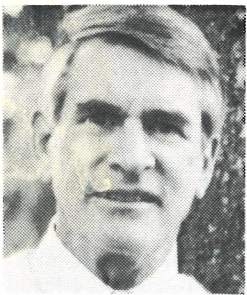


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From Francis:

DO WE PRAY ABOUT AGING?

Recently friends have been coming up and telling me how well I'm looking. Now, you might think that's a welcome compliment. What you don't know is that (according to my Dad) we go through several stages of life, concluding with Middle Age and then, "My, how well you're looking!".

So it looks as if I've finally reached that last stage. Certainly, growing older is not the same as being sick, but it can bring aches and pains that are similar to what you experience when you have the flu.

This very human condition of growing older -- and the body's feeling and showing it -- how does this relate to healing? Do we pray to counteract the aging process? Surprisingly, I don't remember reading any book on healing that says anything at all about whether or not we should pray about aging.

This is becoming a stronger question every year, considering that one out of every 9 Americans is now over 65 (in 1776 it was only one out of 50), and it is estimated that by the year 2050 one-half the residents of my home-state of Florida will be over 65.

In our younger days most of us didn't think about such things as praying about aging. In those days we harbored the illusion of being immortal as we sped down the highway. But next month I will have to face this question of aging in a most unsettling form: I'll be going to St. Louis to attend my 50th high school reunion -- and I've been asked to say something in memory of the 17 classmates (out of 60) who have died. The last reunion I attended -- the 40th -- I experienced some very deep emotions. I don't know how to describe my feelings, except to say that they were a strange combination of joy (at seeing old friends), mixed with sadness (at seeing how the years had treated some of them, spiritually and physically). With such a small class we knew each other really well, so it was a shock not to be able to recognize several classmates; I had to peek at their name tags to find out who they were -- so much had they changed. Our star baseball pitcher was crippled and

had to hobble around on a cane (two years later, he died).

God has certainly been merciful in granting me excellent health. Aside from aspirin, I have no medicine in our medicine cabinet, nor do I wear glasses (which my friends see as remarkable). At my annual physical exam I check out healthy.

And yet, when I wake up in the morning I ache and have to walk around for a while until the pain goes away. I still jog and run (and enter Senior Olympics) but my best times today don't come near my average times as recently as five years ago. While I can still read without glasses I now have trouble making out the fine print which I could easily see five years ago.

So I'm faced with this question of getting older -- and my body's feeling and showing it. (Our eleven-year-old daughter asked if I had ever thought of dying my gray hair). Clearly this all relates to healing, but how? I'm not sick -- just slowing down. So should we pray to slow down the slowing down process?

Yes, I think we should. Certainly we need not hesitate to pray for the alleviation of pain, and for increasing the flexibility of our joints. I believe we should hold high the ideal of always retaining the fullest use of our ability to think, to see, and to hear, so I don't hesitate to pray for God to restore my friends' faculties when they start to fail. What a beautiful display of faith it would be to see aging couples praying for each other's infirmities, or to see visitors in nursing homes praying for our senior citizens.

So here's how I answer the question that will face me with each classmate I meet.

First, we gratefully accept God's plan for our aging and eventual death. On the other hand, there are aspects of the aging process that are simply the effects of our fallen human condition and I think we should pray to change them. For example, we need not hesitate to pray for the healing of arthritis, for the alleviation of pain, and for maintaining our ability to think, to see, to hear and to move about. If, over the years, calcium deposits build up in our joints, why not ask Jesus to dissolve them? If plaque has built up in our arteries and veins, we need to change our diets to include less fat, but we can also pray for Jesus to dissolve that plaque. (I have watched a nurse measure blood pressure going down in a patient even as we prayed.)

And yet, we also peacefully accept God's plan for our eventual death. (I still hope, humanly, that mine's a long way off.) Even Lazarus, as well as the others Jesus raised from the dead, eventually died a second time. For the Christian, death--hard as it is to accept on the human plane-- is simply entering into a new life.

We may still not have reached that spiritual apex where we look forward in faith to our final moments on this earth to our birthdays in heaven; but, on the slow march to that climax, we should not hesitate to ask Jesus to share with us his perfect health!

"My one hope and trust is that I shall never have to admit defeat, but that now as always I shall have the courage for Christ to be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death" (Phil.1:20).

love,
Francis + Judith
Rachel + David

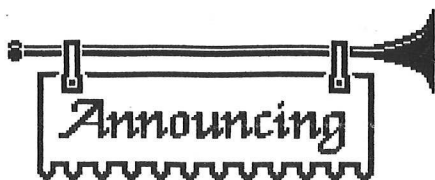
A DAY OF MINISTRY

by Dr. Jackie Canepa

On Saturday, October 10, 1992, at St. Johns Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Jacksonville, Fla., from 9 am to 3 pm, Christian Healing Ministries initiated a new undertaking entitled "A Day of Ministry". Bright yellow flyers were sent to most of the churches in this area offering ministry to anyone who chose to come. The format was very simple -- Francis spoke on physical healing, Judith spoke on inner healing, and then they, and about twelve teams of prayer ministers, prayed for all who came for healing. About 100 people, including prayer ministers, received prayer for different needs. All were blessed and excited about this way of ministering. Many had never experienced anything like this nor had they ever heard the MacNutt's speak.

