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From Francis:

"ALWAYS PRAY...NEVER GIVE UP"

Fifteen years ago, when I directed a house of prayer in St. Louis, a young couple brought their ten-year-old daughter for prayer. She suffered from lung cancer, and her doctors held no hope for her cure. She was pale and weak, and had no appetite. That afternoon, our team at Merton House spent about an hour praying for her. Afterward, she felt much stronger. Her appetite returned and she really wanted to eat for the first time in weeks. This seemed like a wonderful sign that Jesus had healed her, so we went out to a restaurant to celebrate. A short time later, the parents took their daughter in for a medical evaluation, including chest x-ray, which showed that her lungs were clear!

It seemed like a miracle had taken place, and soon the family was testifying to church and other groups about the healing of their daughter - fully attested by medical records.

I didn't hear from the family for a long time, until one day when they phoned me. The daughter had cancer again. It was not in the same place, but there was a massive tumor in her stomach. When the parents brought the girl in for prayer, she was so weak that they had to support her under each arm. They had delayed bringing her because they believed that they should continue claiming that she had been healed. Bringing her for more prayer meant, to them, that they lacked faith. We prayed for a long time that afternoon. We prayed with her again a few days later. Then word came that the girl had died. All of us felt shaken.

What had gone wrong? I know that all people who believe in God's healing power go through experiences like this. What do we make of them? First, I think the girl was truly healed of the cancer. The evidence shows that the cancer never returned to its original site in the lungs. Second, there seem to be two possibilities for what failed. We may have stopped praying too soon, and the cancer cells remaining in her body started to grow again. (See the last issue for the article on Soaking Prayer.) Or, there may have been underlying spiritual or emotional roots to the cancer that we had not brought to Jesus for healing. While Jesus healed the cancer, the unhealed weakness may have left the girl open to a renewed attack from cancer.

In either case, we had stopped ministering to the girl too soon. This taught me that we should keep praying until we are sure that the cancer and its root cause are gone.

A SECOND EXPERIENCE

A short time afterward, David and Barbara Schmidt brought their three-year-old daughter, Roell, to us for prayer. Roell had been diagnosed with cancer in her adrenal and surrounding lymph glands - stage III neuroblastoma - which was inoperable. For someone of Roell's age, the cancer was 95% fatal.

After radiation treatments, 24 months of chemotherapy were planned, with only a 50/50 chance of even prolonging Roell's life. The Schmidts immediately sought prayer from everyone they knew, and brought Roell to Merton House for about half an hour of prayer every week. Roell was so young that we would give her a cookie to keep her quiet, and then put our hands on the right side where the tumor was located. "Right away," David Schmidt later recalled, "the experience seemed to uplift us. The quality of the prayer was so intense and so deep."

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A month later, Roell came out of her bedroom and said, "Mommy, God said 'You're going to get well.'" The Schmidts hardly dared to believe it, but the experience did give them some comfort in the difficult days ahead. Roell lost most of her hair and her appetite. She became feverish and caught several viral infections. Yet the Schmidts continued praying each week with their church prayer group, with our Merton House group, and in all kinds of other settings.

The team at the hospital decided to perform surgery to assess the effects of treatment. Some nine months after we began prayer, the surgeon removed the calcified tumor, one-third of the adrenal gland, and four lymph glands. Three days later, the pathology reports showed NO cancer cells in the tumor, or in the lymph glands. Further, they found a number of healthy, growing nerve cells in the area. While therapy may have halted the cancer, the medical team could claim no credit for the healthy nerve tissue! Such a change in a patient of Roell's age was so uncommon as to be remarkable.

Roell's father commented, "There is no doubt that prayer has brought this about. But neither am I ready to say that the chemotherapy was unnecessary." Roell's Mother reflected, "The quality of prayer at Merton House bouyed us from week to week. Without it, our family would never have survived. This is not a minor victory, since cancer has a malevolent effect on the parents."

LEARNINGS

After our earlier experience of the recurrence of cancer in the other girl, we had learned our lesson. This time we continued to pray every week with Roell a preventative prayer medicine. Now, some fourteen years later, Roell is not only alive, but thriving as she gets ready for college!

