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Mission to England

by Bobby & Marti Fallin

For twenty days in July we were privileged to go on a mission trip to England with Francis and Judith MacNutt. All of us felt your prayers in a powerful way as we ministered to people wanting to be healed in Northampton, Oxford, and Birmingham. We witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit setting people free to be who Father God created them to be. The English are a reserved and very polite people, but the Holy Spirit was getting them in touch with their true identity and releasing a power for them to express love in their community. What a wonderful joy to see chains of past hurts and the emotional bondage that comes from those hurts broken away by the power of the Prince of Peace.

What we observed in the Northampton community amazed us because it is such an ecumenical church. A total of over 1500 gathered in a marquee (tent) to hear Francis and Judith over a three-day conference. Emmanuel Church in Northampton is a shared church; one community sharing pastors from four different denominations: Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and the United Reform Church.

Each group was forced to work through areas of doctrinal difference. This community was a blessing to see because the product of their efforts was a New Testament community that demonstrated love for one another instead of distrust. Their

unity was forged by joining at the highest common denominator and not the lowest! The Lordship of Jesus Christ was central to all.

At St. Andrews Church in Oxford, Francis and Judith spoke to about 200 clergy and medical professionals about the need for healing and emotional honesty. All of us were physically tired from the previous conference, but as many from this group at Oxford expressed interest in The Healer, Jesus, and how He works to bring wholeness to people in today's society, our energies were renewed.

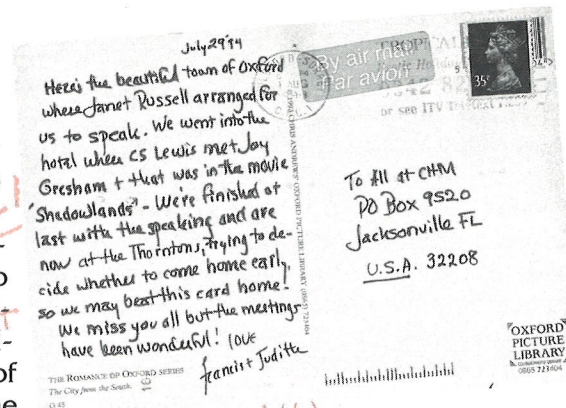
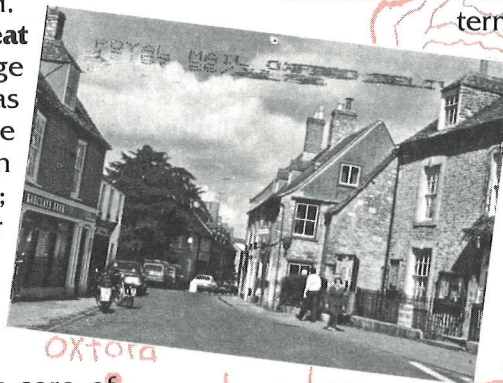
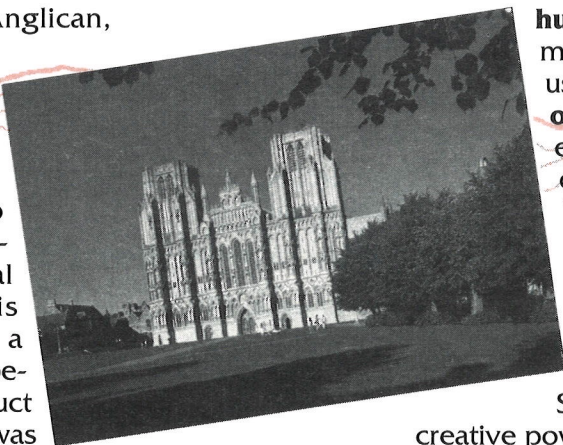
A Catholic retreat at Newman College in Birmingham was our concluding time of ministry with Francis and Judith; about 300 came for a three-day retreat. We saw again the Holy Spirit moving in a powerful way, touching the very core of people's personalities and setting them free to be real. It is our Father's design for us to be **human** and His ultimate intention is for us to be **loved into our humanness** at every stage of our development. What we witnessed in Birmingham was that anything the thief Satan can steal, the Holy Spirit through His creative power can restore!

We also had times of relaxation and refreshing on our trip like seeing many of the English parks with beau-

tiful flowers everywhere and medieval Warwick Castle that we toured with Francis. There is so much history everywhere we went in England, it is difficult to relate this in American

terms. The architecture there is incredible! Gothic spires and ornate designs on structures, some dating back to the tenth century loomed around us everywhere we looked. We walked into cathedrals that took our breath be-

cause of their beauty. But the real treasures in England were the people; we found them to be friendly, social, amicable, genial, warm, gracious and very open to the healing ministry.

