

March 17, 2009

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35b

Dear Friends in Ministry,

Our Lord is doing amazing things! You're right, I shouldn't be surprised but it sure is fun to see and to hear what He is doing. Let me share a few of the exciting things I see and hear Him doing.

Over 1100 students have become believers in Jesus Christ across the country through the ministries of InterVarsity this year! There are currently evangelism projects happening in California on Catalina Island and in Louisiana where Christian student have invited their non-Christian friends to work side by side with them in Katrina reconstruction projects. Recently over 300 Fraternity and Sorority students gave their lives to Christ. We live in exciting times!

During this school year we have seen God working within Colleges of Nursing to raise-up student and faculty leadership to start new Bible study and prayer groups. We have new groups starting in Arizona, Florida, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Ohio, California, Indiana, and Oregon. These students are desirous to see the Lord work in their own lives and in the lives of their classmates. We see the Lord working on secular and church affiliated campuses, at Universities, at Commuter Colleges, in Community Colleges and in Technical Colleges.



Students at an NCF meeting Denver



NCF Professional Planning Committee Denver, Co.

We are also excited about the new Professional groups that have started or will be starting yet this year. In places like Martinsburg, WV; Cincinnati, OH; Ann Arbor, MI; Gothenburg, NE; Pueblo, CO; Sacramento, CA; Pensacola, FL and a variety of other places across the country.

There are no limits to what our God can do as He pours out His love through His Spirit in mighty ways! “And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.” Romans 5:5

In the midst of my excitement of hearing and seeing the Lord work, I also see and hear that these are difficult times for many of you. I pray that the Lord is making Himself very real to you and that you experience His presence and peace in the midst of hard times whether from loss of loved ones, loss of jobs, loss of investments, declining income and rising prices. Isn't it good to know that in these times that ***the name of the Lord is a strong tower, where we can run and be safe? Proverbs 18:10***

As NCF enters the last quarter of our fiscal year, we are experiencing financial deficits just as many ministries are. Would you please pray and ask the Lord to provide out of His abundance and grace?

Included below are prayer requests and my itinerary for the next few months.

Prayer requests:

- Thank God with me for the lives that have become His through faith in Jesus Christ!



- **March 25-28** –I will be leading the NCF National Staff Conference—Atlanta, GA. Please pray for unity of purpose and direction
- **March 30th** --Marion, IND—I will be meeting with the Dean of FSIL School of Nursing in Leogane, Haiti for the purpose of encouraging her and help establish NCF in Haiti. Pray for Dean Hilda Alcindor as she ministers and witnesses the love of Jesus to the students.
- **March 31-April 3**—I will be attending InterVarsity Spring Leadership meetings—Madison, WI Pray for effective relationships as we work together for the future of the ministries of InterVarsity
- **April 3rd**—The deadline for the completion of the 2009-10 NCF budget—pray for God’s wisdom in planning for our next fiscal year
- **April 6-17th** –I will be on vacation in Germany and Switzerland visiting a missionary friend in Germany and an NCF friend in Switzerland. Pray for rest and refreshment after a busy year.
- **April 15-19** –NCF staff will be in Nashville, TN participating in the National Student Nurse Convention. We will have an exhibit booth where many of the 3,000 student nurses attending will have the opportunity to be introduced to Jesus Christ and learn how they can integrate faith and practice. In addition, Skip McDonald will be providing an elective educational session on faith in practice. Pray for Skip, Renee, Robert and Arielle.
- **May 8th** -- I will be speaking at a professional conference on the topic of “Thriving or Surviving: Making a Difference in Your Workplace” in Hopkinton, NH— Pray the Lord will bring those that He wants to attend the conference and they will be encouraged as many of them work in difficult healthcare environments.
- **June 25-28th**—Dallas, TX—NCF will be holding our national Summit 09 Conference “Nursing as Ministry: Caring in Context”. This conference provides educational seminars for Faculty, students and professionals. Pray that many will attend and be encouraged in their faith as well as in their profession.

I thank God for each of you and your faithful service to Him. May He bless you richly for your obedience to Him!

Because of His grace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Emery".

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