Through these experiences, we learned to keep after diseases like cancer until we are sure they are gone. Now we know the truth of Jesus' lesson to the disciples to always pray and never give up! (Luke 18:1-8)

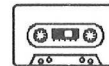
650 Attend Introduction to Healing in New Jersey

On the first weekend of April, Francis and Judith led a weekend workshop for some 650 people in Newark, New Jersey. Sponsored with FISHNET Northeast, the weekend began with a stirring presentation by Francis on the importance of empowerment with the Holy Spirit. He led into a beautiful time of prayer for the baptism or for renewed filling by the Spirit for more than half of the people present. The MacNutts provided excellent teachings on physical healing, inner healing and deliverance. This was highlighted with a time of sharing from Doug and Celeste Formby and Rick Constantinas. (See last month's newsletter.) Many teams of people from FISHNET regional groups from around the northeast provided prayer ministry throughout the weekend and especially during worship Saturday evening. Music ministry was provided by Pat Constantinas and people from Christ Church in Stanhope, NJ.

Conference participants made gifts and commitments of financial support for Christian Healing Ministries, and held their first gatherings to start FISHNET regional support groups which will meet monthly in areas around the northeast to provide ongoing experience and support in the healing ministry throughout the year.

Several exciting workshops were offered by people from the FISHNET Northeast network on Binding Prayer, Marriage as a Healing Sacrament, Tongues, Healing Prayer in Community, the Power of Touch and the Holy Spirit, Freedom through Forgiveness, and Freedom as Sons and Daughters of the Father.

The twelve audio cassettes of the conference including the workshops cost \$60. #890002



FREE SOAKING PRAYER TAPES OFFERED

Rick Constantinas' account of the soaking prayers that Francis wrote about last month may be obtained for free simply by writing to Issues and Action, Inc., 22 Ridge Road, Stanhope, NJ 07874. Ask for the cassette, "On His Way."

February Conference Feedback:

HEALING FOR ADDICTIONS, CODEPENDENCE AND DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES

Our February conference continues to bless us and other. We have received wonderful testimonies of how Jesus has changed so many lives. Here are a few.

"I've been in a continual cloud of inner healing since the conference..."

"Jesus came and picked me up at my birth delivery and walked me through my childhood and kept repeating, 'I was there all the time.'"

"I not only received the blessing of inner healing, but on Wednesday night after returning home...[I] received physical healing of my hip...it was a very dramatic situation. I was never frightened and felt so at peace, so filled with love and gratitude - so completely overwhelmed. My daughter came to me in the middle of the night, my husband got up, and we were able to pray together, to hold one another. It was a blessed thing. It has changed my life. Praise the Lord!"

"During Susan's prayer on Monday evening I saw myself as an infant. I awakened late at night afraid from a nightmare. My mother rocked me to comfort me. I felt my body actually rocking in the chair as I sat quietly throughout the prayer. As a result of the prayer, I feel a new bond with my mother as Jesus held us with his healing love! Thank you, Jesus!"

Audio and video tapes of the conference are available now.

Audio Cassettes: \$60.00 #880009

Complete Video Program (9 tapes)
\$179.00 #890022

Edited Video Highlights (1 tape) \$35.00 #890021

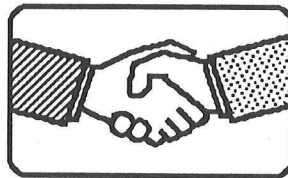


ACTING ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED

Thanks to your love and sacrificial giving and a matching grant from the Edna Proull Williams Foundation, we now have sufficient funds to employ an administrator. We welcome Shirley Maddux as **Acting Administrator**. She is doing a wonderful job! We also are receiving applications and interviewing people for the permanent position of administrator.

Florida Bookstore Note:

Our volunteer book manager in Florida, Wendy Baker, suffered a back injury this spring and has since undergone surgery. As a result, there have been delays in some shipments from Florida. If you have not received any ordered items, please give us a call or drop a note. We ask you to be patient with us. Thanks!



PRAISE FOR VOLUNTEER STAFF!!

We give thanks for the **volunteer staff** at Christian Healing Center in Jacksonville! They help with preparation of the Tuesday night classes, filing, helping with bookkeeping, answering phones, addressing envelopes, and blessing our lives with their servant spirit! We give thanks for Phyllis McGinnis, Mary Byerman, Jeanne Banta, Dru Pardee, Ann Wilson, Maria McKinney, Cindy Trimble, Jean Prince, June Shephard, and her Aunt Lois, Margaret Colder, and Joy Lamb!

