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Dear Friends,

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus,” Philippians 4:4, 6-7 NRSV.*

What appropriate verses to share. NCF ended our fiscal year June 30, 2008 and God supplied all our needs so that we ended the year without deficit. Rejoice in the Lord with me and praise His name for His gracious and loving kindness toward us! Thanks too, for your part in making this possible.

The Lord is making me aware that often when I pray asking the Him for something, I have an idea of how I think He is going to answer. So I look for the answer I expect, not anticipating the He may choose to answer in a totally different way. I am finding that sometimes I miss seeing the answer because I am not looking beyond what “I” expect. Do you find yourself doing that as well?

I am so grateful to be reminded again that I am not to worry but continue to make my needs known and He *will* supply. I pray that you too, will look beyond the “expected” answers—God will likely surprise you!

My schedule:

- **September 12- October 2:** I will be attending the NCF International conference in Jos, Nigeria September 14-19, 2008 and then 11 nurses from the USA will stay for a post conference service learning project. We will spend 10 days with the Nigerian nurses learning about healthcare in their country. I’m excited about what the Lord wants to teach us and to meet Christian nurses from around the world. I will also be inducted on to the International Board representing the USA. **Please pray for safety as we travel.**
- **October 6-8:** I will be in Madison for Fall Leadership Meetings with other leaders within InterVarsity
- **October 10-14:** I will travel to northern California to speak at the NCF conference. My topic is “Thriving or Surviving? Making a Difference in your Workplace”. I look forward to meeting many long time supporters of NCF in this region of the country.
- **October 20-22:** I will be in Philadelphia to meet with the publishers of our Journal
- **October 25 :** I will speak at the NCF brunch in Cleveland: The topic is “Light Your Candle: A Christian Perspective of Workplace Challenges”
- **November 3-7:** I’ll be in Madison for Leadership meetings with InterVarsity staff
- **November 20-22:** I’ll be in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the Nursing Organizations Alliance meeting. This is the annual conference of all of the professional nursing organizations in the USA.

I truly appreciate your prayers as I travel across the country and around the world in the next few months!

May God bless and encourage you as you look to Him in prayer. Expect the unexpected!  
Thanks, too, for lifting NCF up to the Lord.

Because of His grace,

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