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News from Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner Building Up Nursing!

July 1, 2016, I will become the National Director of Nurses Christian Fellowship, a strategic ministry of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship USA. I'll continue with the *Journal of Christian*

Nursing, NCF's flagship publication, as the Editor-in-Chief. God has led every step of the way in the decision to be Director. I am excited and eager because **I know the crucial need for NCF.**

*We are a Christian ministry and professional organization for students, nurses, and educators.
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Why is NCF Needed?

Thousands of Unreached Students

In the U.S. there are almost 800 bachelor's degree and over 1200 associate degree programs that prepare RNs, with another 600 RN-BSN programs for nurses who want to obtain their BSN. That's 2600 nursing schools on college and university campuses where, unless it is a Christian School, Christians are in the minority and God is ignored. Nursing school is *rigorous*. Students experience huge challenges, including

facing death and dying. Sadly, the nursing school curriculum teaches them how to physically care for patients but not how to care for spiritual needs.

NCF brings the good news of Jesus Christ to the campus, helping students and faculty learn how to follow Jesus in nursing and care spiritually for each other and their patients.

Our purpose is to establish and advance witnessing communities of students and nurses who follow Jesus Christ and grow in love for God and God's Word, people, and purposes in the world.

Bringing Good News to Nurses

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Nurses make up the largest group of healthcare professionals worldwide. In the U.S., there are 3.4 million registered nurses and 700,000 licensed practical nurses. Nurses are in every care setting—hospital, home, school, business, community.

Spiritual interest is high as nurses encounter stress, disease, and death. They question the brokenness they experience around them. Ethical dilemmas, moral distress, and worldly philosophies abound in as nurses look for a moral compass.

NCF brings the *good news* of Jesus Christ to nurses, helping them practice from a biblically based, Christian perspective.

Words from Nehemiah

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I have been in much prayer and Bible study, seeking God as I become the next NCF Director. Recently, God led me to Nehemiah and the *incredible* story of rebuilding Jerusalem after decades of exile. Recall that the wall surrounding Jerusalem was rebuilt out of rubble in just 52 days! (Nehemiah 6:15)

The Israelites experienced huge opposition in rebuilding the wall. Their enemies threatened, attacked, and tried to kill them. God led Nehemiah to post half of the workers to be **guards** and the other half to do the work of **construction**:

From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows, and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, and each of the builders wore his sword at his

side as he worked. Nehemiah 4:16-18

NCF needs people behind us as we build the wall. We need people who will pray and fight on our behalf. We need people to financially support us so we can do the work. Nehemiah wrote,

Neither I nor my brothers nor my men nor the guards with me took off our clothes; each had his weapon, even when he went for water. Nehemiah 4:23

I am not taking off my spiritual armor and I am carrying spiritual weapons, ready to work night and day. Other NCF staff, my sisters and brothers in Christ, are doing the same.

Would you stand behind us?

Please email and let me know how God is leading you to support me and NCF:

I want to join Kathy's NCF support team with -
___ Daily to weekly prayer for Kathy and NCF
___ An ongoing monthly financial gift
___ A one-time financial gift

Give tax deductible gifts to this ministry:

___ Online at: <http://givetoiv.org/7435>
___ By check, mail to:

InterVarsity
P.O Box 7895

Madison, WI 53707

(Include a note that your mailed gift is for the ministry of NCF or Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner.)

Thank you for your prayers and support. I'll keep you posted on our building project!

Sincerely,
Kathy



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If you have ever needed health care, especially if you've been hospitalized, you realize the tremendous role nurses play in your care. Will you help us reach nurses for Jesus Christ and improve the care they provide to their patients? Will you be one of the "men holding spears, from the first light of dawn till the stars come out" to help us do the work? (Nehemiah 4:21)