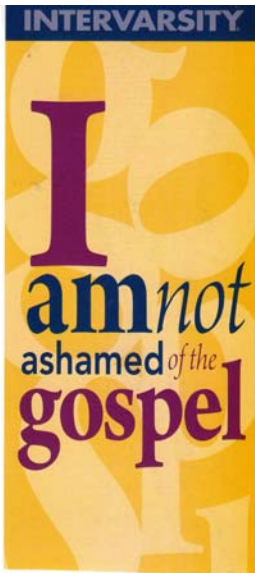


A Living Hope

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a **LIVING HOPE** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. I Peter 1:3-5 NIV

Greetings to you, partners in the ministry of sharing this wonderful **LIVING HOPE** with faculty and graduate students in nursing education.

A very special thank you for your financial support in December! Your contributions strengthened the possibilities for ministry in the second half of the year. Indeed you are a *vital* part of the ministry as you **pray**; **tell others** about the important role NCF is playing in preparing future nursing leaders; **and give** as God leads.



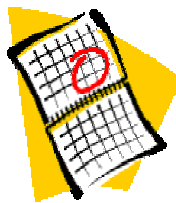
During the first week of January, some 1300+ InterVarsity staff met in St. Louis to reaffirm in many ways the truth: **"I am not ashamed of the gospel" Rm. 1:16**. My spirit was brimming over with **HOPE** as I traveled home from staff conference. Bible study and expositions on Romans, testimonies of God changing lives and transforming campuses, times of networking with colleagues, and hours of meeting God in prayer renewed my **HOPE**

Since January I have experienced God's gift of a living **HOPE** in ministry activities of writing, personal interactions, and conference planning. Every three months, I ask God for His message to readers of the *Journal of Christian Nursing* column Called to Teach. **HOPE** - **"Jesus, our HOPE** in the midst of the storms of academic life" was what He brought to mind. I wrote that drawing from the gospel accounts, we like the disciples, must remember to call to Jesus when in trouble rather than struggling alone. He will help us for He is our living **HOPE**.



Judy, a doctoral candidate, called several days ago to share with me how near she is to completing her dissertation. We reminisced about our various interactions as she moved from identifying a research question to data analysis four years later. Personal interactions such as these with Judy are gifts of a living **HOPE**. I can hardly wait to see the bound copy of Judy's dissertation - *An Analysis of the Spiritual Dimension in the Nursing Curricula of Baccalaureate Nursing Programs in the U.S.*

HOPE is represented in planning for the Innovations in Faith Based Nursing Education, a conference co-sponsored by NCF and Indiana Wesleyan U. I am thankful that God is making it possible to fulfill the request for annual or biannual faculty conferences through this cooperative venture. I am confident that when faculty gather and God is present, He will work among them!



June 16-19, 2008

Celebrating with you our **LIVING HOPE - Jesus**,

Sandra Jamison

Upcoming Events & Prayer Requests

Mar 11-13 Annual InterVarsity Grad- Faculty Conference. Pray especially for planning of Following Christ '08 Conference in December

Mar 30 - Christian Deans Fellowship in Washington DC - pray for God's presence as I share from God's word

May 1-4 NCF Staff conference - pray for God's guidance of the strategic planning process

June 16-19 Innovations in Faith Based Nursing Education - pray for planning, publicity, and registrations

Pray for me that I might be more conformed to the image of Christ and know how to help others to know His love for them