



Bringing the
Good News
of Jesus Christ
to NURSING

WINTER 2008

PRAISE for...

- ... finalizing of the program and speakers for the NCF national Summit, June 25-28, in Dallas, TX. (SAVE THE DATE)
- ... contacts with nursing students and nurses at, the ONSA state convention, Stark-Carroll Nursing Assoc. Health Fair, Four County Dir of Nursing Fall Conference.

Pray for

- ... planning and publicity for SUMMIT 09. Brochures will be available in print and online in January 09.
- ... at least 300 nurses to come together in Dallas for Summit 09 for sharing how God is working, networking, and encouraging each other in the ministry God has called us to.
- ... preparation of the 25 page WNA renewal application for the NCF continuing education providership. It is due January 25, 2009, but I would like to get it started before the holidays. Pray also that the \$1200 application fee will be donated.
- ... development of the new NCF CE online services we are hoping to provide in 2009, including registration for conferences, availability of CE policies and forms for event planners, and CE offerings.

NOTE: Three ways
to donate to NCF ministry:

- Mail to *Nurses Christian Fellowship, P.O. Box 7895, Madison, WI, 53707* (Attach note 'for Fran McHolm')
- Online: go to my direct link at: http://www.ncf-jcn.org/donate/to/Fran_McHolm
- Online monthly electronic fund transfers (EFT): go to http://www.ncf-jcn.org/donate/to/Fran_McHolm/ef

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Fran's Prayer Journal

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6

Dear Friends,

Lighted candles are my favorite motif of Christmas. When our children were young we had a tradition of dressing up for a candlelight Christmas Eve dinner with the 'good' china (although sometimes the food was pizza or hot dogs). The soft glow of the flames on our faces intensified the anticipation and wonder of celebrating Jesus' birth. Later, we would turn off all the lights in the house and bask in the warm light of the candles and the Christmas tree. These small lights filled the room with great peace and hope as we reflected on the TRUE LIGHT, Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12).



This Fall almost 250 nurses and students attended the ten NCF continuing education events held in PA, OH, WY, CA, MI, ND, and Nigeria. Nurses who attended these events wrote on their program evaluations, "Nursing is hard work. This time of learning, fellowship, and prayer really helps me to connect with God, to go out of here with hope and renewed courage to do the work Jesus has called me to everyday in the power of the Holy Spirit." and "Thank you for an encouraging and uplifting session. I learned some new concepts on spiritual care. It is so refreshing to meet with Christian professionals and hear the name of Jesus proclaimed. God bless you."

Each nurse who attends an event is like a lighted candle, sharing the love of Jesus with patients and their families who are facing the darkness of illness and uncertainty. When it is considered that each nurse working full time cares for an estimated 3,000 patients each year, the impact of these CE events on nurses, patients, and healthcare can more readily be appreciated.

Thank you for your interest in NCF ministry. As you pray for and give to NCF ministry YOU also are like a lighted candle, bringing the light of hope to nurses who, in turn, share it with patients. The spiritual care they give includes treating them with respect as created in the image of God, reading scripture, praying for their felt needs, or helping them to make contact with clergy. I am humbled by your gifts and prayers to make this ministry continue.

Most of us have experienced some anxiety and perhaps this year with the changes in the economic climate, however, it is significant that in the last 50 years charitable giving has increased an average of 7.6% per year; and giving has increased in every recession between 2 - 13%.* In an era when many investments may be offering low returns, your investment in NCF ministry yields excellent profits that show up, not on paper, but in lives transformed in Christ-likeness.

As we end 2008 and head into 2009, I am asking God to meet your needs. I will also be praying that we all will keep our eyes fixed upon Him and hold fast to Him who is the TRUE LIGHT and our security... no matter what is going on in the world.

I am grateful for you and consider it an honor to serve with you! God bless you as you celebrate Christmas and the New Year!

Fran

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