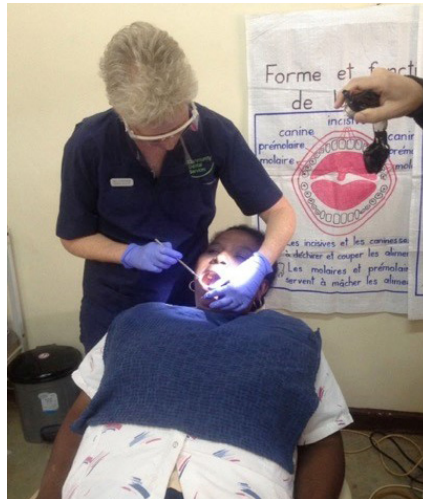
The equipment was always likely to be a struggle as it had all been put away in a container after the Malagasy dentist left five years ago. It was in a room with a sink, but which was otherwise an office. The nurse had kindly put a tablecloth on the only work surface, a wooden desk. The autoclave worked but, to cool things for re-use, I found them being rinsed in well water! The compressed air was leaking profusely from the unit initially, but a Dutch engineer, Rutgar, arrived the day I started work and he was able to fix it. He also fixed the light, although head torches do a good job I discovered. The X-ray machine did a fine job, although all the images were opaque and to see them you had to point them to the ground! (I never worked that out...) The suction machine was fixed on day four, but I discovered all the patients had a great aim when spitting in a bucket

during any treatment before that point. There were no wipes, sprays or disposable bibs or cups. Alcohol and gauze were adequate. I had to ask for clean, filtered water for rinsing and syringing (the fast speed drill had no water coming through) and it was brought in an old Coke bottle, which was amusing!

I had been told by an ex-missionary any extractions were likely to be of periodontally compromised teeth or of those that had suffered repeated infections and so they would be relatively easy. Unfortunately I found retained roots that were really tough to remove and I was grateful for very stoical patients with a high tolerance! It was hard not to be able to reassure them in a language they understood well, if at all. One young, healthy man convinced me, against my better judgement, to remove rather than restore his lower molar and I found my self battling with what appeared to be a tooth ankylosed into his mandible. He no doubt regretted his choice, as I regretted going along with it!

I did see one case that is a mystery to me. A young 18-month-old child was brought in from a village who was generally unwell with a systemic illness. He had a temperature and was not eating or drinking and was very poorly. He also had some white, almost fibrous tissue, apparently coming down from the area where an upper molar would erupt and which was adherent. No-one had any idea what it was and thought the new dentist was sure to have an idea. I did manage to pull some of it off and we sent it to the capital, Tana, for pathology testing, but I never heard the results. We gave the child antibiotics and saw him on my final day when he was much better and the mouth looked normal. Maybe you can let me know if you have an idea of a diagnosis?

I hope I did more good than harm in the short time I was there. I certainly loved the people and was massively impressed by the dogged service of the missionaries and their families. I think the one aspect I was struck by was how beautiful the surroundings are but how dull the living



*Treating staff.*

conditions. There was literally nothing to do. This is fine in the short-term but having no leisure opportunities must be hard in the long-term. I gather short-termers are passed around for meals as a kind of entertainment! The women often ran together in a small group at daybreak to get off the compound and get exercise. The children have goats to play with and do a mixture of local school and home-schooling with a British teacher, Naomi Coleman.

As I write we have heard that two of the long-term British families are coming back and a Swiss couple are also leaving and the lead maintenance man, a Malagasy, is now in Tana for his children's education. It is hard not to worry about the future of the Good News Hospital when you look at those facts. However, when you look back at all that has been achieved by faithful servants it is clearly a project that has been blessed by God and I can only pray and entrust it to Him.

My husband spoke during the week to the pastors and leaders of local churches at the Mandritsara Baptist Church conference. We expected 30 or so to come, but 111 turned up and a gifted translator worked hard with Julian over the week and I believe it was blessed time. The leaders have sprung from the one main Baptist church growing into more than 60 churches in the vicinity. This was often due to the Community Health teams going out into remote villages. Sometimes they get a request to go to a distant village and are expressly asked not

just to bring better health but to tell them of the Jesus that has made such a difference in another village. Many people have been delivered from lives in the grip of ancestor worship and fear of spirits to a life of joy and peace. Apparently the children of Christian families often do better academically, and get into tertiary education in a way others don't. Not that that is everything, but it shows it makes a radical difference.

