



# Fran's NCF Prayer Journal

Feb – March – April 2007

## Praise Reports

*Thank you for praying! God has certainly been blessing and we have seen His hand moving to orchestrate His work through NCF ministry with nurses and nursing students.*

### Nicaragua

*2 Corinthians 2:14 (below) was our 'team verse' for the Nicaragua mission Jan 13-21 for 8 NCF nurses. The personal and team growth through preparation and going on this trip has been significant. We pray that in our week of spiritual encouragement and health teaching (dental hygiene, self breast exam, sexual purity, first aid) with children, moms, nurses, and mission staff, He did work in us proclaiming His name and love like a sweet fragrance to everyone.*

*Our ministry was designed to support and continue the work of our host mission, El Ayudante ([www.nicamissions.org](http://www.nicamissions.org)). They not only cared for us well, but shared their vision for reaching the people of their country through works of service done in the name of Jesus.*

*While we are still processing our experience, we are confident that this kind of short term mission will have a lasting impact on our lives and our practice of nursing. We believe this includes growth in personal faith in God, self concept as a servant, and listening to God for direction for daily guidance. Practice areas include greater sensitivity to those of other cultures in our own work settings, enhanced ability to promote unity of purpose among our coworkers, as well as a greater vision for God's work in the world and among nurses. We look forward to seeing the work God continues to do in our hearts in the time to come.*

*But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ, and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.*

2 Corinthians 2:14



### Nicaragua Team Reflections

- It was a wonderful to be part of this team as we learned to wait, watch and listen to the Lord's direction.
- It was rewarding to teach, empower and encourage the Nicaraguans and to share Christ's love with them. I can hardly wait to see where the Lord will lead me next!!
- I thought I was a servant, but I learned so much about having a servant heart.
- The most significant aspect of the trip for me was encouraging the nurses at Matagalpa hospital and to praying for them. They encounter many of the same problems as nurses in the US but with far fewer resources.
- We, in the US, are truly blessed and take far too much for granted. God opened our eyes and hearts to the beauty of the Nicaraguan people and to their overwhelming needs.
- I also saw God working in so many places and situations and through many people. We were just a tiny part of that, and I was so grateful to be a part.

## URBANA 06

*God answered our prayers for opportunities to encourage many nursing student in St. Louis at the Urbana missions conference sponsored by InterVarsity. At our NCF booth we enjoyed listening to what God is doing in schools around the country and praying for the students individually. I am especially excited about the students from OH and MI I was able to connect with – even as close as the University of Akron. Some of them already have an NCF group and several were eager to find out how to begin NCF ministry at their schools. Over 400 nursing students dropped by to chat and find out about NCF resources. Please pray especially for the several who asked about ways they could serve the Lord by coming on NCF staff.*

*Many were also eager to use their nursing skills to serve the Lord as students and after graduation. It was a blessing to help them to make contacts with short term mission opportunities through IV Global Projects and mission organizations like Mercy Ships.*



Students I chatted with at the NCF booth and the group I prayed with during the NCF prayer time on Sat pm. Over 200 crammed into the room to hear about and pray for NCF ministry in the US and around the world.



### **Please pray for preparation and follow-up for these Spring events:**

- February 15 – Part One “**Complementary and Alternative Modalities: Practice Perspectives**” at Cleveland State, sponsored by Fairview NCF.
- February 22 – Greater Canton NCF Gathering
- February 24 – Greater Canton brunch “**Embracing the Gift of Aging**”
- March 10 – OH NCF leaders meeting –Wakeman, OH
- March 15 – Part Two “**Complementary and Alternative Modalities: Practice Perspectives**”
- March 22 – Greater Canton NCF Gathering
- March 22-24 – NCF leadership meetings in Chicago
- March 31- Greater Canton annual conference “**A Christian Response to HIV/AIDS**” with Grace Tazelaar at Malone College.
- April 21 – Portland, OR conference “**Prescription for Compassion Fatigue**”
- April 26 – Greater Canton NCF Gathering
- June 1-2 – Western NY retreat “**Prescription for Compassion Fatigue**”
- June 26-28 – NCF staff meeting – Minneapolis, MN
- June 28- July 1 – NCF National Summit “**Nursing as Ministry: Celebrate the Past – Imprint the Future**” – Minneapolis, MN
- July 27 – August 7 – Mission Bridge – First Friends mission to Fiji

*God is good! Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support! I am especially grateful for those who sent an end of the year gift or increased their monthly giving so that my ministry fund is a little healthier. Pray that my deficit will be met in part by new ministry partners.*

*I will be praying for you as well! Many blessing and much love,*

*Fran*