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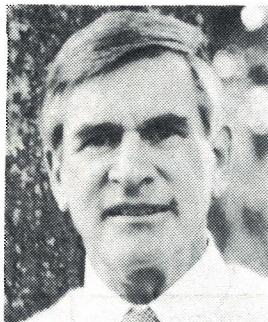
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From Francis:

Dear Friends,

We have just returned from Solano Beach, Calif., where we gave a conference for the Coast Vineyard where our friend, Don Williams, is pastor. (The Vineyards are those churches connected with John Wimber's Anaheim Vineyard.) There was a time 20 years ago when I had difficulty appreciating non-denominational churches and those Christians (especially Catholics) who had broken off from established churches to form their own little church — the New Testament Church, free from all the errors which they believed had infiltrated Christianity. They now had a group that would follow the Spirit and not be trapped by "dead traditions."

Yet you couldn't help but notice some of their own mistakes, what seemed to be their shallowness and, sometimes, their internal power struggles. Usually the new church would grow explosively, but then, a few years down the line, it, too, would split into two more churches, each convinced that it was closer to the truth. It always seemed that whatever faults the Catholic Church had — and everyone in the church admitted that they were many — it still held to that one great virtue: unity. You just didn't go off and start your own little church of Lost Nation, Iowa; that was the height of pride (even if the pride was unconscious).

But now, maybe I've changed. Or maybe the situation has changed. Anyway, I'm no longer so sure. While I still wish that people might remain faithful to their mainline churches + work from within for renewal, I am now able to see a special purpose in these new churches. Groups such as the Vineyard are able to experiment, to make mistakes, to discover new things (by the light of the Spirit's guidance) and try them. They can bring the Baptism of the Spirit, healing, prophecy and deliverance into the everyday life of the Church. Truly they don't have to sort out which traditions are simply the "traditions of men" that need to be dropped. As John Wimber said, in the days when he was a consultant to established churches, the actual priority of most churches (in spite of their stated policies and priorities) was to maintain the status-quo.

I believe that God is showing us that we need new wineskins for today's new wine of the Spirit. I believe that these new churches are providing the new models the established churches need to help move them off dead center. Perhaps many of them will fall by the wayside, but I believe that some will make it. Perhaps in some ideal world we wouldn't need these new churches, but in the real world I think we need both the wisdom and experience of the established churches (which have the basic weakness of thinking they already possess all the important elements of Christian wisdom + don't believe they need any outside help) and the freedom of the new groups, ready to move with the Spirit at a moment's notice. (Don Williams' Vineyard rents a warehouse for a church + has no committees!) One is the church of the Settlers, the other is the church of the Pioneers.

They need each other, but they don't know it yet!

Love
in christ
Francis + Judith
Rachel + David

A Few Notes:

Currently, as you probably know there is a great surge of interest in the gift of prophecy, centered upon Paul Cain and group of prophets in Kansas City - especially in their connection with John Wimber.

Along these lines I would like to share with you several prophetic words that Dick Mills had for us in 1981, shortly after our marriage. In view of what has happened since then in relation to family (Rachel + David), to establishing a healing center in Jacksonville and to our building a new home 3 years ago:

"Since the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own" (Ex. 1:21)

"I am going to provide a place for my people Israel; I shall plant them there; and there they will live + never be disturbed again; nor will they be oppressed by the wicked anymore, as they were in former times... I shall grant you rest from your enemies."

(II Sam. 7:10-11)

"By wisdom a house is built, by understanding it is made strong." (Prov. 24:3)

"My people will live in a peaceful home, in peaceful houses, tranquil dwellings." (Is. 32:18)

Frank

P.S. Ten years ago Dick Mills probably had the most established reputation as a minister of the prophetic.



FAITHFULNESS

by Canon Aaron Uitti

Years ago when I first started reading the New Testament in Greek the usual translation of the Greek words *pistis* 'Iesou Christou' was "faith in Jesus Christ." But the natural way to translate these words is either "the faith of Jesus Christ" or "the faithfulness of Jesus Christ." This is the conclusion of modern scholarship.

