



## NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

*Bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to Nursing*

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**“He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be Still!’  
Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.” Mark 4:39**

Dear Ministry Friends,

Nurses and students in TX and LA have had their personal, academic, and professional lives disrupted and torn apart by the recent hurricanes. They need to know that God is more powerful than any “storm” they might encounter on campus, in the clinical setting, or in their personal lives. A recent article in the *Chicago Tribune* reported that nurses are facing increased stress as they care for patients and families during their often 12-hour shifts, and the stress builds as they miss meals and deal with emotional and physical fatigue. According to a report this year by the US Dept. of Health and Human Services, healthcare workers have higher rates of substance abuse and suicide, and elevated levels of depression and anxiety related to job stress.



Nurses and students need to know the peace and joy that comes through knowing Jesus so they can weather the storms in their lives, be physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthy, and be used by God. Here are some students and faculty who are trusting God to help them bring His truths to their campuses...



On Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Mike (left), Shannon, and Chelsey at Trinity Valley Community College, got students and faculty to gather for devotions. I was planning to share briefly about NCF, but due to a faculty mix-up (a God thing!), I got to speak for 30 minutes to the entire sophomore class (140) and the LVN students on the Christian view of nursing, how to care for patients’ spiritual needs, and about NCF.

God stirred the heart of TVCC faculty, Melinda, three years ago to have NCF on her campus, and because of His faithfulness, her perseverance, and willing students, it is happening. Roger is also serving as a faculty advisor, and other faculty are

supportive. Praise the Lord!

Tracey, faculty advisor at South Plains Community College, is connecting students to pray for each other and to study God’s Word.

Faculty advisors, **Emily and Shelley**, at **Austin Community College** and student leaders planned “Appetizers and Adoration” and “Desserts Discussing the Divine” to attract students and faculty to their NCF gatherings, and the response has been great.

Please join me in thanking God for their willingness to serve the Lord despite their stressful schedules, and pray that unbelieving students and faculty will hear and see the Good News.

Nurses and I met together in Houston on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> to pray for **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Round Top Conference, Honoring Life - Offering Hope in Palliative Care, Feb. 6-8, 2009.** Most of these nurses were affected by **Ike** in some way, and now they are ministering to people who not only endured the hurricane, but are dealing with life-limiting health problems. They are sharing with their patients and co-workers that God is the source of hope during the storms of life.



Other prayer gatherings are planned for Nacogdoches on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> and the Dallas area for Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you would like to join with us to intercede for Round Top, the NCF ministry, and for each other.

Nurses and students can be praying now, too, for how they can be a part of the **NCF National Summit in June 2009 at the Westin DFW Airport Hotel and Conference Center.**

**Nursing as Ministry: Caring in Context**

**Conference information will be available soon at: [www.ncf-jcn.org](http://www.ncf-jcn.org)**

**Personal News** – Ian James Nagle, our 2<sup>nd</sup> grandson, was born Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. Ian, his mother, Jill, and the rest of the family are well. We are thankful for God’s blessings. Thank you for your prayers and support.

As always, please let me know how I can pray for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Jane*

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