We thank God for our volunteer **Building Supervisor**, John Philbin. John was an Administrative Engineer for the New York City School Board for 25 years, and brings a wealth of knowledge to us.

John and his wife Elizabeth were committed to ministries in Vermont, but felt called by God to help with the Healing Center in Jacksonville. They are selling their home, and have established a residence in Jacksonville. Elizabeth and John have a wonderful gift of hospitality, and we know that their home will constantly be filled. Their counsel and love are a tremendous blessing.

HELP NEEDED !

Please pray for someone to organize our volunteer staff so that we can better utilize their gifts, especially during the hectic days before our major conferences. We also need persons trained in the use of computers. We have one Macintosh computer now, and we need at least two more. We hope that someone will donate them. If you or someone you know are interested in helping with these needs, please call Norma Dearing or our acting administrator, Shirley Maddux.

REMEMBERING A BOARD MEMBER

The Rev. Frank Dearing passed into the arms of our Lord on April 13, 1989. Father Frank was the pioneer in the healing ministry in Northeast Florida, and the seed that he sowed is still bearing good fruit. Father Frank was a poet, an author, and a member of CHM's National Advisory Board. His books include About God and You (#890075, \$4.00), About God and People (#890076, \$4.00), and Pilgrim Journey (#890077, \$5.00). His last book, Jeshua, will be published posthumously.



News Briefs:

Judith has been selected for the National Board of the National Organization of Episcopalians for Life (NOEL), working to counteract the abortion crisis.

Francis has a regular column on healing in every other issue of Ministries Today magazine, edited by Jamie Buckingham.

Bantam-Doubleday-Dell is negotiating for an image paperback edition of Healing (the original, Catholic edition) to be released this fall.

Sandra LeSourd, author of Compulsive Woman, will join Jack McGinnis, Francis and Judith to lead a **Second Conference on Healing for Addictions, Codependence & Dysfunctional Families**, August 20-24th at Heritage USA, near Charlotte, NC. See enclosed brochure.

CHM will host a weekend conference on **Healing for Eating Disorders**, September 15-17th in Jacksonville. See enclosed brochure.

Francis' & Judith's Schedule

May 9-12, Glencoe Springs, CO, Francis & Judith direct the annual clergy and spouse retreat for the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado.

June 2 to 4, Spring Lake, MI, Second Year of conference with Rev. Robert Wise at Christ Community Church. Contact person: Diane Moadush-Pitzer, Division of Local Ministries, Muskegon, MI, 616-739-4231.

June 16-18, Tulsa, OK, First United Methodist Church, Rev. Jim Buskirk, Pastor

June 19-21, Tulsa, OK, Francis is one of 100 Trustees of the Charismatic Bible Ministries at Oral Roberts University. Annual Meeting.

June 22 to 24, Darien, CT, Healing Conference at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rev. Terry Fullam, Pastor. Contact person: Rev. Peter Church, 203-655-8773. Sunday, the 25th, Francis preaches at worship services. In the afternoon both MacNutts speak to clergy.

Don & Anne's Schedule:

May 19-21, Ocala, FL, Grace Episcopal Church. Contact Person: Rev. Bob Smith, Tel. 904-622-7881.

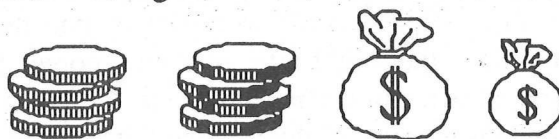
Sept. 29- Oct 1, Coral Springs, FL, St. Mary Magdalene Church. Contact Fred Herdeen, Tel. 305-753-1400

Nov. 8-12, Inner Healing Workshop, Ridgecrest, NC.

FINANCIAL NOTES:

\$10,000 BECOMES \$20,000!

Thanks to generous gifts from many of you, Christian Healing Ministries has received the first \$10,000 toward the matching grant for the Edna Sproull Williams Foundation. This has now become \$20,000! Every dollar you give will continue to be matched by the Williams Foundation. We thank God for the support so many of you send from the \$10 gift to the \$2,000 gift. Each one helps build a solid foundation for the work of Christian Healing Ministries. We thank God for you!