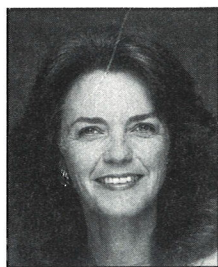


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Angels: God's Gift To Us

by Judith MacNutt



*I want to share this story with you in anticipation of our upcoming conference on **The Ministry of Angels; Messengers from God**, to be held December 2-3 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, Florida. (See page 6.) Angels have received a great deal of press and interest lately, some positive and some not quite in line with sound biblical teaching and church tradition. We are offering this conference to provide what we hope will be encouraging information about God's heavenly messengers and protectors, and we hope to offer some guidelines on discerning error from truth in the barrage of angel mania flooding popular culture.*

Several years ago my husband, Francis, and I were leading a conference on healing prayer in a local church. The day had been filled with teaching and lively discussion. Everyone was excited about the healing service that would take place soon in the sanctuary. Many of the congregation had told us about their pain, either physical or emotional, and were ready to receive God's healing touch.

During the healing service, a young mother came forward followed closely

by her six-year-old son holding tightly to the folds of her skirt. Tearfully she told us of her deep heartbreak because she had been recently divorced from her husband of ten years. The way she carried her body clearly showed her despair and loneliness. Her deepest concern, however, had to do with her young son, Timmy.

Since the divorce Timmy had withdrawn more and more, showing signs of depression. He missed his daddy terribly and felt somehow he was to blame for the break-up of the family. A mother's heart had brought her broken son to the Lord for healing.

Unlike most six-year-old boys, Timmy's face was etched with sadness, his eyes deeply sorrowful. As we layed hands on Timmy, he began to cry softly.

As we continued to pray quietly with Timmy, I opened my eyes and looked up. Suddenly, I became aware of an angelic being sitting on a wooden rafter high above the Cross! The angel was surrounded by a brilliant white light, his garment shining - unlike anything I had ever seen before. His countenance was joyful, yet concerned. He was looking directly at us while we prayed over

Timmy. I had the distinct impression that he, too, was praying for Timmy.

After we finished the prayer Timmy returned to sit down with his mother. I would occasionally glance at Timmy as the service continued. I noticed he, too, was looking in the direction where the angel was still seated.

Excusing myself from the healing line, I slipped into the seat beside Timmy.

I asked him if he would mind sharing with me what had captured his attention. By this time he was staring at the angel, his eyes full of wonder!

He hesitated for a moment, then slowly said that he saw a "large man sitting on a rafter." He gave me a quizzical look as if to say, "Do you believe me?"

I smiled and assured him that he was really seeing an angel of the Lord.

When I asked him to describe the angel, he gave me an exact description of his hair, clothing, smile and size. I asked him if he was bigger than my husband, who is 6'4", and he said, "Much bigger." I told Timmy he was greatly blessed to see this angel. A broad smile covered his little face and excitement raced through his voice as he said, "I believe God wants me to know He has sent this angel to always take care of me, since my Daddy can't be around anymore."



Christian Healing Ministries, Inc. Presents ***Dissociative Identity Disorder (MPD)*** ***and Severe Childhood Abuse Conference***

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James G. Friesen, Ph.D. and **Shloe Floerke-Flanagan, MA**

Who should attend: Professional Therapists, Clergy and Lay Ministers

Plan to attend this important conference and encourage your church or professional group to send teams who are currently working with survivors or who are planning to equip themselves for this crucial area of ministry in the future.

More information will follow in the next issue of *The Healing Line*...

News & Views

by Joy Abney

Many thanks to those of you who responded so generously to our appeal for financial help over the summer. God very generously met the need through your faithfulness. Bless you. Francis sent a letter to a small group of our supporters, telling them of a special need for \$40,000 to cover the ministries expenses over the summer while Francis and Judith ministered in England. It appeared that we would be short this amount if contributions stayed stable for the three

summer months. Thank you for your support of God's healing work at CHM!

