



*Bringing the
Good News
of Jesus Christ
to NURSING*

PRAISE God for ...

- 30+ nurses and students who attended the Cleveland Area brunch on April 5. Please pray for wisdom in planning events for 2008-09.
- 35 nurses who attended the Canton *Vigilance: Mandate for Excellence* seminar with Dr Kathleen Geib on April 12.
- Spirit of unity and hope among NCF staff when we met in Chicago May, 2008.

Please pray for

- Local groups in the greater OH / MI area who are planning NCF Ministry for 2008-09.
- 2008 grads taking the NCLEX and starting new jobs.
- 'Innovations in Spiritual Care' conference at Indiana Wesleyan Univ. June 16-19.
- Implementation of the new NCF mentoring ministry starting with a staff workshop in Chicago in July, 2008.
- Finalization of arrangements for the next NCF Summit in June 09.
- Adequate financial support to meet ministry expenses and to cover the current \$10,000 deficit before June 30.



Gifts for the ministry of Fran McHolm can be sent to:

**Nurses Christian Fellowship,
P.O. Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707**
or go to: <http://www.ncf-jcn.org/donate.html>

(If using a check, please remember to attach a note - 'for Fran McHolm')

THANK YOU!!

Fran's Prayer Journal

June - 2008

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2-3

These verses express the basic purpose of the NCF ministry. Barb and Angie, leaders of NCF ministry in Muskegon, MI, have sought to fulfill this purpose by addressing the needs of co-workers from two local hospitals which have recently merged. They identified the tension, hurt, and frustration of the nurses, and prayed for a way to bring the healing of Jesus Christ to the situation. They shared their vision with me when I traveled to their area in October of 2007, but because of the distance, my role as NCF staff was primarily to pray and to encourage them through email.

The outcome of our prayers was that a Nurses' Day event focusing on Biblical change management and leadership principles was planned for May 6. NCF literature and publications were also shared. The Lord's hand was evident in the support of the CEO and the Chief Nursing Officer in providing funding for the speaker and a light lunch. Of the 125 who came, 17 nurses signed up to participate in their ongoing NCF Bible study and 3 expressed interest in a short term mission trip to Guyana in 2010. Comments from those who attended included, "Thanks for this excellent presentation" and "We really needed this."

Please join us in praising God for using these faithful nurses who, in being encouraged by NCF ministry, have reached out to encourage their coworkers through this difficult time in the name of Jesus Christ. Pray with me that fruit will continue to grow in the hearts of all who attended and that it will positively impact the way they care for patients and each other. God is good!

The ministry of NCF is funded by people like you - those who want to impact healthcare delivery by encouraging nurses in Jesus Christ so that they can more effectively address the spiritual needs of patients / colleagues. As you probably know, the end of June marks the end of our fiscal year. My ministry account has a significant deficit at this time. Gifts of any amount will be helpful. Thank you!

Update on my foot!

After 12 weeks my 5th metatarsal fracture has been officially declared a 'nonunion' and I am now using a bone stimulator to help those baby bone cells generate and move across the gap. I am hopeful! The pool therapy has helped to strengthen my other muscles and to improve my sense of well being. I don't understand why this is happening, but I continue to trust that God is in control. My regret is that I have had to step out of several ministry opportunities due to not driving. One event I am disappointed to miss is the regional InterVarsity Staff conference in Bowling Green the first week of June. This conference is a good opportunity to connect with IVCF campus staff and to share how NCF can enhance their ministry with nursing students. . Please continue to pray for good healing before I need to travel again in July.

Thanks so much for your prayers and expressions of care!

God bless you and I hope that you have a refreshing Summer,

Fran