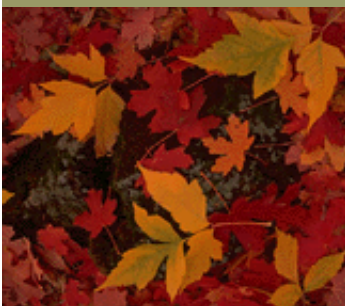




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## Shooting in Madison



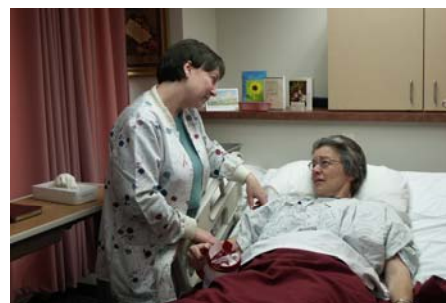
It may look like these nurses are being held hostage, but they actually volunteered for this!

On November 10-11, InterVarsity's media department, 2100, shot scenes for the new NCF video curriculum.

Each of six 30-minute DVD sessions will begin with a clinical nursing vignette, followed by a brief content presentation by Arlene Miller and Judy Shelly, ending with a small group discussion. The format I designed to stimulate discussion among viewers.

The "actors," recruited from among NCF staff, local NCFers in Madison and personnel in the IVCF office, played nurses, patients and

family members. They all made stellar performances. It will be fun to see all this come together by late spring 2006. Please pray for me as I develop the leaders and participant guides to accompany the DVDs.



## Joy Restored

At the Mid-Atlantic NCF Fall Seminar and Retreat 42 nurses listened, laughed, worshiped and rejoiced. Willa Decker started us off with a seminar on "Rediscovering Joy in Nursing." Her warm, humorous style kept participants fully engaged as she clearly presented practical, biblical principles for restoring and maintaining a joyful spirit in stressful nursing situations.

Following the seminar, we turned to personally applying the content in a retreat setting. An excellent worship team led us in praise and worship and we spent the next 24 hours in prayer and Scripture.

My husband Jim joined me in leading the retreat. I gave three talks, "Completing Our Joy" (John 15), "Finding Joy in Brokenness" (Nehemiah 8:1-12) and "Joyfully Abiding" (Philippians 4:1-4).

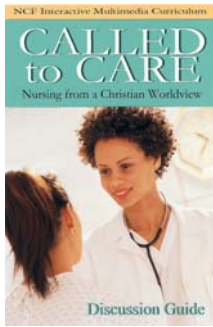
For two hours on Saturday morning, partici-

pants went off alone to study Psalm 51:1-12, then reassembled for small groups. During free time in the afternoon, Jim and I were available to pray with individuals (they kept us busy). The retreat ended with a moving Communion service.

It was fun being up front to see a roomful of rather discouraged nurses literally transformed before my eyes!



## In Press

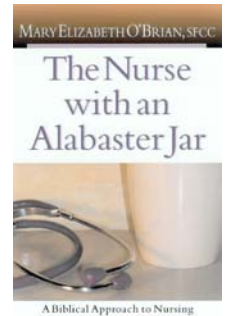


NCF Press continues to turn out quality publications. My vision for the multimedia curriculum is really much broader than just publications, though. We expect this curriculum to grow new NCF groups across North America and beyond. It will provide user-friendly program tools for groups that meet in the work place, in churches, or even in homes.

The curriculum kit is based on the second edition of *Called to Care*, which in itself contains lots of interactive material—questions

for further thinking, biblical/theological reflections and case studies with discussion questions. The DVDs present the concepts in *Called to Care* in a much shorter, simpler manner. They require little or no preparation by the group leader, so they are easy to use. The Leaders Guide will give suggestions for use in academic and clinical settings, as well as for those who might just want to informally gather a group of nurse friends to view the series together. The Discussion Guide will provide an overview of the presentations and the Bible passages referenced, as well as discussion questions for the group.

Mary Elizabeth O'Brien's new book, *The Nurse with an Alabaster Jar: A Biblical Approach to Nursing*, is the first nursing book to focus entirely on the role of the Scriptures in nursing. She reveals how the Scriptures have shaped nursing from its beginning and continues to provide direction and resources for nursing care.



Features include:

- Making sense of the Bible
- The Bible and the nurse's calling
- The Bible in nursing history
- The Bible in nursing literature
- How to use the Bible in nursing practice
- A biblical understanding of suffering
- Jesus as a model for healing ministry
- Praying the Bible
- Nursing as a sacred covenant

## Learning More About Prayer



Francis MacNutt

I continue to focus on learning more about prayer and putting what I'm learning in to practice. What a joy it has been to spend increasing amounts of quality time in prayer! We've also seen the positive effects in our October Staff Leadership Team meetings in Chicago.

Also in October, Jim and I attended an outstanding conference on healing prayer, "Emerging Leaders in Healing," led by Francis and

Judith MacNutt. I've appreciated Francis MacNutt's solid biblical writing and teaching on healing for many years, so it was delightful to finally hear him in person.

On Nov. 19 I will attend an "Acts 29 Prayer Encounter" conference to learn more about intercessory prayer (i.e., what happens *after* Acts 28). Then in January, I will attend another conference on healing prayer, led by Mike Flynn in Minneapolis.

*Pray in the Spirit on all occasions  
with all kinds of prayers and  
requests.  
Ephesians 6:18*

## Please Pray!

And so, I ask you to join me in prayer:

- For the publications team as we develop exciting new NCF resources.
- For *JCN* editor Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner, as we meet November 30-December 3 and explore a potential publishing partnership.
- For the Mid-Atlantic Leadership Council meeting, January 21
- For NCF Staff Leadership Team meetings in Madison January 23-26.
- Mike Flynn conference in Minneapolis, January 27-28.
- Editing the *Called to Care* DVDs in Madison, January 30-31.
- For wisdom as I work on the multimedia curriculum materials.
- For my continuing growth in prayer ministry—and whatever that may mean in practical terms.
- My financial support continues to be strong, but please keep praying!

**Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support! I am so grateful for you.**