The beautiful passage about saving "faith" in Ephesians when rendered as "faithfulness" takes on a comforting nuance.

Ephesians 2.8:

For by grace you have been saved through faithfulness; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.

There is a great difference between saying "I am saved by my faith in Jesus Christ" and saying "I am saved by the faithfulness of Jesus Christ." From a pastoral point of view what many people find is of great concern to them in times of trouble is the strength of their faith. Times of testing often are accompanied by great doubt. What a strong pastoral tool it is to be able to assure a person that he is not saved or strengthened by his faith but by the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Also there is much more power to exhort the believer to faithful obedience to Jesus by directing them to the faithfulness of Jesus.

God has been faithful to His people. I need to be reminded of that in time of trouble. God has been faithful to His people. When it becomes time to roll one's sleeves up and to get to work for the Gospel, it is the faithfulness of God to you and me that moves us to respond with faithfulness. We know at the same time that when we prove to be unfaithful, God nevertheless remains faithful to us! (It is worth noting that this rendering of *pistis* as faithfulness is in keeping with the Old Testament tradition. The Hebrew word behind *pistis* means "be steady, firm, reliable, and trustworthy.")

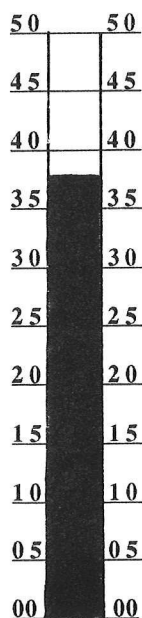
This guest article was written by Canon Aaron Uitti who serves on the staff of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral Church in Jacksonville, FL

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

2 Cor. 9:12

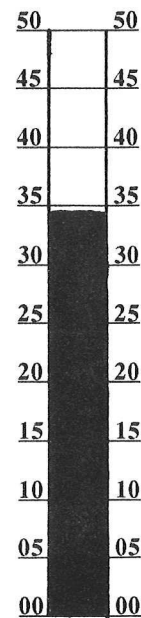
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OVER \$1000.00





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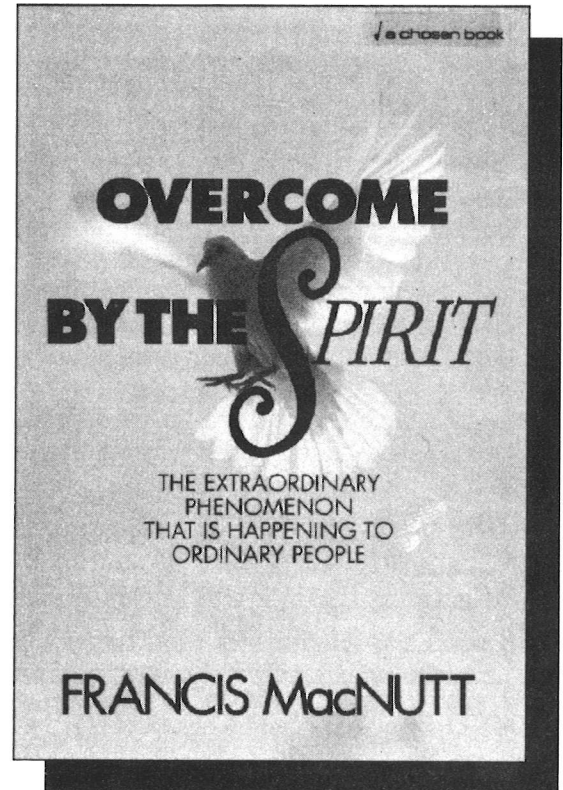
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Overcome by the Spirit tackles all the current questions and concerns about this issue, including:

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INTECESSORS REPORT

by Joy Lamb

Next month, the CHM newsletter will begin reporting Praise and Thanksgivings Reports of Answered Prayer.

