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*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings,
Who publishes peace,
Who brings good tidings of good,
Who publishes salvation,
Who says to Zion, Your God reigns!*

Isaiah 52:7, AMP

Dear Friends,

These familiar words seem especially poignant as I work on manuscripts for the journal this week. The articles I've edited literally will help nurses bring *Good News* to their patients. I am a *publisher* of peace and salvation! Many of the articles we publish give specific perspectives about Christian nursing; about spiritual care and sincere deep caring for patients and families. The authors address problems and issues in nursing from a biblical perspective. *Pray* Christian nurses continue to write and submit articles sharing what God is teaching them about nursing for him. *Pray* for journal staff that we hear God's voice and follow his leading.

Some ministry updates:

- *JCN*: I hope you have taken the opportunity to check out the new and improved www.journalofchristiannursing.com. There is *free* full access content along with some other cool features you can use. Please refer nurses you know to this site. You also can go to www.nursingcenter.com and find free *JCN* content (continuing education articles, my editorials, other columns). The upcoming October/December issue continuing education feature, **"The Stranger Among Us: Ministering Health to Migrants"** by Jean Bokinskie and Tracy Evanson examines how nurses and faith communities can meet health needs of migrant farmworkers. There also is a *landmark article* on the importance of religion in spiritual care, **"Nursing and Spirituality: What Happened to Religion"** by Amy Rex Smith—landmark because spiritual care often is generic in today's healthcare arena, void of religious connotation. *Pray* God causes nurses to find and examine *JCN*.



- *Growing Pains*: By January 2010 we have a goal with our publisher, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, to have monthly *online* publishing of 8-10 feature articles and columns as well as publishing the *quarterly* print journal. There will be some overlap in print/online articles and content, but still *lots* of detail involved and myriad pieces to keep tabs on. In addition, we are making updates to the print design! *Pray* God organizes and directs this effort; that he makes us wise and gracious. I keep reminding myself that nothing is too difficult for God and nothing escaped Jesus' attention (or obedience) in his fast-paced life. *Pray* we are a witness to our colleagues at LWW.
- *WSU Health Professions Group*: We expanded the outreach of the Nurses Christian Fellowship group to all 6 health professions schools: nursing, dental hygiene, speech pathology, medical technology, physical therapy, and physician assistant. We had our

kickoff meeting August 31 and had good faculty attendance but only 2 students. There is tremendous potential within the college of health professions to bring *Good News* to many students. **Pray** the faculty advisors and I hear God's direction and leading; ask the Holy Spirit to come and pour out God's grace. **Pray** we will do what is required to make this outreach what God wants.

- *Newman University*: I will speak to the NCF group at Newman (Wichita) October 12th about spiritual care and faith sharing. **Pray** for the faculty advisor Amy, and that I hear God about how he wants to minister to this group. The Newman group meets monthly.
- *Urbana 09*: InterVarsity's 22nd Student Missions Conference is December 27-31, St. Louis, MO. There is one and perhaps 2 nursing students from WSU who will be attending. I may have the privilege of taking them and working with NCF as well! **Pray** God brings all those he is calling to come (about 25,000!) and provides everything that is needed to make this Urbana what he desires!
- *Financial update*: **Praise God** with me that he poured out his generosity and NCF completed the fiscal year with no deficits! God did some pretty *amazing* things. I need to follow up on some new partnership opportunities and hear God's leading for this year. **Pray** I hear and am obedient. If you have any questions about this ministry and how donations are used, please ask me.
- *Personal*: Some of you know I had knee surgery (arthroscopic repair) last January but am still unable to straighten my knee and experience moderate discomfort. I am exercising, stretching, and working hard to keep the muscles in my leg strong and flexible. It is discouraging to have a knee that doesn't work right... long term I probably will need a knee replacement. **Pray** I will be obedient in self-care and learn from this "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12) what God would teach me. I know God can heal me but at this point he hasn't, so I press on. I continue to work at the hospital 1-2 days a week; **pray** God uses me as he wants.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership. If you would like to give to this ministry go online to <http://ncf-jcn.org/donate.php> and donate or learn more about giving. If you would like an envelope to mail in a contribution, please email or call me. When you give, make sure my name is designated as the IVCF staff member for your gift.

Onward!

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Schedule and Prayer Needs:

- September 21 – WSU Health Professions fellowship group
- September 23 – manuscripts due to LWW for January/March 2010 issue of *JCN*
- October 5, 19 – WSU group
- October 12 – speak at Newman NCF
- October 23 – late departments due to LWW; November 4 – proof corrections to LWW
- November 2, 16 – WSU group
- November 8 – Newman group
- December 7 – WSU group
- December 27-31 – InterVarsity's 22nd Student Missions Conference, Urbana 09, St. Louis, MO
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