

June 2008

Dear friends,

*O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will praise Your name,  
for You have done wonderful things, even purposes planned of old  
and fulfilled in faithfulness and truth.                      Isaiah 25:1 AMP*

This verse has special significance as I ponder the wonderful things God is doing through the *Journal of Christian Nursing* and Nurses Christian Fellowship ministry, even the purposes He planned of old, fulfilling his will in faithfulness and truth. Truly, God is good!

I'm excited to share that after working as volunteer provisional staff with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship since 2003, I am going to begin received a modest salary July 1, 2008. Although I have been able to freely give to this work, I am grateful for the gift of sharing in the harvest (1 Corinthians 9:7-18). God has shown me over the past year that "the worker deserves his wages" and it is time to begin receiving a salary.

However, with this change comes the responsibility of raising additional prayer and financial support. I need to immediately begin raising \$3000.00 a month—an additional \$1800.00 over current giving—in order to cover the cost of my salary and expenses beginning July 1.

What do I do and why do I need support?

- Because we are a faith-based ministry dependent on gifts from others, all InterVarsity staff rely on prayer and financial support from a group of faithful supporters who partner with us in ministry.



April/June 2008 JCN Cover

- The majority of my work with InterVarsity is spent producing the *Journal of Christian Nursing*. JCN is used as an evangelism and teaching tool with nurses, nursing students, and nurse educators, and has both a national and international reach. We offer a biblically-based, Christian perspective on myriad issues in nursing. We reach non-Christian nurses through solidly-based professional and clinical information that incorporates a biblical perspective. As Editor, I am responsible for soliciting, choosing, and editing all journal content, and providing leadership for production of the journal.
- As a team member with Nurses Christian Fellowship, I participate in decision-making and planning, offering input and ideas on day-to-day and long term issues. I help with problem solving and serve as a colleague and resource to our Director and other NCF staff.
- As field staff in the Central Plains area, I make contact with nurses, students, and educators. I email new contacts, respond to queries about NCF and encourage nursing faculty members who lead NCF groups in their schools. My role is to be a presence for NCF in this region, a real person people connect with. On occasion I speak at NCF meetings and conferences.
- As a leader with the NCF Wichita State student group, I help with planning, coordinating and leading student ministry at WSU.

Would you join with me in prayer that God will do what he wants with donations to IVCF on my behalf? Would you consider giving to help meet my budget needs? If you would like to see a more detailed budget explaining how donations are allocated, please let me know and I would be happy to share this with you.

Read on to learn of other *exciting happenings!*

- God has been faithful to *JCN*! We learned in April that *JCN* performed well in 2007 with our publishing partner, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (LWW). As subscriptions and advertising continue to increase, we receive income from LWW which will be used to help cover a portion of *JCN* staff salaries and expenses this coming fiscal year.
- We completed the semester at Wichita State University with a great group of 12 nursing students and 4 faculty members involved in the NCF group. We worked on a Bible study of Phillipians called “A Lifestyle of Joy” and shared lunch, fellowship and prayer every two weeks. We talked about the *difference* Jesus makes in our nursing. We’ll meet for a cookout in July and everyone wants to continue meeting in the fall. I’ll keep you posted!
- My work as a staff nurse at Via Christi Good Shepherd Hospital continues to inform my thinking for ministry to nurses and students. Participating in the daily grind and struggle to figure out how to get the work done while offering whole person care to patients and families *is challenging*. Pray I hear Jesus and understand how he wants to minister to patients and nurses.



WSU NCF Group May 2008  
End of Semester Come-and-Go Brunch

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and partnership. If you would like to begin giving to this ministry or increase your giving, you can use the enclosed envelope or go online to <http://ncf-jcn.org/donate.html> and click on “Give Online.”

Do let me know how I can pray for you.

Onward!

*Kathy*

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*Prayer Requests:*

- That I would continue to grow in Christ, especially in obedience to him.
- That I would be an effective working mom during the summer to my three teens.
- That God would teach me and use me as I work as a journal editor and staff nurse.
- For me to be obedient in ministry fund raising.
- For God to stir the hearts of the people he wants to give financially to IVCF, to reach 100% of needed personal ministry support.

*Upcoming Schedule:*

- June 14-19 – *Innovations in Faith-Based Nursing Education* conference, Marion, Indiana; a key time to discover authors and new content for *JCN*
- June 25 – Manuscripts due to LWW for Oct/Dec 08 issue of *JCN*
- July 6 or 13 – WSU NCF group to my home for fellowship, cookout, planning
- July 29-Aug 1 – *Mentoring as Ministry* NCF conference, Chicago, IL
- August 2-10 – camping with family in Colorado (in the **cool** mountains!)
- August 8 – Late Departments due to LWW for Oct/Dec 08 *JCN*
- Ongoing – Plan 2009 issues of *JCN* (themes, contact authors, recruit manuscripts)