



NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Engaging students and nurses with the Good News of Jesus Christ to bring God's love and healing to nursing and healthcare.

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So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable.

Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. 1 Corinthians 15:58, NLT

Dear Ministry Friends,

Michele, faithful student leader at Midwestern State Univ., recently sent this encouraging Scripture to her fellow students. I was so glad to be reminded of how blessed we are to know our great God and risen Savior who uses our work for His good! It has been way too long since I shared with you about the ways that God is using the work of NCF as a part of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship for His good.

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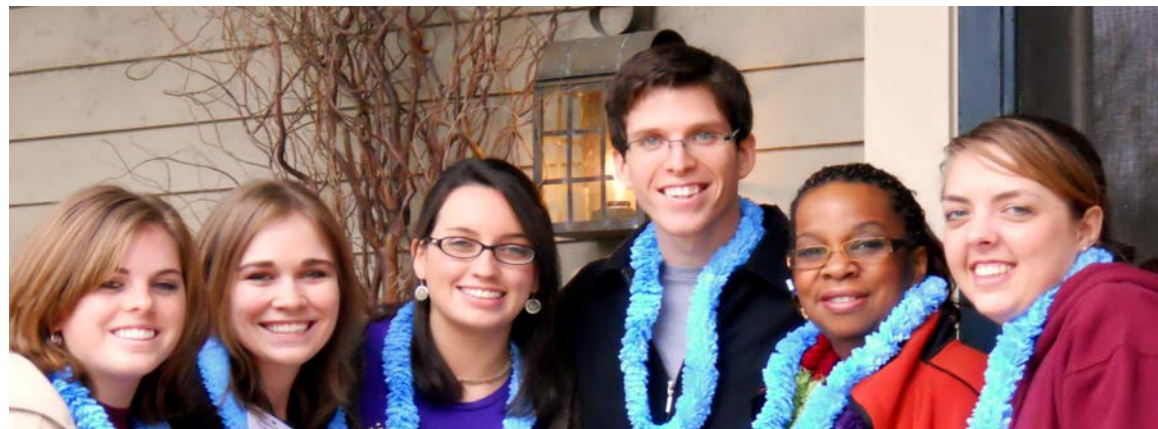


Go to www.urbana09.org to see how God used His Word, gifted speakers, and amazing worship to reveal Himself to thousands—students, current and future missionaries, pastors and convention workers. The NCF staff had interactions with over 500 participants, and our exhibitors' prayer team was able to intercede for over 250 mission and ministry representatives and the participants who they interacted with. An exhibit team reached out to a distressed young woman, and before the week was over, she prayed to receive Christ as Savior. Our prayer team also witnessed God answer our prayers for missions' exhibitors to receive God's healing and strength during the week and for the participants to have meaningful interactions with them. Hundreds of participants made commitments to Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives during the week. My joy was to pray, pray, and pray some more and see God at work all around me.

ROUND TOP Conference

Feb. 5-7th

6 students (1 found NCF at Urbana!) from across TX joined 80+ nurses to learn how God can use them to spread His message of love and salvation to the nations through short-term mission experiences. Best of



all, we focused on how God can use us to bring His love and truth to our patients, their families, and our coworkers. **Praise report-** Faithful participants led Bible study groups and ministered to others. UT San Antonio Health Science Center's School of Nursing group has reformed thanks to faculty member, **Janis**,

and nurses are gathering in Bryan thanks to **Sunny's** leadership. **Request**-ask God to bring our planning group together soon and to reveal next year's conference program topic to us.

NCF Staff Meeting & Celebrating Judy Shelly March 15-19th



Our staff gathered near Valley Forge, PA to evaluate the ministry and plan for the future. We also celebrated Judy's upcoming retirement in June. Judy's ministry partners, Mary Kay and Erna, and former co-workers, Sandy, and Mary, represent all of the people who assisted Judy to write professional publications that described the Christian nurse, Christian spiritual care in nursing, and Christian nursing theory and practice. God has used them to spread the Good News of Jesus to students and nurses and to influence nursing education and practice from a Christian worldview.

We met with Paul Tokunaga, InterVarsity's Vice President and Director of Strategic Ministries, to plan for ministry growth, especially student ministry. God is doing amazing things through the NCF staff- expanding the outreach of the **Journal of Christian Nursing**, offering salvation and hope to nursing students and faculty at the **NSNA convention** this week, offering **CE events** around the USA, taking 10 nursing students to Uganda this summer on a "**Global Project**", and via various internet avenues. Your prayers and support are

communicating with students and nurses vital to this ministry!

InterVarsity Spring Leadership Meeting March 22-26th

Four of our staff participated in workshops and discussions to learn how we can develop vision and strategies to grow our ministries. We were informed and encouraged to learn that students are making decisions to follow Jesus at evangelistic outreach events, small group Bible studies, and conferences. In April, a HUGE evangelism event will be held at the Ohio State U. campus by IV and Campus Crusade working together.

Personal Reflections – Praises and Requests

The past months have passed so very quickly, and the Lord has brought many new, complicated, and urgent things my way as I have served as interim director, but He has been extremely gracious and faithful to provide all that I have needed. I am so very thankful for His guidance and our gifted, gracious NCF staff. But as one might expect, the evil one has also been busy distracting me- my grandson was hospitalized the week before the Round Top conference, my husband took a tour of the ED in San Angelo before I left for PA, and my aunt in Dallas has been critically ill since February. He doesn't want NCF to succeed in being a shining light for Jesus. But we know that nothing is impossible for God.

I do need your prayers as I work on administrative tasks, supervise our gifted staff, and serve students and nurses. Please ask God to give me wisdom, patience, confidence and humility. Ask Him to use me now for His glory and to show me His plan for me about pursuing the role of NCF national director. Be sure to ask God to show us His choice for this leadership position. **Special Requests**- ask God to provide new student leaders for NCF groups at Texas Tech U and all NCF groups, and please thank Him for faculty advisors. LSUHSC advisor, Christine, is retiring this year, and the school has not yet decided if NCF can be recognized as a campus organization. Their group is meeting off campus. The US Supreme Court will rule next week on the right of Christian campus ministries to have selective criteria for campus group leaders.

As always, THANK YOU for your prayers and faithful support of NCF ministry. God used you to provide for my support needs at the end of December, but I continue to have financial needs. Please pray with me that God will provide others to partner with me in His work. Information about giving is available on the NCF web site at <http://www.ncf-jcn.org/donate.php> or from me.

With love and prayers for you all, *Jane*