

Dear friend,

I thank God for you and your friendship and partnership in my ministry with NCF. The last weeks have been very encouraging and I want to share updates:

- I completed my NCF Director role June 30 at the NCF National Summit at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. I presented the closing talk at the Summit, “A Charge I Have to Keep,” and gave highlights from “charges” given during leadership transitions in the Bible. It was a privilege to share Deuteronomy 31:7-8 and pray for Harriet Coeling (Interim Director) and Pat Emery (NCF Director who will begin her role October 1) as well as Carol Hamilton, new NCF Director in Canada). I am grateful to God for them and all they bring to NCF at this important time in history. I anticipate an exciting future for NCF.
- The banquet honoring me for my work as NCF Director was an encouraging evening of memories and affirmation. I deeply sensed God’s love. It was fun to share the evening of celebration with family, friends from my home church in Minneapolis and the NCF community.



With NCFI colleagues



With sister, Karen, and Barney Ford, NCF supervisor



With NCF staff and former staff

- During July I worked in the Madison office on various projects, including preparation of the NCF Archives. (InterVarsity departments are sending archives to be stored at the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College.) I sorted files of NCF ministry that I've experienced the last 39 years on staff, another opportunity to reflect on God's faithfulness and the privilege to be involved in His work. NCF has a wonderful heritage.



I also appreciated time with Pat Emery when she came to Madison for more orientation in July, as well as interaction with Harriet Coeling. Harriet's ministry as Interim Director July through September makes it possible for Pat to focus on raising support and orientation, and for me to focus on finishing projects and transition to my new staff role. Partnership among us is

a gift from God, and we seek to foster a good leadership transition for NCF.

*Note: I'm continuing on staff as an "NCF Specialist," to serve NCF through ministry to our long time supporters and sharing information about extending NCF's legacy through prayer and financial partnership. I also will be available to Harriet and Pat.*

*I'll continue working full time, and would appreciate your ongoing prayer and financial support for this new ministry.*

- August will include vacation in Minnesota and a personal retreat at a conference center on a beautiful MN lake. It will be fun to have time with friends and family, and a relaxed schedule after a very full year.

Blessings to you as you complete your summer,

Mary Thompson