The main church has grown from a congregation of 25 to 500 over the last 25 years and is a shining example of what God is able to do with us when we respond to His call and work faithfully and prayerfully together in love and respect. Equally the hospital had grown from nothing to a vibrant community of Christian staff and their families. And from it a thriving school and a radio station and the essential Community Health Team.



*The entrance to the Good News Hospital, Mandritsara, Madagascar*

Can I ask you to momentarily stop and pray for God to bless the work of the Good News Hospital, Mandritsara?

- That new staff would be found to replace those leaving (who include the overall project leader, Mat Linley).
- That the remaining staff would not become discouraged or lonely.
- That the work would continue and people would be healed and saved.

If you want to follow the work the website is [mandritsara.org.uk/the-good-news-hospital](http://mandritsara.org.uk/the-good-news-hospital)

If you want to give the details are on the site.

**Debbie Hardyman**

# Introducing Prince Thomas

## CDF President Elect



### **When did you first become involved with CDF?**

My first involvement with CDF was in 2012, when I attended the annual

conference with my family. I found them to be a very welcoming group, with a passion for missions and keen to create a positive impact in the workplace.

### **How did you become a Christian?**

I was born and brought up in a Christian family in Chennai (formerly called Madras), the capital city of Tamil Nadu, South India. My parents are from the nearby state of Kerala and migrated to Chennai for employment. We attended the local Madras Marthoma Church where I was encouraged to get involved with various mission organisations and interdenominational churches and realised that having a vibrant personal relationship with Christ is what finally matters. I made my own confession of faith at the age of about 16 years at a youth camp.

### **Why CDF? Tell me how that came about?**

In India I was actively involved with the Evangelical Medical Fellowship of India (EMFI) which encouraged medical and dental students and graduates to “try” Christ in both their personal and professional settings. After searching the internet I stumbled upon CDF and found it shared a similar ethos as EMFI and decided to go to their annual conference. I discovered a wonderful group of supportive Christian colleagues who made me and my family feel most welcome and I have returned every year since.

My wife Julie and I have since been co-ordinating the North-West CDF regional group and organise regular monthly meetings for any Bible believing dentists or DCPs in Liverpool.

### **Tell me about your dental career**

I graduated from the Dr.MGR. Medical University, Tami INadu, India in 1994 and

completed a one-year internship which included postings in all dental specialities. Later on, I served as a clinical tutor in the departments of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery followed by a similar stint in the Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics Dept at Ragas Dental College and Hospital in Chennai for three years. I pursued a full time Masters in Prosthodontics (MDS) to enter onto the specialist register in India and taught the speciality at a post-graduate level. Meanwhile I maintained a Private practice with my wife Julie until 2005 before relocating to the UK in 2006.

In the UK, after passing the MFDSRCPS from Glasgow I was fortunate enough to get a Post Graduate certificate in Endodontics from UCL, Eastman Dental Institute and later on another Post Graduate Certificate in Implantology from Sheffield.

I can boldly testify that in the above journey I have clearly seen the miraculous guiding hand of Jesus at every stage.

### **Where are you working now?**

I currently hold three jobs in a typical working week, spending the majority of my time as an Associate GDP in Liverpool. The rest of my time I work as a Clinical Teacher in Restorative Dentistry at the Liverpool University Dental Hospital and one day as a Speciality Dentist in Prosthodontics for the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals Trust.

### **Tell me about your family.**

My wife Julie is a dentist in Liverpool and we have two teenage children. Jeremy is 16-years-old and Grace is 13-years-old.

### **Where do you worship?**

I am a member of our Traditional Indian congregation at Carmel Marthoma Church, Liverpool which is in full communion with the Church of England and meets on a Saturday. On Sunday we enjoy attending the Frontline Church in Liverpool.

