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Dear Ministry Companions,

How do you respond to an invitation from Jesus? At **Urbana 12** in December, we saw 16,000 participants respond to *The Great Invitation of God* with renewed hearts and fresh commitments to follow Jesus in the world. Thousands of healthcare students explored opportunities to respond to God's calling.

One **nursing student** told us, "I long to not just *know* God loves me but to *feel* he loves me so that I may abide in his love and love others." God has given Danielle a huge heart for **nursing and ministry**. She writes, "Please pray for us. What happened at Urbana will shape and **change our lives** for years to come."



"Changed lives" . . . Danielle captured the mission of Nurses Christian Fellowship. We long to see more nursing students and nurses respond whole-heartedly to God's invitation to know him and be a part of his work – *for years to come!*

Here is how God touched the hearts and minds of other nursing students at Urbana:

- "I came to Urbana for direction from God but instead I was **captivated by Jesus** and repented of my sin of indifference toward him." –*Danny*
- "Life is so much more than school and my daily struggles. I want to live for what matters eternally: to glorify God and to love others." –*Grace*
- "Urbana drastically impacted all aspects of my life. I finally grasped the truth that **his grace is a free gift** which I don't earn or deserve. I recommitted my life to Christ." –*Judith*
- "I graduate in May and I found opportunities to use my new nursing skills in Africa through an internship with mature nurses in a Christian mission community!" –*Kara*

At our **NCF exhibit**, conversations overflowed with scores of nursing students asking serious questions about how to serve the Lord in their nursing careers, with 35 students interested in starting NCF campus groups. NCF staff also led packed-out seminars and mentored nursing students in leadership.

Overall, thousands of deep commitments were made in response to *God's Great Invitation*:

- 3,740 people made a re-commitment to follow Jesus.
- 4,224 people pledged to serve at least two years in missions
- 6,434 people resolved to lead an evangelistic Bible study

God is good! *Thank you for praying and giving* so that nursing students could experience Urbana 12 and be transformed by Jesus to serve others wherever and whenever God calls them.

Nursing students like Danielle are eager and waiting for the spiritual training and direction NCF offers. **Will you support the ongoing work of NCF?** Your tax-deductible contribution will help *change lives for years to come* as God invites us all to the great banquet in his Kingdom.

Serving Christ together,

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*Let's have a feast and celebrate.
For this son of mine was dead and is alive again;
he was lost and is found.*

Luke 15:23-24

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NCF Praise & Prayer Guide, Spring 2013

National Ministry

- Thank God for touching the hearts and minds of **16,000 participants at Urbana 12**. Hundreds met Jesus as Savior and Lord! Pray that the students in healthcare majors will serve the Lord using their professional knowledge and skills along with Christian compassion and faith.
- Seven **nursing students** participated in the Urbana **Student Leadership Track**. Thank the Lord for how he met their needs and gave them vision for their lives and mission on campus. Ask God to direct this generation of students to grow his Kingdom among all the nations.
- Pray for **nurse group leaders** who are planning outreach events for **National Nurses Week** in May. Ask God to give them joy, creativity and compassion for students and nurses who need to know Jesus.
- Pray for **faith community nurses** at the *Westberg Symposium* on April 4-7, 2013. Ask God to equip them for ministry through seminars and resources. Pray for **Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner** to have meaningful interactions with prospective contributors and subscribers to the *Journal of Christian Nursing*.
- Praise God for equipping **NCF staff** to teach and minister to students during Urbana 12. Ask God to renew and refresh our staff team for his work in the months ahead.
- NCF strategic planning takes place March 17-19 as the **senior leadership team** gathers in Madison, WI. Ask God to provide wisdom and clear vision for the direction and priorities of NCF ministry.

Students & Faculty Ministry

- Pray for **Danielle** who is leading an NCF Bible study at San Diego State University. Ask God to use the witness of this community to draw students and faculty to Jesus in the school of nursing.
- Praise God for new NCF faculty advisors **Cynthia, Nola, Theresa, and Lori** in Texas and for all the faculty advisors across the country that share Jesus and the fundamentals of Christian nursing with students.
- Praise God that **35 students at Urbana** expressed interest in **starting NCF ministry** on their campuses. Ask the Lord to give them vision, wisdom and perseverance as they seek fellow students and faculty to pray and discern God's plan to be a bold witness for Jesus.
- Thank God for the **new NCF chapters** that have been officially recognized. Pray that school administrators will approve all NCF or InterVarsity chapters and other Christian ministries that require student leaders to affirm core doctrinal beliefs.
- Please pray that the many students, faculty and nurses that will attend the Western Carolina University **NCF Spiritual Care Conference** on April 13 in Asheville, NC will be equipped to assess and meet patients' spiritual needs and will share what they learn with others.

Publications, Resources and Networking

- The *Journal of Christian Nursing* is 30 years old! Praise God for providing vision, resources and funding for this dynamic ministry that influences students, nurses, educators and researchers. Thank God for all the *JCN* authors, editors and publishing staff who provide nursing with a biblical, Christian worldview.
- Thank God for a **new NCF website** that provides a fresh look and new opportunities to expand our online resources, stories and communication. Check it out at www.ncf-jcn.
- Ask God to bring nurses and students to the seminar, *Demystifying Ethical Dilemmas in Care at Life's End: A Biblical Perspective* in the Cleveland area on April 13th. Pray that they will be equipped to care for patients in this stage of life and will trust the Holy Spirit to guide them.

Global Ministry

- Pray for the worldwide team of people, including NCF Missions Director **Grace Tazelaar**, who are developing the online *Christian Journal for Global Health*. Ask God to help them prepare this resource for Christian health-related relief and development work in the world.