

Skip's Chronicles

 Nurses Christian Fellowship

Reaching Students in His Name~

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I Love College Students!

And I'm confident that God does too. I appreciate their stage of life. Memories of my nursing school days linger in my mind. When talking with a nursing student, I am often taken back to a similar story of my own. Non-nursing students have their own special effects upon me as well. They are equally in this new phase of life-bright eyed, or sleepy eyed wondering what's next in life, yet having to succeed in the moment. College students invigorate me-they keep me on my toes, keep me wanting to learn and grow. I

like academia. I thank God for the students He allows me to touch in His name. I have met primarily with students who are new in their nursing program. They are eager to learn how to integrate their faith into their nursing. We have talked about prayer, healing, God's Word, God's sovereignty, suffering-to name a few topics. Tears have been shed in the hard moments-God knows. I seek to communicate His loving and caring heart and consider it a privilege to do so. Thanks for your prayers.



NCF @ Georgia Baptist College of Nursing/ Mercer University



NCF @ Emory University



Mentoring and Discipleship~ Meet Sara

I remember a bright eyed nursing student listening intently to me when I came to share with their student group. She would usually speak to me after my presentation. I had no idea that one day I would have the privilege of mentoring her. Nearing graduation

from Georgia Baptist, one day she asked if we could get together for coffee. Of course I said yes. A few months later we did get together. Once again she listened intently as I gave a discourse of my nursing world and walk with God. By the way, she got

to share too. She is a dear young woman with a heart after God. She desires to know Him and share Him with others. Sara and I meet on a regular basis and study my discipleship curriculum, "Christ, My Life: The Great Exchange." God has blessed our time.



Sara, new R.N. at Piedmont Hospital

Singleness and Iowa

What do they have in common? Nothing really. However, this fall both were a part of my life. I often find myself discussing relationships with others and singleness in particular. I led a seminar at the InterVarsity's Women's conference on "Single and Spoken For." With a smaller more intimate group, I turned my lecture into a time of discussing the topic of singleness. I appreciated the honest and open input from those present. When I share about my call to singleness, I get interesting looks and questions. One of my favorite responses was, "How

did you hear the call to be single because I hope I never hear it?!" I shared my story of hope as a Christian, single woman.

Iowa, here I come. I'd never been there, but was looking forward to the visit. I was invited by Melissa with the Iowa Association of Nursing Students to speak at their convention. Melissa and I met when I presented at the National Student Nurses Association convention in the spring. I enjoyed presenting, "Spiritual Care: Is It Right for You?" I was also taken great care of by Rachel, my new friend and new

girlfriend of my colleague, Tony Gatewood. Rachel was gracious enough to take me to Clinton, Iowa to visit my friend and NCF colleague, Kamalini Kumar. We had a delightful visit with she and her family in her home..



Rachel, Skip and Kamalini

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Headed to Memphis and Volunteerism

I was invited to speak at the staff retreat for Christ Community Health Services in Memphis, TN. I felt honored that some of their staff, after hearing me speak at the Christian Community Health Fellowship conference would go back home and talk about me. What a wonderful time I had with the staff of CCHS. When I asked what they wanted me to speak on, Judi's reply was, "Skip you have

one hour to tell us everything that you know about teamwork in a Christian context." Alrighty now! So, I planned and shared my heart with them. They blessed me.



Between the CCHF conference and CCHS, God deepened the work in my heart towards the poor and underserved-so much so that I have begun volunteering at St. Joseph's Mercy Care Services downtown Atlanta. I work with a wonderful team. The lead nurse, Wandalene has welcomed me right alongside her. We conduct health screenings with the homeless. What a privilege!

Minority Nurse Magazine and Birthdays

Several years ago I presented a focus session on "Caring Across Cultures" at the National Student Nurses Convention. In the audience was Pam Chwedyk, Sr. Editor of Minority Nurse Magazine. After my presentation, she approached me and asked if I would consider writing an article for them on my seminar content. Of course I said yes. After several months and reconnecting with Pam, the article was birthed and is now in print. I am

grateful for this opportunity to share on such an important topic in nursing and in life. Thanks Pam!



My Auntie Florrie and I both had birthdays in October. She turned a young 85 and myself, 53. We had a wonderful visit celebrating our lives and love for one another. I am eternally grateful for her and want to keep her around as long as I can.

Thanks to you for your love and support. I am also thankful for your partnership in the gospel. Indeed, God is good.

Love,
Skip

<http://www.minoritynurse.com/features/health/100608a.html>