



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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This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power on high.
 Luke 24:46-49

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Dear Ministry Friends and Partners,

This letter is long overdue and it's long. Two months ago I asked you to pray that God would show me His plan about my pursuing the role of NCF national director, and He answered our prayers. In early May I was appointed national director, effective July 1. Throughout the application and interview process, I was asked to describe my "sense of calling" to the position. My response was that God wants NCF ministry to continue so that the "nation" of nursing could know Jesus, and I would do whatever He asked me to do. I did NOT hear God's voice speak to me out loud, nor did I see His writing on a wall, but I heard Him speak to me through His Word and His people about His immeasurable sufficiency, power, wisdom, sovereignty, grace and love. Here's how God worked...

In October, the day after I learned that our director would be leaving, I read an *In Touch* devotion on **Luke 24**.

God pours out His strength to the ones who know that they cannot accomplish the goal, but believe that He can do so through them. The Lord wants us to trust Him. He may at times ask us to remain in an uncomfortable situation or take on a task that seems far beyond our capability. In either circumstance, relying on Him will bring us the inner fortitude to choose His way....We must persevere in prayer when we are fearful to pursue the Lord's plan, and prayer will draw us closer to Him, build our faith, and invite Him to work His will in and through us. Then, as we praise our Father for His almighty nature, proclaim His sufficiency for every circumstance, and declare His goodness, His Spirit will help us move past our weaknesses and fears to a place of strength Charles Stanley

I sensed that God was letting me know that I might need to take on a task that seemed far beyond my capability, and I would need to rely totally on Him. The next week I accepted the role of interim director. In the months following, NCF staff, church and ministry friends, and my husband encouraged me to apply for the director position. During the past months, each day has brought NEW and BIG challenges, and at times I have questioned my abilities and felt absolutely clueless. **However, God has been faithful and sufficient to provide for my needs as well as NCF's because He has purposed this ministry to tell the "nation" of nursing about Jesus' gift of forgiveness of sins to those who repent and follow Him.**

Throughout this transition period, our **great staff** has moved forward- serving at Urbana 09, planning the first NCF "Global Project" (summer student mission trip to Uganda), ministering at the National Student Nursing Association convention, publishing the **Journal of Christian Nursing**, planning and speaking at CE conferences, ministering to countless students and nurses, and developing our website, Facebook page, and "blog". Their gifts, abilities, and work astound me! They are invaluable and **so are our volunteers and ministry co-workers.**



Round Top Feb. 4-6, 2011

The Texas volunteer team met Sat., June 12, and the Lord gave us next year's program for the weekend CE

conference, **Breaking Free – Helping Patients Create New Possibilities for Optimal Health.** The presenters and I will work together to plan the specific content and the overall program. Mark your calendars now to join us at the Round Top Retreat Center, and please pray that we complete the CE planning process soon.

Innovations in Faith Based Nursing Education Conference- June 14-17

Indiana Wesleyan University- Marion IN Over 70 participants were challenged by Dr. Kathy McReynolds of Biola Univ. to help nursing students develop a biblical theology of suffering as a foundation for their practice. We also heard dynamic presentations on creative and effective teaching strategies for spiritual and cross-cultural care. Hilda Alcindor, dean of the FSIL School of Nursing in Leogane, Haiti shared how God protected her during the recent earthquake and how she and the students transformed the school into a trauma and surgical hospital to care for victims. Hilda challenged us to help her and others build nursing education in Haiti on a Christian foundation. We look forward to co-sponsoring the next IWU conference in 2012, and we will seek God's guidance about having our next NCF national summit on the campus in conjunction with the faculty conference.

From the left: Nancy Rosinski, MDiv., RN, pastoral counselor at Marion General Hospital, Christy Secor, MSN, BSN, Assist. Prof. at Crown College, and Hilda. Nancy shared God's Word with us each day, and Christy served recently as a visiting teacher in Haiti.



Campus Updates: New student leaders are needed at Texas Tech Univ. and other schools, and a student at UTMB in Galveston hopes to start a group soon. The administration at LSUHSC in New Orleans did not officially approve the NCF group last year, but it did allow them to meet. The recent Supreme Court ruling on campus organizations which will require ALL campus organizations to allow anyone to join and take a leadership position could affect NCF groups. Please pray that God will provide student leaders, faculty advisors, and supportive school administrations across the nation for all NCF and InterVarsity campus fellowships.

Opportunities and Challenges: Pray that I can learn my new role and responsibilities quickly, adjust to added traveling, and totally depend on God's strength as I:

- ❖ Form staff work groups to focus on membership, communications, and resources
- ❖ Work with our staff to build student ministry in collaboration with InterVarsity campus staff.
- ❖ Guide and encourage NCF staff as they manage and grow their areas of ministry- Journal of Christian Nursing, Continuing Education conferences, and regional student and nurse ministry
- ❖ Oversee NCF budgets/ financial matters and work to improve NCF's financial health
- ❖ Communicate with NCF constituents and ministry partners regularly about what God is doing
- ❖ Collaborate with Nurses Christian Fellowship International to grow NCF ministry across the world
- ❖ Be a contributing member of InterVarsity's Strategic Ministries Team
- ❖ Continue to minister to students, faculty and nurses in TX and LA

Your prayers and faithful support are a source of great encouragement and blessing to me! THANK YOU.

Information about donating to the ministry can be found at <http://www.ncf-jcn.org/donate.php> or from me.

With love and prayers,

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