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I have been eager to get this letter out to you, as there is so much to share about Urbana. However, my first goal was to follow up with each student and nurse who stopped at our booth. I have just completed sending out 136 personal emails, answering specific questions and sharing requested resources. It feels so good to have accomplished this!

Let me back up a bit... Praise God that he is a provider! I sent out my pre-Urbana prayer letter later than I had hoped and didn't know if anyone would respond to my need for extra funds for Urbana. I was amazed at the results. The first gifts sent in were in the exact amounts of funds needed for things like my transportation. I was notified of other gifts when I returned from Urbana and was overwhelmed to see how many of you generously gave to help cover my expenses. Thank you!

I can tell you that my time at Urbana was well spent. We started each morning with team prayer and then went to a manuscript Bible study where John 1-4 was studied in depth. These passages were further explicated on in the morning general session, where over 16,000 students were in attendance.

The afternoon was spent at the NCF booth, which was open most days for 6 hours. Most days we only had a couple of 5 minute breaks. Otherwise we were always engaged in conversation with students, nurses, friends of nurses and others in healthcare fields who were trying to figure out how God can use them in their specialty.

I am bad at estimating numbers, but I believe we had at least 500 students come through our booth. 136 asked for more information on missions opportunities, the *Journal of Christian Nursing*, how to start a Bible study on their campus and more.



Two UW-Madison Nursing Students
who attended Urbana

Concurrent with exhibit time there were seminars for the students and then the evening general sessions which focused on world issues like injustice, poverty, the environment and the need for racial reconciliation. Many students made commitments for ministry and missions.

Please pray for:

- 31 people who indicated they would like to start an NCF Bible study on their campus or in their area. Pray for them as they process the information I've sent them and work to organize a group.
- Canadian nursing students. NCF Canada is in the process of restructuring and does not have many student groups. I followed up with 28 students and we gave the NCF Canada website to many others. If each of them started a group in their area, it would revitalize the movement there.
- Students interested in short term missions opportunities. NCF/IVCF is sponsoring two Global Projects this summer; one to Uganda and another to Kenya.
- Mark, a young man who is interested in coming on NCF staff in NY. While he is still a year or so away from this, he is already excited about starting a group at his school.

There are many more stories I could share, but I want to get this report out to you before the end of January!

Thanks so much for your prayers and support!

With Joy on the Journey,

Bonnie