



NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to Nursing

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Dear Ministry Friends,

Merry Christmas! My almost 4-year old grandson wants a “Transformer” for Christmas. By moving its parts you can change it into a futuristic vehicle or an action figure. I don’t know how to transform these toys, but I do know the **REAL TRANSFORMER** and how desperately nurses and students need to know Him, too. NCF is all about helping people to be **transformed by Him...**



Marsha is a congregational health nurse in a vibrant church, **Linda** is the lead RN for a large OB-GYN medical group, and **Chary** is a nursing leader at a large institution for the disabled. We met together in late October in Dallas to pray for our upcoming **Round Top** conference and for their personal ministries. These

nurses are committed to helping their care recipients and co-workers to know the transforming love and power of God that is available to them through the grace of Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

NCF students and faculty at Austin Community College meet to focus on the transforming power of Christ that motivates and sustains them. One student told us that now she loves going to church, and she won’t stop because of the huge difference it makes in her life. Another student shared Scripture with the group about how we need to keep our eyes on Jesus so that we won’t sink like Peter did when he tried to walk on water. This full-time student, wife, and mother is also dealing with a life-challenging chronic illness, but she is trusting in Christ to keep her moving toward her goal to be an RN. Both



students and faculty stepped out of their comfort zones to reach out to the homeless who gather under the Interstate 35 Town Lake Bridge in Austin. They had purchased socks, snacks and hygiene items and printed Scripture cards, and on Saturday, Nov. 22nd they gave out over 600

gift bags along with a message of hope that transformation is possible. They were transformed in the process!

Campus News- Answered prayer! Michele at Midwestern State emailed **today** that the NCF group is now an officially approved campus organization! Michele has faithfully gathered students together at local restaurants this past semester while they waited for approval. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide Michele and faculty advisor, Jane, as they plan ways for students and faculty to know Jesus' transforming love and grace.

Round Top Conference- Honoring Life - Offering Hope in Palliative Care, Feb. 6-8, 2009 Brochures have been received, emails have been sent, and some have registered- **Praise the Lord!** Find out more about the conference at www.ncf-jcn.org/conferences/28tx.pdf Ask the Lord to stir the hearts of nurses and students to register NOW and for volunteers to be small group leaders. **Perhaps you might want to give the Round Top conference as a Christmas gift!**

NCF National Summit- Nursing as Ministry: Caring in Context, Dallas, June '09 The program and presenters are confirmed and the brochure is at the printer. **Praise the Lord!**

Ministry Mid-year Update- Thank you for your prayer and financial support. I am humbled and comforted by your generosity and God's constant care. I am facing a budget deficit of approximately \$1500.00 per month for the rest of the fiscal year (July 09). Would you prayerfully consider beginning to give, giving a year-end gift or increasing your gifts to NCF? Please pray that I will be faithful to invite others to partner in this ministry so that **nurses and students can be transformed to be like Jesus.**

NCF donation information can be found at <http://ncf-jcn.org/donate.html> - click on "Give Online", and gifts can be mailed with a note for "Jane" to NCF, P.O. Box 7895, Madison, WI 53707-7895

May your Christmas season and New Year be filled with the transforming light, joy, and peace that only Jesus can bring.

As always, please let me know how I can pray for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Our family at Thanksgiving - Joe and me, Seth holding Birk, and Jill with Ian.