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Healthcare Christian Fellowship of South Africa seeks to inspire and equip all Christians working in healthcare to make Jesus Christ a reality in their daily life and work. Accomplishment of this vision can only be done together with our partners and with local churches who support the Mission Statement and have a Doctrinal Basis in agreement with those of HCFI.

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Christian Medical Fellowship of South Africa seeks to encourage healthcare workers to glorify and honour Christ in daily practice, linking faith and service. Through mutual study of the Word, prayer and fellowship, members are strengthened and encouraged in their place of work. Christian healthcare workers are urged to serve according to the example of Christ, bearing a message of hope, love and healing to this broken, wounded world for which Christ died.

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The Networking Alliance is working towards an effective Biblically based influence on the healthfield of the country and strengthening the Christian health influence in the nation.

If you need someone to share in your church on this day, or need more information about the Alliance, please contact us.

HEALTHCARE SUNDAY

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HEALTHCARE GOD'S WAY



Dear friends

In Genesis 1:1-25 we read that God created the heavens and the earth and everything in it. And it was good. In vs 26-31 God created man in His image, and it was very good! Creation was in a state of **shalom** or wholeness, peace, wellness, or soundness.

Man was living in harmony with God, with himself with each other, and with the rest of creation.

This state of *shalom* or harmony is an all-inclusive description of health. It is “whole health”, not limited to a physical or spiritual sense, but health in every aspect of life.

But...

In Genesis 3 this *shalom* or wholeness was broken. The union between God and man, the relationship between people was broken; man became disintegrated and diseased in his spirit, mind, and body; and his stewardship of the rest of creation was frustrated and abusive.

The world went from peace, unity and perfect health to a state of brokenness, disharmony, and illness.

But...

The **Good News**, or Gospel, is that through the life, ministry, and atoning sacrifice of Christ, our Lord Jesus offers us the *shalom*, reconciliation with God, healing of broken relationships, and of our broken spirits, minds and diseased bodies that were lost in the fall. He has come to restore **all** things.

Colossians 1:19-20 *For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself **all things**, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood shed on the cross.*

Wherever there is brokenness or illness, Christ's transforming power brings healing and health.

Jesus himself was the embodiment of wholistic health. Luke 2:52 tells us “*and Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men*”.

Flowing out of His own wholistic health was Jesus' “wholistic” ministry. Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus proclaiming, and demonstrating what wholistic health and ministry looks like.

Matt 4:23 *Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the*

Kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

The Good News of the Kingdom of God is that not only was Jesus concerned about restoring harmony and *shalom* to the whole person and the whole world, His mandate to His followers was the same. They were sent out with the same wholistic healing ministry.

Luke 9:1-2 *When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

Luke 10:1, 9 *After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go...heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you'*

God gives an integrated and wholistic mandate to His people today as well.

We are to teach others to obey everything our Saviour has commanded, not to obey just the “spiritual” parts somehow disintegrated from other aspects of our lives, but obey **everything/all** he taught us. This includes:

Mental (how we think) - *be transformed by the renewing of your mind, Rom 12:1-2*

Social (how we relate to others - believers and unbelievers) “*love one another as I have loved you*” **John 13:34-35**

Physical **3 John 2** “*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers*”.

While we each have a particular focus or area of expertise in healing, may we not lose sight of the whole Body of Christ, with each part having its specific function to perform in bringing about healing, wholistic health, and *shalom*.

God bless you as you observe Healthcare Sunday!

Your brother in Christ

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

CHURCH AND HEALTHCARE

Please pray for leaders and others in your local church who exercise a caring ministry. Ask God to show you ways to encourage and bless them.

HEALTHCARE STAFF

Praise God for all who care for the sick, remembering those working under a lot of strain due to a lack of resources. May Christian healthcare professionals have many opportunities to share the 'Good News' with their colleagues and patients.

HEALTHCARE REGULATION

Pray for those in authority who take decisions affecting the health of our nation, especially our President, the National Minister of Health, and the provincial MEC's of Health and their staff. Pray for equity, justice and righteousness to triumph in healthcare and for more Christian leaders to take up the challenges of health regulation.

HEALTHCARE ISSUES

Remember in prayer those who are affected by the terrible plagues sweeping our country - AIDS, TB, violence, alcoholism and drug abuse. Pray particularly for the children of South Africa.

After the recent world AIDS conference in Durban it became clear that the scientists only have technical solutions to the growing AIDS epidemic. Pray that Christians and churches will highlight the Biblical values and guidelines for a healthy sexual lifestyle for both old and young as a safe and effective way to reduce new HIV infections

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Ask God to guide all Christian organisations and individuals committed to upholding the sanctity of human life. Pray for increasing unity and co-operation to meet each new challenge and for public opinion to change.