### **You are now President Elect, how did you decide to take up the post and what do you bring to CDF?**

When the current President, Susie, phoned

me up to say that the Council had suggested my name to take up the role, my first thoughts were “Surely there are more able people to do this job”. After successive phone calls discussing the job description, waiting in prayer, sounding it out with family and a few trusted friends it became apparent that I was “nudged” with multiple sources of confirmation. I was reminded that God’s purposes are fuelled by God’s resources.

My task now is to prayerfully reflect on my past experiences with various mission organisations and explore the possibilities of how to adapt them into current CDF workings; to listen to His voice and guidance while familiarising myself with the practical workings of the CDF.

### **As President Elect, where do you see God taking CDF over the next three years?**

With respectful acknowledgement to what has already been built up by my able predecessors, I take confidence in the fact that the present Council is made up of people who take prayer seriously and that means a lot. In the coming years as we prayerfully move forward with confident faith, I can see New Life being poured into the basic aims of our Fellowship’s existence which are to Encourage, Enrich and Witness.

### **So what do you see happening in CDF?**

The principal aim of the CDF is to provide an active Christian influence in the dental profession. I would like to see a re-emergence of regional groups who would seek to pray and intercede with Bible believing colleagues in their vicinity at regular intervals. A CDF reaching out to enrich and equip dental students, Vocational trainees and Foundation dentists. A Fellowship which intertwines itself with the passion and mission of its overseas mission partners and strives to support and encourage them.

I rest assured in the fact that this is His work and we need to be effective stewards for a rich harvest.

**Prince Thomas**  
President Elect

# Introducing a New Mission Partner



**At the October 2018 CDF Council meeting it was decided to take on Jackie Knowles as a new Mission Partner. Here she introduces herself.**

I write from the Africa Mercy, a Christian run hospital ship, belonging to the organisation Mercy Ships, where I help to run the dental team. My official title is Dental Team Supervisor, but in reality, I help to run the team with the Lead Dentist, David, from the US.

So how did I get involved with Mercy Ships, I hear you ask? A friend from my church in the U.K. came to the ship as a physician back in 2012 when the ship was in Togo and her blogs and Facebook posts inspired me. I had had mission on my heart for many years and it was just a matter of finding the right time, both in my life and in God's plans. I heard the Africa Mercy had a dental team so it fitted my mission heart and my profession as a dental nurse. One night in May 2012 I emailed the headquarters in Texas and within six months I was here!

I am now on my 5th visit. My first two were as a dental nurse (or assistant as we are called here) in Guinea and in Madagascar. I was then asked to consider becoming Lead Dental Assistant in Benin. Part way through last year in Cameroon, I was approached to become Dental Team Supervisor, which felt (and still feels

actually) very daunting, but with God's promise that He is the great I Am and I am inadequate in my own strength, I accepted and here I am!

At the moment we are in Guinea for ten months, based in Conakry, the capital city and are running a dental clinic in the university. There is a dental school there but much of it was falling apart and not used and the dental students had extremely little practical experience. David saw this and had the vision to renovate the school, working closely with the university. Now they have a state of the art building and we are mentoring the 6th year students along with running a dental clinic with volunteer dentists, dental nurses and hygienists who come from around the world.

It is a wonderful opportunity for the students, who even though they are 6th years and about to graduate, still know relatively little: not knowing the facial nerves; how to give local anaesthetic; when to change gloves; what an autoclave is etc. It is pretty eye opening to see how much they have still to learn and it is a privilege to be able to sow into their lives. We also pray they will see the love of Christ in us as we interact with them and as they see our motivation for doing this. Many of those we work with are Muslims.

The population of Guinea has great needs in every way in health care and the teeth are no exception. We are generally extracting an average of ten teeth on each person and also see many cases of osteomyelitis, even in children as young as 10-years-old. The diet here is very high in sugar along with a low level of understanding of any sort of nutrition and oral health care. As the patients wait we teach them oral hygiene, give dietary advice and also give them toothpaste and a toothbrush to go home with. This year we are also running a denture programme. It is the first year Mercy



Ships has had its own laboratory and provided its own dentures. It is wonderful to see people's dignity given back to them as they receive their new teeth and can smile again.

The ship plans to leave a fully functioning clinic behind when it leaves in June and we are working with the university to help them set up a business plan to keep things running. Mercy Ships will also continue to maintain strong links with the school. As you can imagine, it is an exciting project!

