



INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Nurses Christian Fellowship

Praise and Prayer ∞ April 2008

I pray ... that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.

EPHESIANS 1:18-20

Dear NCF Friends:

Spring is an annual reminder of how powerfully and completely God can make all things new! How I appreciate your partnership with me in the ministry of Nurses Christian Fellowship. I hope God blessed you this Easter Season! As always, I have many things to share with you – for praise and prayer!

For Praise & Prayer

- Thank you for praying for us as we met in St. Louis this January for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's triennial national staff conference. The Bible studies in Romans, staff testimonies, plenary speakers, music and worship, InterVarsity Press, networking, prayer ministry, and special NCF meetings were encouraging and inspirational!
- February 14-17, I was in Cincinnati for Summit '09 planning meetings. Thank God for committee chair, Bonnie Miller, and members Nikole Hicks, Dorothy Oswald, Jane Hall, Pat Emery and Peg Wigton! It was exciting to see how God worked among us, despite our diverse life journeys and NCF experiences. The theme will be *Nursing as Ministry: Caring in Context*. Pray for God's leading as a meeting place is secured and speakers are invited. Watch the NCF website, <http://www.ncf-jcn.org/> for updates.
- Give thanks for NCF planning committees around the country who have planned conferences, retreats and outreach projects this year. Ask God to help all who attend these events to apply the biblical principles discussed in their lives and nursing practice. It is always thrilling to give you a sampling of the topics the committees have worked on recently!

- ~ *A Ministry of Memory: Spiritual Care for Older Adults*
- ~ *Building Depth in Spiritual Care*
- ~ *Compassion Fatigue: Reviving the Nurse's Heart*
- ~ *Compassionate Care: Nursing's Christian Legacy*
- ~ *Forgiveness: Implications for Nursing*
- ~ *Helping Patients Overcome Fear and Anxiety*
- ~ *Life on the Line: Issues in Advancing Biotechnologies*
- ~ *Mentoring as Ministry*
- ~ *Renewing the Call to Care*
- ~ *Spiritual Care of Patients*
- ~ *Transforming Lives with the Art of Nursing*

- We often pray without knowing the affect our prayers have had. Let me tell you about a time when God heard



and answered prayers for an NCF Continuing Education event ...

Last week, March 28, the annual New England Spring Conference had to start late. Shortly before 68 nurses and students were to gather at First Congregational Church, Hopkinton, MA, they received ~30 inches of snow. Ten were unable to get out and had to cancel. Several who did brave the elements wondered why traffic crawled so slowly at one point. That is ... until they came upon two tragic accidents, both unrelated to the weather.

God was watching over his own – and everyone who started out for the conference eventually arrived safely. They called later to tell me what happened and how extraordinary the day had been! How easily we take things like weather and travel safety for granted. God loves to honor our humble reliance on him. We can trust him for absolutely *anything* that touches our lives.

- April 11, 2008 is the Central Plains Spring Conference, *Life on the Line: Issues in Advancing Biotechnologies*. Nurses, physicians, other healthcare providers and students will hear about recent developments in stem cell research, enhancement technology and gene therapy – through a biblical lens. Pray they would be equipped and motivated to exert thoughtful, Christian influence in healthcare.

Ask God to bless, inspire and protect our speakers, Dennis M. Sullivan, MD, MA, Director of the Center for Bioethics and Professor of Biology at Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH; and Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner, PhD, RN, Editor of NCF's *Journal of Christian Nursing*.

- April 24-26, I will be in St. Louis again. This time for a Peacemaker Ministries course, “*Conflict Coaching*,” to be held at St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church. This course is designed to give Christians tools to help guide people toward Christ-like behavior in a personal conflict with another individual. God cares deeply about relationships! “*All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.*” 2 Corinthians 5:18



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Thank You!

Thank you for your prayers and support as I aim to represent Christ in the world of nursing. Know that God has blessed and increased this ministry through your faithful generosity. Our fiscal year ends June 30. If you can give a one-time gift or begin monthly support to help me end the year in the black, I would appreciate it so much. Please designate your contributions for “Ruth Snapp” and send them to *Nurses Christian Fellowship, PO Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707-7895*.

May God bless and keep you!

His Servant,

Ruth

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

EPHESIANS 1:16

