



Fran's NCF Prayer Journal

Summer 2007

Greetings!

Thanks so much for your faithful prayers. It has been a busy Spring and below you will find a brief photo report of some of the things God has been doing. It has also been fun to serve on the planning committee for the upcoming NCF Summit 2007 that will take place June 28 - July 1. Nurses from all over the US will gather in Minneapolis to explore *Nursing as Ministry: Celebrate the Past - Imprint the Future*.

Please continue to pray for this ministry, for me, for NCF volunteers around the area, as well as for nurses, students, and faculty in Ohio and the surrounding states. Pray that we will "live a life worthy of the calling we have received being completely humble and gentle; patient, bearing with one another in love" (Eph 4:1.2) to accomplish the purpose He has for us. And that we will be used "to prepare nurses who know Jesus for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12-13).



Spotlight on NCF Student Ministry in OHIO

NCF at Case FPB School of Nursing

It has been exciting to see what God has been doing to grow student ministry in Ohio. The beginning of May found me meeting to discuss ways NCF nurses in Cleveland can facilitate ministry at Case Frances Payne Bolton College of Nursing. Kathy and Harriet (Cleve NCF members), Rick (IVCF Area Director), and I developed strategies for connecting with students this coming school year.

These ideas included identifying email contacts for sharing information about area NCF resources / events. The future possibility of establishing email mentoring networks of Case nursing students and area NCF nurses was also discussed.

Pray that God will continue to grow these ministries and will raise up Case nursing alumni willing to serve as associate NCF staff to connect regularly with nursing students in the Case InterVarsity chapter.

Pray that the strategies which prove to be successful can be adapted for other campuses in the future and that nurses around the state will respond to the call to serve as associate staff to encourage the student groups in their area.



NCF at the University of Akron

This is a view of those who gathered for the organizational meeting for NCF at the University of Akron. This group will be a part of the IVCF group there. Julie L and Julie D (on either side of me) are the IV staff we are working with there. By the last meeting on April 31, 12 nursing students had attended and plans were being made for a summer get together, and planning for the next school year.

Pray for Jen and Rachel, student leaders, as well as Karyn who wants to be a highly involved faculty advisor. Rachel and Jen have been meeting with the IV student leadership team and have been teaching from the Book of John using manuscript study methods.

Pray for Jen as she shares about the NCF group at the new student orientation in the College of Nursing in August.



Allison used her afternoon quiet retreat to work on her personal plan for addressing compassion fatigue.



NW NCF Retreat - Portland OR - April 20-21, 2007

R_x for Compassion Fatigue

The Northwest NCF Retreat included nurses from all over Washington and Oregon who work in pediatric, school, oncology, respiratory, psych and med-surg nursing as well as in education settings. Several shared that God had touched their hearts through the scriptures, content, and times of reflection. Several expressed interest in taking the teaching back to their coworkers. Please pray for courage for these nurses as they seek a closer relationship with God and take the message of hope in Jesus Christ to their colleagues.

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WNY NCF Retreat - Pike, NY – June 1-2, 2007

**Fill My Cup:
Recovery from Compassion Fatigue**

Please pray for these 10 nurses representing NCF ministry in Western NY who came together for fellowship, relaxation, and mutual encouragement at the WNY retreat earlier in June. God met us and spoke to our hearts. One nurse wrote, "You did a great job, and I found that my thinking had already started to change on Saturday night. I had not realized how really "compassion fatigued" I was."



I am thankful to have been a part of what God has been doing to encourage nurses locally and around the country. However, this next year I will need to limit ministry activities in order to focus on fund development. My deficit for this fiscal year is quite high and this is a situation that cannot continue. Please pray that the needed funds will be given.

I also invite you to partner with me to erase this deficit and help me to move into a positive balance for next year. Many of you are already giving but perhaps God has been speaking to you about increasing your gifts in the coming year. For those who are not yet ministry partners, perhaps God is prompting you to become a regular monthly donor or to give a special end of year gift. Information about giving can be found below.

Thank you for praying as we work together to bring Jesus Christ to nursing.
Many blessing and much love,

Fran

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