

*For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. 2 Corinthians 4:6-7*

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Thank you for your faithful prayers and gifts for NCF ministry this spring despite my not getting notes and a prayer letter out to you sooner!! I am humbled by the GOODNESS of God and your graciousness. I am thankful that God allows us to hold the treasure of Jesus in our hearts despite our human weaknesses; and that He works His power to accomplish His great purposes among us.

## **WNA APPLICATION**

A major way that God showed His power this year has been through helping me to complete the application to the Wisconsin Nurses' Association Continuing Education Approval Program for renewal of the NCF CE providership. I had expected it to take a few weeks, but in reality it took almost three months to respond to the questions and provide the needed documentation; the final document 203 pages was finally sent on its way on March 10. Praise the Lord with me that the providership received a 3-year approval until April 2012! During the process of completing the WNA application, the recent revision of the NCF Continuing Education Manual (and the forms that go along with it) were also finalized. Several copies have been printed and we hope to have this online for our local CE planners by Fall 09.

## **NATIONAL NCF CONTINUING EDUCATION MINISTRY**

All together, eight NCF conferences will have taken place during the first 6 months of 2009, serving 405 participants, and offering over 38 contact hours of CE credit. Applications for four conferences for Fall 2009 are already being processed. Pray that God's great power will continue to be revealed through this ministry.



## **CHARLOTTE, NC**

At the end of February I helped the new NCF committee in Charlotte, NC sponsor their first CE program for the nurses in their area by presenting *Spiritual Care Basics*. Ways participants said they will apply this content to their nursing practice included: "I will practice assessing my patients' beliefs and their spiritual needs and will pray with/for them." "I will be more alert to the spiritual needs of patients who are not 'overtly' spiritual." "I am more aware of personal desire to be used by God in my daily life and my practice of nursing." God is raising up local groups like this one all over the country who desire to share the hope of Jesus Christ with nurses and students in their areas. Please pray for them!

## **OHIO NCF MINISTRY**

On May 16 NCF nurse groups in NE Ohio sponsored a Nurse's Week Celebration which was held at a church in Akron. I was asked to speak on "Building Blocks for Spiritual Health" in keeping with the national ANA Nurse's Week theme: *Nurses Building a Healthy America*. We looked at the ways Nehemiah and the people of Israel were called by God to build a wall of 'salvation' around Jerusalem and how each one took responsibility of the part of the wall in front of them despite the threats of attack. This was related to the way God calls us as nurses to 'build' spiritual health in the patients and coworkers we encounter daily using the building blocks of love, forgiveness, hope and meaning and purpose. These can only be truly realized through a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The time closed with prayer for each other and for nurses all over the United States and world.

Please continue to pray for student groups at Cleveland State, University of Akron, and Malone College. Students and faculty at Med-Central College of Nursing in Mansfield and at Aultman College of Nursing in Canton are planning to start NCF ministry at their school this fall.

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### NCF SUMMIT 09 - DALLAS, TX

Over the years InterVarsity has found that conferencing is one of the most effective means of ministry for Jesus Christ. Much of my time this spring has been focused on preparations for the national NCF Summit *Nursing as Ministry: Caring in Context* in Dallas, TX, June 25-28. While there has been a lot to do, we are excited to come together with over 100 nurses from 26 states to search Scripture, worship, network, and challenge each other to bring the light of Jesus Christ to nursing and the nursing environment. This includes 14 students. Due to current economic trends the number of participants is smaller than we had hoped, however, we are confident that God will do amazing things among us. Special features include two electives for Christian Nurse Educators which will focus on strategies and provisions for teaching Christianly. Please pray that participants will be strengthened in faith through the Word and that financial needs of the conference will be met. I have also attached a prayer guide or you can access it online at <http://ncf-jcn.org/conferences/summit09prayer2.pdf>.

### RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE PROTECTION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

In Dec, 2008, the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services finalized a regulation to implement three civil rights laws passed by Congress with bipartisan support. The civil rights laws and the new regulation declare that American tax dollars will not fund programs in which health care professionals are fired, penalized or otherwise subjected to discrimination because of their ethical stance related to abortion and other morally controversial issues. In March, the Obama administration declared plans to rescind (get rid of) the conscience protection regulation. In April, **NCF** joined with the Christian Medical and Dental Association and other organizations to protest this decision through a "write-in" campaign, and Christian health care professionals held a press conference in Washington DC. No action has been taken to date. For more information go to <http://www.freedom2care.org>

### FAMILY

During these last months Tom and I have also greeted two new grand-daughters (Larkin Hope, 5 mo and Lydia Mikayla, 2 mo), as well as visited family in Birmingham, AL and Phoenix/Tucson, AZ. ... And did I mention the cholecystectomy in January after several months of pain attributed to gastric reflux? I am thankful to be up and going now, but please pray that I can recoup strength this summer after too many days sitting at the computer!

### THANK YOU

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and partnership with NCF ministry to nurses and students to equip them to be filled with the 'LIGHT shining in darkness' so that it overflows in their daily interactions with patients and coworkers. Like you, we in NCF and InterVarsity ministry are very aware of these uncertain and unprecedented economic times. As we depend on the Lord for His support, we are so very appreciative of your prayers and financial gifts. If you would like to give to this ministry and help offset my year-end deficit, go online to <http://ncf-jcn.org/donate.html> to donate and to learn more about giving. Put my name as the IVCF staff member for your gift. If you would like a giving envelope to mail in a contribution, please email or call me.

Many blessings for a refreshing summer season and please let me know how I can pray for you . . . .

*Fran*

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