We, of CHM, were also excited at the response of the people and the results of our efforts, so we will be planning more 'Days of Ministry' in churches of other denominations around the Jacksonville area. If your church might be interested in hosting such a "Day", please contact Dr. Jackie Canepa at 765-3332.

Plans are continuing for offering other seminars here on CHM property. There will be a repeat of "How to 'Do' Inner Healing", as well as a beginning course on "Becoming A Prayer Minister"; and later, a seminar on "How to 'Do' Deliverance". These are the seminars suggested by participants, do you have any suggestions about what you need? Scheduling for these seminars will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.



Christian Healing Ministries is happy to announce that Dr. David Seamands will be with us once again for our February 1993 Conference, Healing of Marriage and Family Relationships. Dr. Seamands was with us for our first conference on Healing of Relationships in 1990, and delighted the participants with many stories and experiences shared about his years of counseling and teaching.

The Seamands spent 16 years as missionaries in India where David had also lived as a boy. He and his wife, Helen, are well known for their pioneer efforts in the Marriage Enrichment Movement. His ministry of Biblical preaching and teaching has reached around the world and he is well known for his seminars on counseling and inner healing. David and the MacNutts have taught many times together but this is the first time on the subject of marriage. Mark your calendar now and plan to be with us at the Radisson Inn, February 4-7, 1993 for three days packed with new knowledge, great people like yourself and individual ministry. We hope this will be a conference you will NOT want to miss.

PULLING THE PLUG???

by Dr. Jackie Canepa

Recently, my 87-year-old mother said to me regarding an aunt of mine, "She's really had a hard life. She raised at home a brain-damaged child for 50 years and just recently placed this child in a group home. She also had to 'pull the plug' on her husband..." At that point I became extremely uncomfortable internally. Finally, I realized the source of my discomfort - - as a Christian, I find the terminology, 'pull the plug', highly offensive. From my understanding of who God is and of what happens to us when we die to this life, I find that term to be a real denial of what I believe.

Genesis maintains that God created man to be in a loving relationship with Him. Ecc. 3:1-2a states, "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to be born and a time to die" Then John 3:16 joyfully affirms, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." The meaning of those words to me is that: we, as Christians, are always in God's keeping, we came from Him and we return to Him, He has a plan for each life, and we will die to this life, but will have everlasting life with Him. Therefore, I am submitting another term which expresses what is truth for me, which you may use if you so choose. Rather than 'pulling the plug', how about 'Releasing this person into God's hands' (for Him to deal with in His great love and mercy).



INTERCESSORS PRAISE REPORTS

by Joy Lamb

Thank you for your prayers. My father has received the Lord at the age of 76!

Thank you for Your prayers. I praise God for increasing health improvements after 20 years of chronic fibromyalgia.

The intercessors have prayed for an improvement in our work and I am happy to report that we have had more come our way recently than in the past couple of months.....with God's help it will be fine, he knows our needs. Bless the intercessors for praying for them.

My father was supposed to have heart problems, but after your prayers, they could find no problem. Thank you for praying for him.

I called in for prayer for my husband who had a very questionable lump that needed to be removed. Thank you for your prayer. The lump was not cancerous.

Thank you for your prayers. I had asked CHM for prayers that we would sell our house, and God answered!! Thank God, and thank you at CHM!

The lovely drawing and verse from Isaiah in the September Newsletter was the exactly right message from our gracious Lord at a time when I was feeling very "isolated and "forgotten". Thank you and HIM.

God has blessed me with a new job. Thank you for your prayer support, I have asked you for prayer before and have seen God work in mighty and beautiful ways. Thank you for what you are doing, it is comforting knowing you all are there for those in need.



BOOK AND TAPE RESOURCES



TEMPTATIONS MEN FACE by Tom Eisenman. Straight forward talk on Power, Money, Affairs, Perfectionist, and Insensitivity. *"Temptations Men Face is an authentic guideline for all who walk the difficult road of battling temptation. His book is honest, biblical and real to life. I recommend it for men who struggle with temptation and women who struggle to understand men."* **Leighton Ford**

#B387.....\$9.99

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 encouraged to try".

#B047.....\$3.95

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU by Dennis & Rita Bennett. Dennis and Rita tell simply and readably just how you can begin to have peace, joy and love in the middle of this frightening modern world. They show you how to know God personally, and experience His miracle-working power in your life.

#B117.....\$6.95

PRAYING FOR YOUR UNBORN CHILD by Francis and Judith MacNutt. 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. This book makes a wonderful gift to the newly married or those expecting a child.