Fr. Bob Kerner is now rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal in Douglas, Georgia! Bob and Sandi are thrilled and challenged by their new appointment. Sandi hopes to continue to be a prayer minister at CHM two days a week. Remember that Bob's article *Rejoice in the Lord Always* appeared in our last issue. There was a personal note about Bob's struggle in waiting for the Lord's timing and placement with regard to full-time employment. Many of you have been praying for Bob and Sandi to find a church, and God has been faithful. Keep Bob and Sandi in your prayers as they undertake their new life of minis-

try at St. Andrew's in Douglas!

Our book store manager Barbara Newman and her husband, Mike, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 6, with a party at CHM given by staff and friends. About 70 friends gathered to wish them well.



Charleston SC Churches Join Together to Host CHM Conference

How do you offer healing to a community and at the same time ensure that it won't be only a onetime event; but, will be an ongoing healing ministry picked up by area churches and effectively utilized as a means for bringing believers and seekers alike into a deeper experience of the abundant life in Christ Jesus?

Several ministers from the Charleston, SC area had contacted CHM to inquire about hosting a CHM conference in their churches. Our conference coordinator, Nan Wigginton, suggested that the groups join together to plan one large area conference to build unity in the Body of Christ and to help defray expenses for the churches. This proved a marvelous solution. The group has decided to host a joint conference and to give all proceeds to CHM as a love offering. The Fishnet group in Vermont has been doing this with their conference for years, and has even added a California conference. This is a marvelous way to bless your area and CHM.

The Reverend Woody Volland chairs the group of ministers from Charleston, SC and they planned a three-part, yearlong process of training ministry and follow-up with a

three-day CHM Conference featuring Francis and Judith MacNutt as the centerpiece. The Conference is entitled "The Lord Is Near To The Broken-Hearted" (Psalm 34:18), and scheduled for January 1995 in Charleston.

Pre-conference training is a monthly series of five half-day workshops attended by the ministers and healing teams from nearly a dozen churches, and taught by a local team of clergy and lay leaders. Some of the training topics will be: Power Ministry, Releasing the Holy Spirit, and Gifts of the Spirit in Ministry.

The actual conference itself is intentionally designed with a split purpose. Individuals and churches wishing to attend the whole conference (workshops and worship sessions) will pay a set registration fee. People seeking just immediate healing ministry will be admitted to the evening worship/ministry times at no charge.

Post conference follow-up will consist of a series of monthly workshops, similar to the training sessions, but designed to assist those churches that have begun or expanded their healing ministries. Registration details can be found in the Schedule on page 7.

Tapes From The Bookstore

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CHM Anger Seminar Brings Healing To Many

by Dr. Jackie Canepa, Administrator

About 75 people convened on the CHM campus June 7 - 10 for a seminar on *Understanding Anger and Hostility*. Participants and staff all felt there was much to learn about both our own and others' anger.

We learned some key points in dealing with anger:

- Anger is normal, it's what you do with it that can make it destructive
- We should not be afraid of our anger — It is telling us something.
- Fear almost always underlies anger.
- How to recognize and process our anger.
- Steps to take for anger resolution.
- How to look at angry people in a new light — as wounded and broken.

Over 75% of the participants returned their evaluation forms, and we learned that this seminar was very effective overall. Comments ranged from "excellent," "very complete!" to "adequate." Needs were met "well" to "very well" by all except two people, one who noted "adequately" and one said "not sure yet." Several participants

mentioned that they liked having multiple speakers, because the variety of speaking styles provided different angles on the topic.

Several suggestions were offered for future seminar topics: grief and fear, (including such issues as abandonment, rejection, perfectionism, loneliness, suicide), and spiritual warfare. If you have any suggestions, please pass them on to CHM. We are trying to help you minister more effectively wherever you are, and to help you continue in your own healing.

Concerning holding small groups for discussion and ministry, suggestions fell into what I call the "one-third" principle: one-third wanted groups, one-third did not, and one-third were neutral or did not mention them. For this seminar, we did not hold practice groups as we felt that most people were learning to deal with their own anger and groups would not be appropriate for many. One last suggestion might have helped people to process their anger more effectively - "Allow time for personal prayer and reflection after each talk."

We appreciate the participants taking time to complete evaluations and we pray that through this seminar they received more knowledge and healing of erroneous beliefs about anger.

CHM heartily recommends the seminar tapes page 3 and the anger workbook below for those who could not attend.

