

Nurses Christian Fellowship

Bringing Good News to Nursing



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“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

II Tim. 2:15

Dear Ministry friends,

Recently my pastor’s messages in II Timothy have challenged me to focus on what it means to be a faithful worker for Christ. I’m very privileged to be supporting students and nurses who are *doing their best to present themselves approved to God and who are not ashamed to present His Word of truth*. Please meet four faithful workers.



“**Susanna**”, a student leader in both the LSUHSC NCF chapter and in the Louisiana Nursing Students Association (NSA), asked the state NSA leadership if she could have an exhibit for her school’s NCF chapter at the state convention. The answer was “YES”, so “Susanna” had a poster/photo exhibit to show how her NCF group is sharing Jesus with institutionalized children in New Orleans during the school year and providing health care to families in Mexico each summer. She also had NCF books & literature so others could learn about having an NCF chapter on their campus. “Susanna” exemplifies *a worker who does not need to be ashamed*.



In far West Texas, faculty member “**Marsha**” offers prayer to students before they take exams. She wrote, “I had scheduled prayer time this morning for the 2nd-semester students. Last semester they never asked for prayer, so I was not sure if anyone would come. I got to school early to pray and go over my message, and at 6:55 there was a very quick and determined knock at the outer door. It was a student. I told her the prayer time was at 7:10, but if she needed prayer then, I would pray for her. She said she could wait. At 7:10, I went into the hallway, and she and another student were waiting. Then three more came. I gave a short message and then prayed. One student was crying. They are just overwhelmed and stressed to the max! Later, at three different times today, each student thanked me and said prayer helped them. I told them I offer prayer before each exam, but if they need prayer at anytime just find me and I will pray with them. What a magnificent plan God has!” “Marsha” also exemplifies *a worker who does not need to be ashamed*.



Houston Baptist University students **Denise and Erin** and supportive **faculty** have begun a new NCF chapter on this vibrant urban campus. They are meeting for Bible study and are planning a mission trip to Guatemala. Thank God for the university’s recent approval of the group, and ask Him to encourage and guide these leaders as they seek to be *faithful workers* in their nursing program.

I, too, have sought to be a faithful worker as I have ...

- ◆ Focused with the staff team in Chicago on opportunities to grow this ministry. National Director Pat Emery (left) and Education Director Ruth Snapp enjoyed our candle-light dinner during severe storms and a power outage.



- ◆ Finalized the Round Top weekend conference plans. **Helping Patients Overcome Fear and Anxiety February 1- 3, 2008** Students and nurses can begin registering **NOW!** Information is on the web at <http://www.ncf-jcn.org/conferences/23tx.html>



- ◆ Met with Karen, NCF staff worker in the Seattle area, and the volunteer NW Ministry Team. Karen has a vibrant ministry with her multiethnic nursing colleagues. She and the faithful NW team are seeking God's guidance to know how best to bring the Good News of Jesus to more students and nurses. I also had the joy of visiting with aunts and cousins who I hadn't seen in 20 years. God's provisions and free airline miles made this trip possible!

◆ Interacted with students and faculty via email, phone, and in person on the 15 campuses where students are studying His truths to become *approved workers who can correctly handle the word of truth* as they care for people.

The work to be done...

- ✚ Equip & encourage current and new student leaders, faculty advisors, & practicing nurses to grow in their faith and represent Christ in nursing.
- ✚ Prepare, write, & teach about nursing practice issues from a Christian perspective
- ✚ Develop special interest/affinity nurse groups on the national level
- ✚ Assist NCF staff in national-level strategic planning & conference planning

With these expanded full-time responsibilities comes a **\$14,000 budget increase for the year**. If you have not given in the past, would you consider joining my support team by giving \$25, \$50, or more per month? Your gift would help more students and nurses to know Christ as Savior and Lord and to become *His faithful workers* to their classmates, colleagues, and patients. Five ways to give are explained on the NCF web site at <http://ncf.intervarsity.org/donate.html> , or mail your gift with a note to: NCF, P.O. Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707-7895

Please pray that I, along with students and nurses in NCF, can *"be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus"*; and that we will *"be instruments for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work."* II Tim. 2:1; 21. I thank God for His many blessings over the past 10 years, and I thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jane

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