#B048.....\$7.95

HAPPY HOLIDAYS by Frank Minirth, Don Hawkins and Paul Meier. How to Beat the Holiday Blues. Are holidays *really* the happiest time of year? Possibly yes. But for many people holidays can be the unhappiest times of all. Dealing realistically with the fact that holidays often fall short of their billing as shining memory-makers, this book offers practical, biblical ways to overcome the pressures and make holidays a genuinely happy time.

#B441.....\$7.95

THE FRIENDSHIP FACTOR: How to Get Closer to the People You Care For by Dr. Alan Loy McGinnis. More than 950,000 copies of this book sold. Some people have countless friends --- what's their secret? Counselor Alan Loy McGinnis illustrates his scripture-based principles for human relationships with intriguing case studies and anecdotes.

#B442.....\$5.95

ARTHRITIS HEALING SEMINAR Three Audio tapes covering inner and physical healing of arthritis. Teachings by Francis & Judith and a personal testimony by Anne Bloch.

#A001.....\$15.00

HEALING AS A PARISH MINISTRY by Leo Thomas, O.P. and Jan Alkire. Jesus' mandate to heal the sick is largely ignored in churches today. This sound and practical book shows how this essential but forgotten ministry is rooted in the church's scriptural tradition. It emphasizes an atmosphere of hospitality, sensitivity and worship that will allow God to be present to those in need - the primary goal of the healing ministry.

#B423.....\$7.95

The following books are by J. Keith Miller a featured speaker at CHM's Annual Therapist's conference "Healing the Compulsion to Control"

Compelled to Control #B426.....\$18.95

The Taste of New Wine #B435.....\$8.95

The Edge of Adventure #B430.....\$8.95

Hope in the Fast Lane #B207.....\$8.95

A Hunger for Healing #B432.....\$15.95

Habitation of Dragons #B431.....\$9.00

CLASSIC

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.....\$5.95

LOVE IS A GIFT 6 Audio tapes of a marriage seminar held at a Methodist Church in Jacksonville featuring Francis and Judith MacNutt. This is good for those anticipating marriage, those ready to celebrate their 75th anniversary or anyone somewhere in between.

#A036.....\$30.00

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

"How to Do" Inner Healing 11 audio tapes of a seminar held August 18-21, 1992 at the Healing Center. Featuring Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt, Jackie Canepa, Norman Dearing, Lucille Vick, Father Bob Kerner, Sandi Kerner and Shloe Floerke-Flanigan. Topics include What is Inner Healing? Who needs Inner Healing? How to prepare self for an Inner Healing ministry. How to help the prayer recipient to feel comfortable. How to pray healing from conception through birth. How to pray healing for a hurtful memory. #A039.....\$50.00

YEARNING Living Between How It Is & How It Ought to Be by M. Craig Barnes. More than just offering a corrective dose of reality, the author helps us to see our needs and limitations as gifts -- the best opportunities we have to receive God's grace. And he draws from his own experiences to show how we can live faithfully and fruitfully even as we yearn for lasting fulfillment. #B443.....8.95

NOT SOMETHING HAPPENING IN A TENT 8 audio tapes, a step by step course in basic healing given by Francis. Combines much of the material contained in his first two books, includes a teaching on deliverance. #A009.....\$25.00

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CHM COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	SPEAKERS	LOCATION	CONTACT
11/6 to 11/8/92	Annual Therapists' Conf. "Healing the Compulsion to Control"	Francis & Judith MacNutt, and Keith Miller	Radisson Hotel Jacksonville, FL	CHM 904-765-3332
11/20 to 11/22/92	Holy Spirit Conference	Francis & Judith MacNutt	Carrollton, Texas Diocese of West Texas	John Carson 214-242-0602
11/20 to 11/21/92	Prayer & personal transformation	Dr. Maria Santa-Maria	San Antonio, Texas Diocese of West Texas	
12/2/92	Discernment and healing prayer	Judith MacNutt	St. John's Cathedral Jacksonville, FL	Ty York 904-783-9494
12/6/92	Living Waters Christmas Banquet	Francis MacNutt	Milwaukee, WI	Karsen Swanson 414-567-7490
1/8 to 1/10/93	Teaching on Healing	Francis MacNutt	St. Barnabas Episcopal Ch. Deland, FL 32720	Fr. David Suellau 904-734-1814
1/29 to 1/31/93	Healing Conference	Francis MacNutt	Christ the King Retreat San Angelo, TX	Glenn Polhemus 915-468-3011
2/4 to 2/7/93	Healing of Marriage and Family Relationships	Francis & Judith MacNutt David Seamands	Jacksonville, FL	CHM 904-765-3332
2/25 to 2/27/93	Christians and Emotional Wholeness	Dr. Maria Santa-Maria	Los Angeles, CA	
3/12 to 3/14/93	Fishnet North East	Francis MacNutt	Smithtown Sheridan Smithtown, NY 11788	Gary Hayes 516-669-5957
3/25 to 3/27/93	1993 Spring Convention, Pastors and Leaders Seminar	Francis & Judith MacNutt	10333 W. 70th St. Eden Prairie, MN 55344	Dorothy Langstaff 612-944-6525

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