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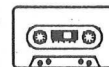
Christian Healing Ministries needs your help. Please prayerfully consider if the Lord would have you make a one-time gift to pay for any the following:

Repairs to the roof at the Center	\$4,000.00
Renovation of three offices for rental to outside professional persons	\$1,500.00
Carpeting and minimal decoration of the 4 bathrooms at the center (about \$200.00 each)	\$800.00
Paint for the outside of the Center	\$750.00
Sign to identify Christian Healing Ministries	\$400.00
Bi-monthly Cleaning Service	\$150.00

Tuesday Nights at the Center:

A COURSE ON CHRISTIAN HEALING AND HEALING SERVICES

In January, we started a fifteen week course on Healing with Francis & Judith teaching at the center in Jacksonville. The response has been wonderful, and we have a full house of 90 people in attendance. The set of 15 audio cassettes from the course are now available. Order #890001. \$65.00



We also have been holding a healing service before the class (6:00-7:30). This has provided a good opportunity for the class participants to come early and see healings first hand, and take part in prayer. Many people travel long distances to attend the healing service. The people who have been attending weekly have seen tremendous healing, both physically and emotionally. On the night Francis taught about physical healing, and we had hands-on prayer by class members, one lady who had not been able to lift up her head for two years received full mobility!!

Resources to Aid Your Ministry and Life:

Healing for Sexual Abuse

— Bass, Ellen & Laura Davis. The Courage to Heal: A Guide for Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse \$14.95 #880559 This extensive resource book (493 pages) speaks to survivors of sexual abuse in a warm, personal way, exploring a wide range of issues and needs: long-term effects of abuse, the healing process, changing self-defeating patterns in areas like self-esteem, intimacy, sexuality, and family life, insights for supporters of abuse survivors, profiles of women who have found healing, and excellent descriptions of resources for healing. Weakness: sees spirituality as a resource, but not explored.

— Engel, Beverly. Right to Innocence: Healing the Trauma of Childhood Sexual Abuse \$19.95 Cloth #880640 Engel, a specialist in treating men and women who have been sexually abused as children, takes the reader through a comprehensive, seven-step recovery program.

— Fortune, Marie. Sexual Violence: The Unmentionable Sin \$9.95 #880568 Fortune, Director of the Center for the prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, and an ordained UCC minister, examines the social and religious roots of sexual violence, and the consequences of silence about this. She offers a pastoral perspective useful to anyone caring for a victim or offender.

— Sandford, Paula. Healing Victims of Sexual Abuse \$6.95 #945-230 More than 34 million women in the US are victims of childhood sexual abuse. As a professional counsellor, and committed Christian with years of experience in inner healing, Paula Sandford has helped hundreds of victims of abuse and offers this book for those who counsel and minister, as well as the victim.

— Wood, Wendy & Leslie Hatton. Triumph Over Darkness \$12.95 Paper 880615 Through drawings, poetry, and first person accounts, 70 women share their experiences of incest, rape and sexual abuse, and walk with the reader along the path toward healing. They reflect each stage of the process with a clarity that is often painful, hopeful, and helpful.

Books by the MacNutts

— HEALING Ecumenical Edition. #880585 \$7.95

— HEALING Ave Maria Edition #880486 \$4.95

— THE POWER TO HEAL #439-428 \$3.95

— THE PRAYER THAT HEALS #439-843 \$2.99

— PRAYING FOR THE UNBORN CHILD #880478 \$12.95

CHM Tape Sets

BASIC INTRODUCTIONS to HEALING

— NOT SOMETHING HAPPENING IN A TENT Eight cassettes. #880498 \$25.00

— CALLED TO HEAL Five cassettes. #880499 \$30.00

PHYSICAL HEALING

— ARTHRITIS HEALING CONF. Three tapes. #880503 \$15.00

— BACK AND ORTHOPEDIC HEALING CONF. Two tapes. #880516 \$10.00

— CANCER HEALING CONF. Three tapes. #880502 \$15.00

— INFERTILITY HEALING CONF 3 tapes #880515 \$15.00

INNER HEALING WORKSHOPS

— FOURTH ANNUAL RETREAT ON HEALING Twelve tapes. Tommy Tyson, Jeanne Hill, & MacNutts. Includes "The Ministry of Angels." #880500 \$55.00

— FIFTH ANNUAL RETREAT ON INNER HEALING 15 tapes. MacNutts with Matt and Denny Linn and Sheila Fabricant on Healing the Eight Stages of Life. #880517 \$65.00

— POST ABORTION TRAUMA Eight tapes with Dr. Susan Stanford and the MacNutts. #880501 \$38.00

— HEALING THE MASCULINE & FEMININE: Healing and Sexuality 16 tapes. Elizabeth Moberly & MacNutts. #880552 \$65.00

DELIVERANCE

— DELIVERANCE CONFERENCE Richard McAlear, Betty Brennan, Tom White, and MacNutts. An historic event!

