



*You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it?
From this time forward I make you hear new things,
hidden things that you have not known. ~ Isaiah 48:6*

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Dear Praying Friend:

The Lord's "new things" are popping up all over, and I am running to keep up. First, the March 25 meeting with students at **Moravian College** was a delight. You would have no fear about the future of nursing if you could meet these students, who have a heart for God and a deep commitment to serving Him through nursing.



The Apr 14-17 **National InterVarsity Spiritual Formation Staff Conference** in Chicago brought together a wonderful group of staff who are committed to serving their colleagues through providing retreat days, spiritual direction, and keeping prayer at the forefront of our ministry. We saw the value of this at our **NCF National Staff Conference** in Chicago May 1-4, as we spent a full day in prayer before we began to tackle the "work." The result was that we bonded in a way that had never happened before, and we saw God's hand involved in directing all that we did together. We also saw that happening during our annual **NCF Prayer Breakfast** in Frederick, PA, and in our **regional monthly team meetings**. Many new programs will be springing up as a result of these gatherings.

My primary focus right now is working on an **Intercessory Prayer Manual** with Mary Anne Voelkel. This will be the text for an InterVarsity Course to train staff intercessors for Urbana 09. This will take place in Madison, Wisconsin, June 19-26, at the National Institute of Staff Education and Training (Niset). I will be part of a teaching team of seven, but I'm also learning a lot more than I am teaching. We covet your prayers!

At the same time, I am working with the **Mentor Training Team** for the workshop July 29-August 1, as well as working on content and logistics for the **Nigeria trip** with Renee Lick, co-leader of the Trans-Cultural Immersion. The piles on my desk are evidence of the balls I'm juggling in the air.

The end of the fiscal year—June 30—looms before us. My ministry account still has a huge deficit. Difficult economic times seem to be affecting giving. Please pray, along with the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:19, that God "will fully satisfy every need... according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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