On the back page of the newsletter is a red box entitled "My Prayer Requests"--the following procedure is followed for each request we receive.

A-I read all requests and prayerfully place them in a category of need according to the request.

Categories are:

Physical Healing: operations, diagnosed cancers, heart, arthritis, etc.

Inner Healing any mental, spiritual disorder, depression, anxiety, healing of past hurts, losses, grief- anything pertaining to emotions.

Salvation for those who don't know Jesus

Comfort for those grieving a loss

Special needs jobs, finances, homes, relocation, mates, etc.

Deliverance from addictions, alcohol, drugs, the occult, satanic worship, overeating, etc.

Relationships healing

Wisdom-Strength-Peace-Faith-Joy

Guidance

To Receive Baptism of the Holy Spirit

B-The first name of the person is placed on a page titled with one of the above categories. At the bottom of that page are several scriptures that pertain to the person's need. After receiving around 200 requests, copies of each page are sent out to the intercessors, (I call them, "my angels of prayer") around the first of the month. Until your request is sent out to the intercessors, the name of the person is lifted here at the center during the staff's morning prayer time.

C-When the lists go out to the intercessors, I send out a card letting each person know their request is being lifted up by our intercessors for one month, and to please let us know their praise report. I also make an appeal to anyone who would be interested in becoming an intercessor for the Center. You will be blessed by doing so, I can assure you of that.

This monthly Praise and Thanksgiving Report will only be meaningful if those receiving answers to prayer write and let us know. This will be such a faith builder and blessing to everyone. Please take a minute and drop us a note.

A note about the intercessors:

We started sending out the prayer requests to intercessors in January 1989, the list was originally sent to seven people who dedicated themselves to praying for others. We now have 86 intercessors. Our intercessors come from all over the U.S.--three in foreign countries.

CHM seems destined to be the Lord's haven for healing; whether it be here at the Center with our wonderful counselors; or at the Tuesday night healing service with soaking team prayer, and a laying on of hands or through the intercessory prayer team. Praise the Lord for the way the Lord Jesus is moving among us to bring healing to those in need.

Please send your praise report or prayer request to me. Be sure you give the name of the person for whom we will be praying. Please print the first name or names along with a brief, but thorough request. Please let me know if you'd be interested in becoming an intercessor. It would require about 10 minutes a day--you'll definitely be blessed!!

Love and Blessings to all of you!!

Joy Lamb

ENGLAND JULY 1990

We have received several praise reports from the team in England. The seats were filled for each session in Guildford and many people have been healed. One night a lady who had been deaf since the age of 4 was healed and now hears.

By the time you receive this newsletter the England trip will be over and the team members will be back in Jacksonville. The huge success of this mission trip to spread the healing message of Jesus in England is due to the gifts and prayers of many of you reading this. In Jesus' name we thank you for those gifts and prayers.

More details will be forthcoming!!

"Oops!"

In the June/July 1990 issue of the newsletter Francis said "Out of 96 million Roman Catholics worldwide some 72,063,000 have been baptized in the Spirit. This should have been 960 million instead of 96 million."

BOOK AND TAPE RESOURCES

HEALING This is the original book on healing by Francis MacNutt. It describes the four kinds of healing. Agnes Sanford described this book as "the most scholarly and comprehensive book on Christian healing I have ever read," More than a million copies sold in the U.S. #B067.....\$4.95

IRREGULAR PEOPLE by Joyce Landorf Heatherley. Is there someone in your life who really bugs you? Are you forced--by family relationships or by other circumstances--to try to maintain close ties with this person? Chances are he or she is what the author calls your "irregular person" that person who is blind, deaf, and mute to your deepest needs, no matter how hard you try to communicate. If your irregular person is breaking your heart with insensitivity and rejection, *Irregular People* points the way to spiritual and emotional healing. #B222.....\$7.95