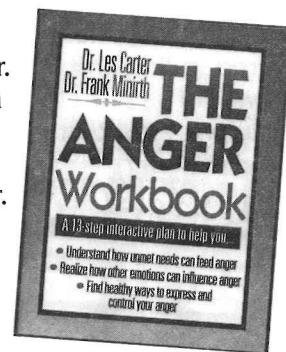
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Praise Reports

by Joy Lamb

Our offer of four free copies of *Sword of the Spirit* to those wishing to start prayer groups has been such a blessing! The count is now up to 400 groups, and the offer still stands — CHM will mail four books to each group leader for a \$2.00 postage/handling charge. We are making this offer because of our concern for America. These groups are praying for our country, and I urge all of our readers to intercede for America. Pray against the crime ravaging our land, pray for revival and pray for guidance for America's leaders.

The mail and telephone has yielded some wonderful praise reports:

• Ann Bauwens (Francis's previous secretary) requested prayers for two

couples who wanted to conceive — one had tried to have children for 17 years. After being on the prayer list for a short time, both couples are pregnant! We are seeing this happen more and more... Thanks be to God.

• We have been trying to conceive a child for five years. We were told by the doctors that we could not, but I know that the Lord would bless us with a child if we trusted Him. You have been praying for us. We are now pregnant and are thrilled. Thank you with all of our hearts.

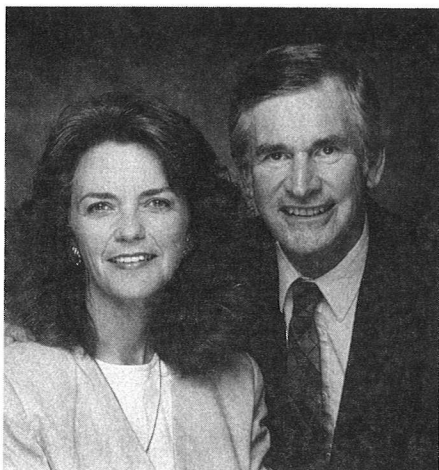
• When I brought a friend to CHM for prayer, I put my own name on the prayer sheet for healing for my eyes. I had glaucoma and cataracts in both. Later in the month, I had my eye pressure checked, and it was normal! The doctor could not believe it, he questioned me as to what other doctor I had

been seeing. He said I no longer seemed to have glaucoma. Praise God and thank you for all the prayers!

• About three months ago, I requested prayer for two men who were both seriously ill. The Lord gave one a beautiful peaceful death. The other, Deacon C. had acute leukemia and was given about two weeks to live. Suddenly his bone marrow started to produce what it should, and he is back working and feeling great. His white count is normal! Nothing is impossible with God!

• My friend is stabilized with Lou Gehrig's disease and is working out and getting stronger everyday.

• Our daughter continues to be healed of a brain tumor. She stays alert for longer periods now. Thank you for your prayers.



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Francis MacNutt Ph. D. and Judith MacNutt, M.S. are Co-Directors of CHM. Francis, a former Dominican Priest in the Roman Catholic Church, has been involved in the healing ministry for over 27 years. He was instrumental in founding the Association of Christian Therapists in 1975. He has written several books on healing and renewal. His classic *Healing* has sold over a million copies in the US alone. Judith is a licensed therapist and has over 20 years experience as a Christian therapist.



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- Location:** Airport Holiday Inn / P. O. Drawer 18409 / Jacksonville, FL 32218 / Telephone: (904) 741-4404
- Room Rates:** Contact the hotel direct for room reservations
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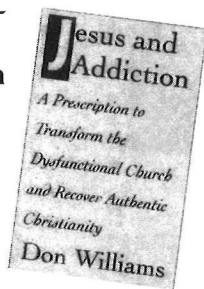
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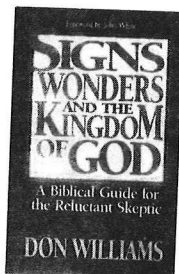
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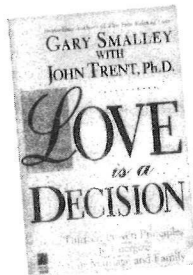


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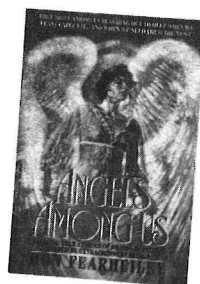


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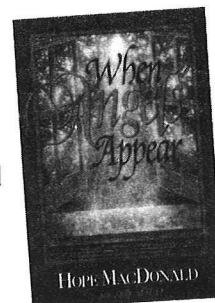


