

# Nurses Christian Fellowship

## Bringing Good News to Nursing



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Ministering to Students and Nurses in Texas and Louisiana

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Dear Ministry Friends,

2007 has been truly eventful and exciting in NCF! We honored our former national director, Mary Thompson, and welcomed our new director, Pat Emery. We had our very first National Summit in Minneapolis, student and nurse involvement grew tremendously, and *Journal of Christian Nursing* subscriptions sky-rocketed to over 4,000!

In Texas and Louisiana there are new student and faculty leaders, one new student group, and one new nurse group. And we are looking forward to the **16<sup>th</sup> annual Round Top weekend conference Feb. 1-3, 2008**. Personally, I started a new “era” of full-time ministry in June after being privileged to serve with NCF part time for the previous ten years. And I’m so very thankful for God’s faithful leading and your involvement in the ministry!



Recently, I spoke to **Austin Community College** NCF students, their faculty leader, Jeannie, and other faculty about a biblical view of suffering and how we can care for our patients’ spiritual needs. The students expressed their desire to be compassionate caregivers, regardless of their patients’ ethnicity, socioeconomic status or illness. We discussed ways they can begin conversations with their patients about their need for love in the midst of suffering and how God can fill this need. This is what I most enjoy!

After my campus visit, I met with “**Kristin**”, a young nurse who works in a major hospital as a “floater”- a nurse assigned to a new patient care unit every shift. She talked about some of the challenges in her work place – too many patients to care for safely, long hours, inadequate equipment, and stressed co-workers. Kristin is committed to giving high quality patient care, but it’s not easy to stay positive in her work setting. One unit is called “4 Beast” rather than “4 East” because of the heavy workload. She is also committed to telling others about Jesus Christ.



Kristen often talks with other nurses about improving patient care and nursing concerns. We discussed how she can “let her light shine for Christ” to these nurses. She can tell them that her motivation to give compassionate patient care come from God’s Word and her desire to follow Jesus’ example to love and care for others. Kristin was especially concerned about a nurse who is a Buddhist, so we talked about Buddhist beliefs and that Christianity is the ONLY religion that guarantees the free gift of forgiveness from sin and eternal life because of Jesus’ sacrifice and resurrection. We prayed that she can be strong in her faith, and that she can boldly yet gently present the Good News of Jesus to other nurses.

Join me in thanking God that ACC students and Kristin are looking for opportunities to tell others about Jesus' love and care for them. Would you pray especially that God would lead students and faculty at Texas Woman's Univ. in Dallas to start NCF ministry? This is a HUGE school that needs to hear about God's love and purposes in the world.

**Partnership Update.** Your prayers and gifts make this ministry possible, and I'm so very thankful for you and for God's blessings through the years. As 2008 begins, I will need to focus on raising additional financial support to fund the 07-08 ministry goals.

- Expanding opportunities to equip & encourage nursing students, faculty, and nurses through one-to-one relationships, Bible study, writing and teaching.
- Continuing national strategic planning and conference planning.
- Beginning new national-level outreach to nurses.
- Adding new supervisory responsibilities & assisting other staff.

The budget for the fiscal year, July 07 – June 08, to fund these goals is \$42,000. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, the estimated increase in support needed through June 2008 was \$15,915 (due to the increased annual full-time budget and a current income deficit of \$6,579).

A giving plan for the 8 months (Nov. 07- June 08) remaining in the NCF budget year that would provide for \$15,900 is:

1 Gift of \$3,000	2 Gifts of \$150/mo or \$1200
2 Gifts of \$1,000	5 Gifts of \$100/mo or \$ 800
3 Gifts of \$ 500	5 Gifts of \$50/mo or \$ 400
	5 Gifts of \$25/mo or \$ 200

**First and foremost, would you pray for this funding need to be met?** Secondly, would you prayerfully consider beginning to give, giving a one-time gift, or increasing your current level of giving? Donation information is available on the NCF website at <http://ncf-jcn.org/donate.html> Please also take a moment to fill out the response card in the enclosed envelope whether or not you include a gift. This helps me to keep my files updated and to plan wisely. Please let me know how I can be praying for you. **Thank you for your partnership with me in this ministry**

Please join me in praying that I will faithfully follow God's direction and that He will be my strength. May you enjoy God's richest blessings this Christmas season as we celebrate the free gift of eternal life through the birth, sacrificial death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



**“For unto us a child is born...And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...  
And He will reign... forever!” Isaiah 9**

**Merry Christmas!**

Sincerely in Christ,

*Jane*

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