



I AM NOT ASHAMED OF **THE GOSPEL** FOR IT IS  
**THE POWER OF GOD**  
 FOR **THE SALVATION**  
 OF EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES:  
 FIRST FOR **THE JEW**, THEN FOR **THE GENTILE**.  
 ROMANS 1:16

Spring 08

Dear Praying Friend:

As we—all 1200 of us—gathered in St. Louis for InterVarsity Staff Conference 08 in January, we reaffirmed our commitment to the Gospel, and experienced the power of God in our midst. I also ended up getting hit with a powerful bug that left me with no voice for the entire time. That was an unusual experience for me! However, it made me pull back to pray and just enjoy what God was doing.

The NCF **Mentoring Task Force** (Renee Lick, Skip McDonald, Fran McHolm and I) met in December to develop a mentoring plan and resources for NCF. The first outcome of our work together will be a training event for NCF staff and key volunteers July 29-August 1 in Chicago. As we assess the needs and characteristics of students and younger nurses, it is becoming apparent that mentoring is the best ministry strategy as we tie our campus ministry more closely with InterVarsity as a whole. We loved working as an intergenerational task force and learning from each other.



Skip McDonald, Fran McHolm, Renee Lick and me.



Plans are now in place for the service-learning **Continuing Education experience in Nigeria** following the NCF International Conference in September 2008. Renee Lick is joining me as co-leader. We are excited about partnering with our Nigerian brothers and sisters in NCFI to reach out to people with HIV/AIDS and learn from them. If you are interested in more information, or in joining us, let me know. I also need to raise the money to go to Nigeria, so whether you go or not, please pray about how you can participate in this important venture.

Although my role has changed to spiritual formation and prayer, that takes many forms, including continuing to write and edit resources. Most recently, I've created a glossary for the upcoming **InterVarsity Intercessory Prayer Manual**. My next assignment is to write a chapter on personal prayer. I will be working with Mary Anne Voelkel in April to pull together the work of our writing team into a comprehensive whole. We will teach the content in June. Another exciting writing/editing project is developing a **Nurses Bible** with Holman Bible publishers. Please pray that I can get all the nursing content together by June 1! The *Called to Care Video Project* also continues to move forward.

More specific to the spiritual formation role, I am working with NCF Director Pat Emery to plan the prayer, Bible study and worship aspects of **NCF Staff Conference** May 1-4. This will be a key time of transition for all staff, so please pray for our time together. I will also be working with each staff member to develop a personal spiritual development plan.

I'm also still involved in campus ministry through supervising NCF staff in the **Mid-Atlantic and Blue Ridge Regions**. It's been fun to watch new groups forming and new volunteers and potential staff developing. Please pray for Jackie, Audrey and Robert as they lead the field ministry in this area.

Fundraising still remains a challenge. My staff account is \$5,000 behind now that we are halfway through the fiscal year. It is encouraging to see new donors beginning to take up the slack, though. Please continue to pray. I am so grateful to each of you who gives so generously.

Upcoming Events Needing Prayer:

Mar 25 – Speaking at Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA  
 Apr 14-17 – First National InterVarsity Spiritual Formation Staff Conference, Chicago  
 Apr 17-18 – Working on Intercessory Prayer Manual with Mary Anne Voelkel, Chicago  
 May 1-4 – NCF National Staff Conference, Chicago  
 June 19-26 – Teaching Team for Intercessory Prayer Course, Madison, WI  
 June 26-27 – Working on Intercessory Prayer Manual with Mary Anne Voelkel  
 July 29-Aug 1 – Mentor Training, Chicago

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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