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Postponed for future date	Effective Parenting in Today's World	Christian Healing Ministries 438 W. 68th St. Jacksonville, FL 32208	Staff and Francis and Judith MacNutt	CHM - Nan (904) 765-3332
9/30/94 - 10/2/94	Annual Vail, CO., Conference	Christiana Lodge 356 Hanson Ranch Road Vail, CO 81657	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Paul Johnston (303)476-5641
10/20/94 - 10/22/94	Fifth Annual Therapist's Conference "Healing Family Roots: Reworking The Influences of Past Generations"	Jacksonville Airport Holiday Inn	Francis MacNutt, PH.D. Judith MacNutt, M.A. Doug Schoeninger, PH.D. Frances Schoeninger, M.A.	CHM - Nan (904)765-3332
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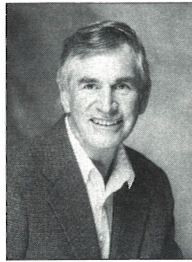
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C. S. Lewis And Healing

by Francis MacNutt

I hope you have seen the movie *Shadowlands*, a profoundly affecting film about C. S. Lewis, who in his 50's met and married Joy Gresham, the great and only love of his life. A brief two years after their marriage she died of cancer. Judith and I cried at the movie's end — both times we saw it.



Just as I had hurried to get a biography to learn more about the real Mozart after seeing *Amadeus*, I bought a copy of *C. S. Lewis through the Shadowlands* by Brian Sibley (Fleming Revell, 1994) wanting to discover more about Lewis. As I hoped, I found several important parts of the real-life story that were not included in the movie.

For those who may not be familiar with the last ten years of C. S. Lewis' life, you should know that most of his life he was a confirmed bachelor, living with his brother, Warnie. At the height of his career as an author and lecturer at Oxford and Cambridge, he met an American, Joy Gresham, a Jewish poet who had converted to Christianity, and was in the process of getting a divorce from her alcoholic and philandering husband.

Joy made a series of visits to England, and she and Lewis developed a deep friendship. She later moved to Oxford and then, unexpectedly, she fell and broke her leg, which, upon examination, proved to be riddled with cancer. She was immediately hospitalized but there seemed to be no hope of recovery. When she became ill, Lewis realized that his love for her was more than friendship and he and Joy were married in the hospital during her illness.

Surprisingly, she rallied and recovered her health for two years before the bone cancer returned and she later died. Lewis was so distressed that he cried out his anger

at God and was tempted to regard God as a sadist, treating us like rats in a Skinner box. He examined his rage and its eventual resolution in his book, *A Grief Observed*. Initially, he was so ashamed of his emotional reaction to Joy's death that he published it under a pen-name, C. N. Clerk.

I always wondered why had Joy recovered for those two years? In the movie there are no clues. I also wondered if it might have been the happiness of her marriage to Lewis which led to the cancer's remission. It is reputed that couples on their honeymoon are as close to being immune from sickness as humans can be.

Well, in Sibley's book I found out what happened. A young Anglican priest, Peter Bide, a former student of Lewis, told Jack (C.S.'s nickname) that he believed in praying for healing. At first Jack was cautious about the laying on of hands but he was willing to try it. So Peter Bide prayed for Joy and later performed their marriage in the hospital (as depicted in the movie) in March '57.

Lewis was so convinced of Joy's healing through prayer that he wrote an article on "The Efficacy of Prayer" in the *Atlantic Monthly* (January '59). "I have stood," he wrote, "by the bedside of a woman whose thigh-bone

was eaten through with cancer and who had thriving colonies of disease in many other bones as well. It took three people to move her in bed. The doctors predicted a few months of life, the nurses (who often know better), a few weeks. A good man laid his hands on her and prayed. A year later the patient was walking (uphill, too, through rough woodland) and the man who took the last x-rays was saying, 'These bones are solid as rock. It's miraculous.'"

Sibley documents that Joy wrote that the hospital "tells me I'm one of their great triumphs and exhibits me to visiting doctors," So there evidently was a healing miracle, but then a relapse two years later. Why? The question anguished C. S. Lewis and proved the greatest trial of his faith.

We will never know why, of course. At Christian Healing Ministries we have seen miraculous cures for cancer, and we have also seen the value of persevering prayer or "soaking prayer" in cancer cases. What is clear is that God blessed C. S. Lewis with a very special love and marriage, when he seemed resigned to live without love. His love for Joy deepened his faith and compassion. Like Jacob, he wrestled with God and emerged wounded but blessed.

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