THE PRAYER THAT HEALS by Francis MacNutt. This warm winning book makes most people wonder why we haven't been praying for one another. Francis writes "Praying at home is such a beautiful experience, and so easy to learn if people are taught and encourage to try". #B047.....\$3.95

A STRANGER TO SELF-HATRED by Brennan Manning. This book is a glimpse of Jesus, it is written for anyone who has been tyrannized by self-hatred. Unhealthy guilt, shame, remorse and self-hatred are no respecter of persons. Vague feelings of existential uneasiness before the Lord God transcend poverty and wealth, cultural and educational differences, distinctions between clergy and laity. #B054.....\$6.95

THE POWER TO HEAL The 2nd book by Dr. MacNutt focuses on practical material, sharing what he has learned from experiences in praying for others. John Wimber uses this book in his courses. #B045.....\$4.95

HOW TO BEAT BURNOUT by Frank Minirth. Are you a candidate for burnout? What is burnout? It's a state of mental, physical and spiritual exhaustion that leaves its victims with no energy, no hope, and no end in sight. It's the plague of our times. The good news is, *you can beat burnout!!* #B190.....\$6.95

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HEALING Evangelical edition, forward by John Wimber. This classic resource on was revised in 1988 and is appropriate for all Christians. Truly a great book. #B065.....\$7.95

SIGNS WONDERS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD by Don Williams. A biblical guide for the reluctant skeptic. This is a book for anyone who believes in God's supernatural power but who doubts that we can experience that power personally. A graduate of Princeton and a "solid evangelical" pastor, Don Williams was trained to believe in the power of human reason and the reliability of the scientific method. He thought a reasonable man ought to be able to control his world. William's worldview worked well until God shattered his perceptions through the power of signs and wonders. #B213.....\$7.95

PRAYING FOR THE UNBORN CHILD Francis and Judith explain how parents can pray for their unborn children. Includes a special section on praying for yourself, or others, about any traumatic experiences that might have occurred in the womb. #B107.....\$7.95

THE BROKEN IMAGE by Leanne Payne There is a modern myth that says you can't do anything about your sexual orientation. Once a homosexual, always a homosexual. The author has dramatic evidence to the contrary. Here is startling evidence that lesbians, male homosexuals, and others suffering from similar sexual identity crises can be healed and reoriented toward normal sexuality by the power of the Holy Spirit working through healing prayer. This book is written not only with the purpose of giving hope to those presently suffering under the heavy yoke of homosexuality but also to shed light on every person's quest for wholeness of being. #B007.....\$6.95

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BACK AND ORTHOPEDIC HEALING SEMINAR 2 tapes on teachings by Francis & Judith which cover both physical and inner healing in relation to back and orthopedic problems. #A002.....\$10.00

CHM COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKERS	LOCATION	CONTACT
8/19-21/90	Secretaries Conference Diocese of Florida	Leona Davis Petey Gonzales Maria Santa-Maria	Camp Weed Live Oak, FL	
8/30-9/1/90	Thomas Merton Foundation	Francis MacNutt Judith MacNutt Tommy Tyson	St. Louis, MO	Jane Lakebrink 314-353-7470
9/17-19/90	Pyros Ministers Conference	Francis MacNutt	San Jacinto United Methodist Church Amarillo, TX	The Rev. Dave Odom 915-682-2101
10/15-17/90	Workshops for Clergy spouses and family nurture	Maria Santa-Maria	Presbyterians for Renewal Montrent, NC	
10/26-27/90	Bishops Conference on Evangelism and Renewal	Judith MacNutt	Austin, TX	The Rev. Timberlake 512-266-2455
11/1-4/90	Annual Therapists Conference "How to Integrate Therapy and Spirituality"	Judith MacNutt, M.A., Tom Wikstrom, M.D., Bill Wilson, M.D. and Maria Santa-Maria, D.Min.	Jacksonville, FL	Shirley Maddux 1-904-765-3332

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