



I love spring! I get the “itch” to plant my garden. I plan for what to grow; look at what has grown well in the past; consider what new things to try. I try to strategically arrange the garden, using the space I have wisely. My ministry with NCF has some similarities:

#### Planting Seeds

Along with flowers springing up everywhere, we have many new groups springing up across the US! In addition to working with student leaders and faculty as they begin groups, I also follow up with email inquiries from nurses looking for NCF in their area and also new NCF members. As a result of having the “big picture” – our entire membership base and past contact information – I have had the privilege of introducing nurses to each other in various hubs of the US. In the past several months, we have planted seeds to start groups in areas like Phoenix, Boston, Miami, and three different areas in the state of Mississippi. *Please join me in praying for these new nurse groups – that they would not only be a support and encouragement for each other, but that they would have opportunity for outreach as well.*

#### Watching expectantly for what is coming up

NCF has appointed a new director. After 23 years of service as NCF director, Mary Thompson will change to a different role in NCF (fund development). As Mary was the person who nurtured me in NCF student ministry while I was in nursing school and has brought me on board with NCF staff, I will greatly miss her! The new director will be Patricia Emery. *Please pray for her transition into this role. Pray that God will give her a great vision of where to take the ministry of NCF.*

#### Celebrating growth

In the next month, I will be busy touching base with all of our student and nurse groups to see what God has been doing in their groups this past year. I'll share the results with you in my next letter.

I also will be following up with graduating seniors. We send them materials to help with their transition to practicing nursing, help guide them to groups in their areas for nurses and get them involved with our recent-grad listserv. *Please pray for them as they are interviewing for positions, taking their state board exams and transitioning from student to nurse.*

This summer, NCF is holding a national nurses summit at Bethel University in MN. The theme is *Nursing as Ministry: Celebrate the Past – Imprint the Future*. (See [www.ncf-jcn.org](http://www.ncf-jcn.org) for more details). I am looking forward to this, as I hope to meet many people face-to-face whom I have corresponded with via email. I think it will be a great time for growth and renewal!

#### Planning for next year

As I am touching base with our student and nurse groups, I have been asking them what resources would help them with evangelism outreach. I have received many great responses and ideas. *Please pray for me as I:*

- *work with other NCF staff to develop evangelism resources for student and nurse groups to use*
- *write and compile/edit the next Campus Vitals e-newsletter to encourage our student groups as they start up again in fall*
- *write and compile/edit the next Vital Signs e-newsletter to encourage the leaders and potential leaders of our nurse groups nationwide*

#### Would you like to plant with me?

Thanks again to all of you who gave extra financial gifts to help with my expenses at the Urbana '06 missions convention! It was great to have that support for the extra time I was serving. My main goal now is to grow my two faithful monthly supporters to ten or more.

In order for me to continue with the fruitful ministry God is doing right now, I need more consistent partners (both in prayer and in financial gifts). Ideally it would be great if 12 people/parties could commit to giving \$20 a month (or the equivalent in increments throughout the year). This would cover the expenses I am responsible for a whole year.

Would you please pray about being one of these gardening partners? If you have questions or would like to discuss this more with me, please call me at 608-835-9283 or email to [bhann@intervarsity.org](mailto:bhann@intervarsity.org). You can also contact InterVarsity at 608-274-9001 and ask to talk with someone in Donation Services.

I hope you are enjoying the beauty of this spring season, too!

Blessings in Christ,

*Bonnie*