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Snapshots

Here are a few glimpses of recent emails I've responded to:

From a nursing student:

This is my second semester at Florida International University's Nursing School. I came across your website looking for different mission opportunities. I also have an interest in starting a student group in our school. I'm just not sure how to go about it. I feel that with the stresses of nursing school, we tend to push God out of the picture. I feel that this group will help us keep our focus on Him. I would really appreciate any information you can give me.

From a nurse in Alabama:

I learned about NCF after buying "The Nurse's Bible". I spoke with several nurses at work about starting a group either in our hospital or town. We have a 400-bed facility and a 200-bed facility in our town. I am eager to learn more about the resources available to help spread the gospel to other nurses as well as our patients.

From an Urbana 09 scholarship application I processed:

I have always been interested in missions and the life of a missionary. I just have never been courageous or bold enough to seek it through. I think Urbana is a great opportunity for me to find out if this is what God has called me to do. I am excited to see what God may have planned for me.

It's a privilege to help these students and nurses start Bible study groups in their areas and to provide the opportunity for several nursing students to attend the Urbana 09 Missions Conference.



Deserts coming alive

- "I feel God calling me..." was a phrase I heard again and again this fall from nurses across the country. Several nurses have felt led by God to revitalize a group in their area.
- Other areas are coming "alive". In Tennessee, for example, there are two new student groups and two new nurse groups organizing in completely different parts of the state. These people didn't know about each other beforehand. God has truly placed this upon their hearts!



Strategy for student ministry

This school year my goal is to better support the student leaders and faculty members with a monthly newsletter, *Campus Vitals*. Each month focuses on different themes:

- *New student orientation – outreach materials*
- *Evangelism – ideas and resources*
- *Prayer – each student committing to pray for 2 students throughout the year*
- *Mission opportunities*
- *Reaching out to various types of students (multi-ethnic, commuter, students returning to school for a second career, etc)*
- *Mentoring new leadership*

Prayer Requests

- Pat Emery, NCF's Director for the past two years, made the decision to return to clinical nursing. We praise God for Jane Hall who will be our Interim Director. Please pray for Pat and for the NCF staff during this time of transition. Pray for God's leading in finding a new director.
- Urbana 09 will be December 27-31. I am responsible for the NCF exhibit. We will be talking to many nursing students about God's leading in their lives. Please pray for significant conversations, good health and energy, and hearts prepared to hear what God has to say.

Finances

God has been good. Despite the economy, NCF met budget for our fiscal year. I am thankful for the consistent partnership of those who contribute to this ministry! Since I will be working 40 hours at Urbana, I need to raise extra to cover this. Would you be able to send a year-end gift? It will make a big difference! (see below for info).

With joy on the journey,

Bonnie

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