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Hello,

I am long overdue in sending you an update on what God is doing through my work with Nurses Christian Fellowship (NCF)!

NCF Students: God is continuing to bless the email ministry I am involved in. In my part-time capacity, I connect with 5-10 new people a day via email. The majority of my email responses are to:

- new members (welcoming them and making sure they are plugged into NCF in their area);
- nurses requesting information on NCF, and
- both students and nurses interested in starting chapters.



I also spend time following up with existing NCF leaders.

Here is an excerpt of recent interaction I had with a student:

Liz would like to start a student group at Springfield Technical Community College in MA. When I followed up after sending her a "how to start a student group" packet, she wrote:

As far as starting a group goes... I believe there is a meeting coming up about campus organizations so that I can contact the right people. I also need to find a professor, I think. I definitely appreciate the prayers because, unfortunately, things like this in New England aren't accepted as easily in other parts of the country. Even for myself to commit and raise up a group of nurses will be challenging but rewarding for the Kingdom.

She is absolutely right about the New England area being a challenging area. I wrote back and encouraged her:

- to starting small – 2 or 3 students gathering is a good starting point;
- that we are praying for her, and
- I shared what is happening in Boston to encourage her (see below).

Since the beginning of this year, there has been increased activity in the Boston area:

- We had 4 nursing students from Boston College (BC) check in with the NCF booth at Urbana06.
- I spoke with the BC campus staff worker who is supportive of getting a small group for nursing students started.
- There is a former nursing student – a new grad – who is interested in continuing to work with the BC chapter, as well as a new grad from Regis College who transferred to Boston and is interested in mentoring there. I introduced them to the campus staff and am praying that this will come together.
- Then, I had a faculty member from MA College of Pharmacy and Health Science apply for membership. I responded, shared the resources we have for faculty advisors and nursing students and asked if she would be interested in starting a NCF group. This is a new nursing program – only in its second year. The faculty member knew that InterVarsity (IV) was starting a chapter on campus and she was interested in working with them to get NCF going.
- Finally, I recently spoke with new IV staff at Curry College in Boston. They had just done a new student kick-off event and discovered that 1/3 of their interested students are nursing students. The staff member called me and said "what do I do now?" I emailed her links to helpful resources; gave her ideas on how to partner the IV group and a NCF group, and told her about what is going on at the other two area programs. She was really excited and is considering bringing in a speaker and inviting all of these nursing program students to come.

NCF Prayer Request: Janna is a student leader at the University of Tulsa. She was NCF group president last year and all the other officers graduated this spring. She is now a senior and has been doing kick-off events and reaching out to the freshman class. She requested that we pray that some underclassmen would feel called to commit to keeping NCF going next year. She is willing to mentor them in the position. She also expressed interest in missionary nursing. I responded and told her we would be praying for her and the U-Tulsa group. I also sent her links to NCF's missions page, the global project for nursing students in Kenya, and Grace Tazelaar's book Caring Across Cultures.

NCF Nurses: I have also been able to make some connections with nurses. There is interest in Indianapolis, so I introduced five nurses via email. I also recently introduced three nurses in the Sacramento area - two of them have met to plan how to start a group yet this fall. Finally, I introduced more than 25 nurses in the Chicago area where there is interest in reorganizing a group. This reorganizing method is how the San Diego/Oceanside group began

this year - they were going to have their 4th meeting this month but canceled due to the fires (please keep them in prayer!) and how the Phoenix group has come together - I think they had their 3rd meeting this past month.

There are so many times I feel like a "fly on the wall" because I get information from people who don't know others around them. Then I get to connect them together and share resources. In turn, they get encouraged and excited! I, then, get to share in their joy!



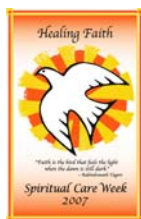
In my last letter, I promised I would share the results of this year's annual report of groups. Here it is in a nutshell:

- ✓ 110 Student nurse groups
- ✓ 1,389 Total number of students touched by NCF ministry
- ✓ 62 Practicing nurse groups
- ✓ 725 Total number of nurses touched by NCF ministry

NCF held a wonderful national summit this summer at Bethel University in Minnesota where we celebrated Mary Thompson's 23 years of service as NCF's director. On October 1st, we welcomed Pat Emery as our new director.



This is a picture of current and former NCF staff taken at the summit. I am in the second row, third from the left. Mary Thompson is sitting on my left (with the corsage), and Pat Emery is behind us in the pink and black top.



A recent highlight for me was speaking for a Pastoral Care Luncheon at Monroe Clinic, about 45 minutes away. I spoke on the topic of Healing Faith. It was a rewarding experience as I read many books and articles; researched scripture in preparation and took time to reflect on past interactions I have had with patients. I also enjoyed meeting many parish nurses, hospital chaplains and area pastors in south central Wisconsin who attended the event.

So, this is a glimpse of the work I do via email. I am so thankful that I can assist nurses and students across the US from my computer!

Please pray for me as I compile the next student newsletter, Campus Vitals, which will go out in early January, and as I start to personally follow up with new group leaders. I also desire to have time to work on evangelistic and mentoring tools for these student groups to use. Please also pray for the student and nurse groups that I mentioned above.

I have been sending my prayer letters via snail mail. If you would prefer to have them sent via email or receive periodic email updates, please email me at bhann@intervarsity.org.

I appreciate your prayers and support!

Blessings in Christ,

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