So why my involvement with CDF? Well, it began many years ago! In fact, I do not even know when I first went to a CDF conference. I was possibly about 10-years-old! They were the highlight of my year for many years! My father, Ian Knowles, is a Christian dentist (many of you might know him?) and so as a family we would attend the conferences. I always looked forward very much to the children's work and I also helped a few years to run the crèche too! Then finally as a dental nurse I realised it was time to join in my own right as a dental professional.

I want to thank you all for your support for me both prayerfully and financially. It means a great deal and has been such an encouragement and confirmation to me that I am where God wants me to be at this point in time.

In Christ who enables me.

**Jacqui Knowles**

# Regional Groups

CDF has a number of regional groups which give us the opportunity to meet together in a more local setting. There are regional groups in the following areas:

- Avon and Gloucester
- East Anglia
- East Midlands
- London North
- London South and South East
- North West
- North East
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- South Wales
- South West
- Thames Valley
- Wessex
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire and Humberside

Regional Days are usually in the Spring and are an excellent source of support and fellowship with others in your area.

## Regional Reps!

Don't forget to let Sarah Felton ([cdf.sarahfelton@gmail.com](mailto:cdf.sarahfelton@gmail.com)) know what your plans are for your Regional days so we can circulate details to people in your area and put them on the website.

The **Scotland Regional** event in 2019 is on 23rd March 2019 at Letham St Mark's Church of Scotland in Perth, more details from Sarah.

## Did you know?

You can sign up for a daily prayer email of the topics which are in the prayer calendar. To subscribe to these, then go to [www.cdf-uk.org/about/daily-prayer](http://www.cdf-uk.org/about/daily-prayer)

# View From my Chair



**I've been pondering writing something for Three-in-One for some time. I came up with the excellent title a while**

**ago but have been procrastinating about actually putting finger to keyboard. As many of you will know I had to swap my dental chair for a wheelchair over eight years ago and CDF is my last little link with dentistry. I am so often inspired by the articles people write for Three-in-One and which give me itchy palms wanting to pick up my drill again and start doing something!**

I've been challenged though by the idea of waiting. On page two of Three-in-One there is an article from Ian Wilson about a booklet he is hoping to put together which can be left in waiting rooms with the aim of people reading and being challenged while they wait for their appointments. I seem to spend a lot of my time nowadays waiting. If it isn't sitting in waiting rooms for consultations with medical professionals it can be waiting for all those promised articles for Three-in-One to arrive!

My biggest challenge has been waiting for healing. I know that I will one day be healed when we reach heaven but will I be healed before that? It is very easy to sit around with fine plans of what I could do if God healed me right now. Imagine the testimony that could be – leaping out of a wheelchair is surely the star prize of any healing service! However, someone a few years ago spoke to me about blossoming where I am. Not waiting for the big miracle to tell my story of how God is

good, but rather to tell it now without the Hollywood ending. I have started to tell my story to people and have found that there are so many positive things I can share about what God is doing in my life while I'm in the wheelchair.

So maybe this is a challenge for you too? Is there something you are waiting for before you take a chance on something? Maybe now is the time to start using the time you are waiting to do something exciting or different; out of your comfort zone?

And just to give everyone fair warning, my latest waiting challenge has been for an electric bike attachment for my wheelchair which has a top speed of 19kmph and has been on order since September. I have just had notification that it has arrived and I will be collecting it in a couple of weeks! This means that I'll be able to chase after you for articles at the conference. You may be able to run but you can't hide!

## Tracey Dalby

Three-in-One Editor

## CDF Administrator

CDF is looking for a person to provide administrator and book keeping services to the fellowship with experience in Excel, email, databases (Access), Publisher and websites.

The hours are paid and flexible with some months busier than others, averaging around 4-5 hours a week. This work might suit someone from within the fellowship or someone known to a CDF member.

Please email [cdfadmin@cdf-uk.org](mailto:cdfadmin@cdf-uk.org) for a copy of the job description and an application form.

Sarah has been in the role for seven years and is happy to answer any questions.

**Deadline for the next issue of Three-in-One is 1st April 2019. Please send contributions to Tracey Dalby: [editor@cdf-uk.org](mailto:editor@cdf-uk.org)**

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