— Entire unedited video. 9 VHS tapes. #880504 \$179.00

— 16 Audio cassettes. #880506 \$60.00

— Video highlights. One VHS tape. #880505 \$35.00

Fresh Resources on Addictions & Codependence

— Castine, Jacqueline. Recovery from Rescuing \$7.95, #890023. For anyone who is tired of carrying the burden of caring for others, this book combines the author's personal experiences of codependency with psychology and spiritual principles to teach you how to break free from the responsibility trap.

— Chandler, Mitzi. Gentle Reminders for Codependents: Daily Affirmations \$6.95, #890026. With insight and humor, the author leads the codependent and adult child through the year with gentle daily reminders moving us toward recovery and helping us to enjoy the miracle each day brings.

— Hayes, Jody. Smart Love: Recovery Prog. Women Who Love Too Much \$10.95, #890060 Based on groups that have started up studying the book, Women who Love Too Much.

— LeBoutillier, Meg. Little Miss Perfect \$8.95, #890013. Perfectionism is one of the curses on children from dysfunctional families. Discover how this pattern develops, and how to break free.

— LeSourd, Sandra. Compulsive Woman \$12.95, #929-481 This popular speaker and writer, a former Miss America contestant, explores the compulsions that entrap today's women.

— Robinson, Bryan. Work Addiction \$8.95, #890025. How adult children of dysfunctional families become super-responsible, compulsive workers, distinguishing healthy work from compulsive overworking, and a personalized plan for recovery.

— Somers, Suzane. Keeping Secrets \$4.95, #890017. This popular actress tells the story of alcoholism in her family, and how she finally found the courage to break free from the big secret.

— Whitfield, Charles. Healing the Child Within. \$8.95 #904-163 This classic Christian resource helps the codependent person to rediscover the child within who is often lost because of wounds from the dysfunctional family of their origin.

— Willis-Brandon, Carla. Eat Like A Lady: Guide for Overcoming Bulimia \$7.95, #890024. Help to move past the myths to define the disease, look at our family of origin where the disease began, and through self-reflection, and support groups, overcome this sometimes fatal addiction.

— Wotitz, Janet. Healing Your Sexual Self \$7.95, #890028. This leader in the ministry of healing for codependence helps people explore what has gone wrong with problems of sexual dysfunction, and how to deal with the many problems we may face.

Excellent, New CHM Resources!

___ Course on Christian Healing \$65.00, #890001. A 15 week course by Judith & Francis integrating the best of their teachings, designed to help you start a healing ministry team, to renew one, or to provide a foundation in healing prayer for an individual.

___ How to Pray for Healing - New Jersey \$60.00 #890002. The important basics of healing from our Spring 1989 conference, plus 8 workshops: Binding Prayer, Healing Prayer in Community, Marriage as a Healing Sacrament, Burden Bearing, Faith & Tongues, Developing as Sons and Daughters of the Father...

See previous page for complete list of other CHM Resources.

___ Addictions, Codependence and Dysfunctional Families \$60.00, #890009. Audio tapes of the Retreat featuring Jack McGinnis, Susan and Vince Rue, Tom Wikstrom MD, and the MacNutt's providing deep teachings and healings for persons struggling with addictions, codependence and dysfunctional families.

___ Addiction Video Highlights \$35.00, #890021. A two-hour, edited VHS video selects the best from the conference.

___ Addiction Video Complete \$179.00, #890022. Nine unedited VHS video tapes recount the entire conference for your experience. The next best thing to being there!

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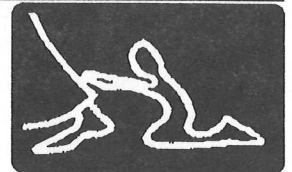
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