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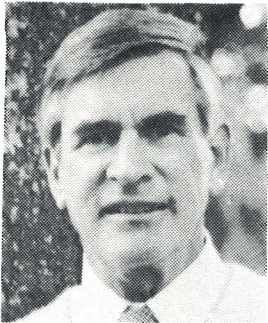
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From Francis:

Dear Friends,

A typical response of church leaders today is that charismatic renewal has "peaked" — that it is good for some people and serves a purpose for those Christians who demand a more expressive, emotional brand of religion. Charismatic renewal has now been accepted, by and large, (which is a great step forward compared to 25 years ago) but I do not believe that its true meaning has been understood by church leaders as a group. I think charismatic renewal is in danger of being damned by faint praise.

I believe that it will be a tragedy if church leaders write it all off as a special spirituality that is good for a few people and fail to see that the power of the Spirit is desperately needed by the church at large: the church cannot carry on its mission without the power of the Spirit who puts people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and, through the power of the Spirit, expressed through the charisms, enables Christians to lead transformed lives. In the practical order this means that all Christians, especially clergy, need to pray with wounded people for healing and that every local church needs some way to help free oppressed people from the influence of evil spirits. (The need for renewal in the Spirit is much larger than just reintroducing the healing ministry: this is just one striking example that I am most familiar with.)

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love  
Francis + Judith  
Rachel + David

## Some News:

After the annual Fishnet conference in Rutland (where our fellow speakers will be Dennis + Sheila Linn and Anne Wilson-Schaeff) we are heading for England. We are very excited about returning to the cities where we spoke in the summer of '88. In Guildford, outside London, we will be speaking on healing and deliverance July 3, 5, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Then we head for the industrial north and speak in Leeds, York, Yeading, Bradford and Wakefield from July 16-25<sup>th</sup>. The remarkable thing about these conferences is the variety of churches that are helping to put the conferences on. The Leeds' conferences are being helped by about 15 different churches, ranging from Anglican to house churches. Another significant feature is that, for the most part, laypeople are putting the meetings together. Yet, they are working with the clergy, so it's a remarkably healthy endeavor. Two years ago our last evening was celebrated in the Leeds Town Hall with about 1500 people, so it's very ecumenical + open - yet with the cooperation of the churches!

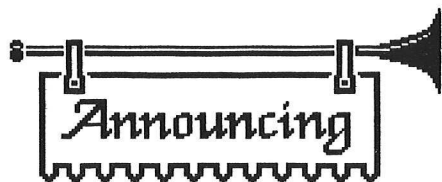
Joining us from our center here are: Peter + Norma Dearing, Don + Anne Block and Wallace + Shirley Maddux. Then from Fishnet in Vermont will come George + Rena Larson and Bob + Pat Anderson. Do pray for us; we understand that only about 5% of the English are attending church these days, so we'll be doing some basic evangelism.

I'm happy to say I finished writing the book on "resting in the Spirit" entitled Overcome by the Spirit: The Extraordinary Phenomenon that is Happening to ordinary People. Chosen Books will be putting it out in the Fall.

David is out of his cast (he broke his leg learning to ski in Vermont) and has graduated from 1<sup>st</sup> grade, while Rachel has graduated from 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Love  
Janini + Judith





## SHLOE FLOERKE-FLANAGAN, M.A.

We are pleased to announce that Shloe Floerke-Flanagan, M.A., will be spending five days per week at CHM starting 6/18/90. Shloe is a licensed mental health counselor who has been spending one day per week here for nearly three years.

It is a real joy and a blessing to CHM to welcome this wonderful lady to our staff full time.

### WHO, ME, LORD by Judy Edsall

My life would be different if I could  
Let go of my fears as I know I should,  
For it's fear that keeps me from an eagle's calling.  
Fear of flying? No, fear of falling.

Like the man invited to dine with the King,  
Who spent months of his life in studying,  
Learning what to wear, how to eat, what to say,  
I feel "not good enough." I'm "not okay."

I must learn still more, or else the King--  
Wait! The King accepts who I am! But the thing  
I really fear most is that people will see  
Me fall, and laugh and point at me.

If God has given me wings to fly  
Like an eagle, soaring against the sky,  
Then it's only my fear that sets me apart  
And keeps me a backyard chicken at heart.



## Thank You

Thanks to your faithfulness we now have a little over sixty percent of the matching funds needed for the Edna Sproull Williams Foundation. As many of you know, the Edna Sproull Williams Foundation gave CHM two 4-to-1 Challenge grants.

They will match one dollar for every four dollars up to \$50,000.00 given CHM in both grants. One challenge grant is for gifts under \$1000.00, the other is for gifts over \$1000.00.

Join with us in faith and prayer so that we at CHM may continue in God's will and seek those goals and purposes he has for us.

## ENGLAND JULY 1990

Please continue interceding for our July conferences in England. Your love and prayers are very necessary for a fresh anointing on our conference speakers and discernment of the Lord's will.

Francis, Judith, Rachel and David, along with their friend, Lynn Sunderland, will be leaving for England at the end of June, shortly after the Fishnet conference. The supporting CHM team will include Don and Anne Bloch, Peter and Norma Dearing, Wallace and Shirley Maddux, George and Rena Larson and Bob and Pat Anderson (with possibly others from Fishnet). The plans are to start in Guildford on July 4, with Francis and Judith teaching on physical healing, inner healing and deliverance. Conferences will also be held in Leeds at various town halls and cathedrals from July 16 to the end of July.

Francis and Judith, the Blochs and Dearings were in England in 1988 and we are still receiving reports of wonderful blessings and changed lives. Certainly, the 1988 CHM team was powerfully blessed and the 1990 team is expectantly praying for an even greater work of the Lord. Your prayers are a vital part to go before and with us.



WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT IS NOT  
SO MUCH WHAT GOD DOES THROUGH US  
BUT WHAT HE DOES IN US!!!!!!!



If we can come to want only what God wants, then we are in a curious way untouchable; for then loss of property, of good name, or health, or even of life holds no fear, for if that is what God wants, we will be at peace.

*Sheila Cassiday*

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## CHM COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKERS	LOCATION	CONTACT
6/24-28/90	Fishnet annual leadership conference	Francis & Judith MacNutt Ann Wilson Schaefer Matt, Dennis & Sheila Linn	Rutland, VT	Rena Larson R.R. #1 Box 4290 Rutland, VT 05701
7/90	Healing Conferences	Francis & Judith MacNutt Don & Anne Bloch Peter & Norma Dearing Wallace & Shirley Maddux	Various locations in England	Shirley Maddux 904-765-3332
9/17-19/90	Healing Conference	Francis MacNutt	San Jacinto United Methodist Church Amarillo, TX	The Rev. Dave Odom 915-682-2101
11/1-4/90	Annual Therapists Conference "How to Integrate Therapy and Spirituality"	Judith MacNutt, Dr. Tom Wikstrom, Dr. Bill Wilson and Dr. Maria Santa-Maria	Jacksonville, FL	Shirley Maddux 1-904-765-3332

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