



*Bringing the
Good News
of Jesus Christ
to NURSING*

PRAISE God for ...

- 100 active student chapters in 07/08
- 1824 students who were Involved in the groups
- 1051 students who were involved at least half of the time
- 17 of these chapters were new this year
- 37 groups are in the process of organizing a new group or planning to reactivate a former group in fall

Please pray for

- Students to step into chapter leadership positions vacated by those who recently graduated
- New grads who are transitioning into new nursing positions
- Nursing faculty, who are feeling burned out, yet have a real desire to minister to nursing students
- Wisdom and guidance in developing new tools to equip nursing students reach out to non-believers



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**Nurses Christian Fellowship,
P.O. Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707
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THANK YOU!!

Bonnie's NCF Update - June 2008

Speaking on Campus

Since my role with student groups is mainly done via the computer, it was a special privilege for me to be invited to speak on campus for the UW-Madison NCF group this past winter. After being led through a new building with massive lecture halls, all laptop ready, it was ironic that we ended up having our meeting in the same lounge that I led the NCF meetings in when I was a student 15+ years ago. Granted, the orange vinyl sofas had been replaced, but it still brought back many good memories.



It was a joy to share with the students how to apply principles of spiritual care to the nursing process and give lots of examples. They had great questions – some very hard ones. Nursing students face a lot of pain and suffering that they are often not prepared for. One student asked for ideas on how to comfort a family with a dying child. It made me realize how important NCF is in providing resources for nursing students on topics that are not focused on in nursing school – like spiritual care.

Thank you

The ministry of NCF is funded by people like you - those who want to impact healthcare delivery by encouraging nurses in Jesus Christ so that they can more effectively address the spiritual needs of patients / colleagues. Thank you to those of you who have faithfully supported me in prayer and financially this year. God is using your gifts in the lives of nurses and nursing students. If you would like to partner with me, please see instructions at the bottom left.

Providing Resources for Students

At our NCF staff conference we brainstormed ideas for how to better reach student nurses. While one goal of student groups is to encourage spiritual growth and equip them to be able to provide spiritual care in future practice, we also want to have a community that reaches out to others.

Many students are just learning to trust Christians that they are meeting in college. Some are curious about how this fits into nursing. Some are ready to make a change in their lives and are actively seeking answers about Christ before making a decision to accept Jesus as their Savior.

We want to have applicable resources for today's students. I am currently working in collaboration with other NCF staff on two evangelism tools to equip groups. One is a handout of the bridge model, with specific adaptations to peak the interest of nursing students. The other is a newer type of Bible study guide. It is called a GIG guide on suffering. GIG stands for Groups Investigating God. Suffering is a hot topic in nursing. Many seekers wonder how a good God can allow suffering. A Christian student can use a guide like this with another student or group of non-Christians. They can explore scripture, ask questions and have the gospel presented in a way that meets them where they are at. The goal is to help them understand suffering from a Biblical view, help them explore how suffering in their life has affected them and how this all applies to nursing.

I am very excited to see how all of this is coming together. Thanks again for your prayer and financial partnership!