

The Healing Line.....



Volume 8 • Issue 2

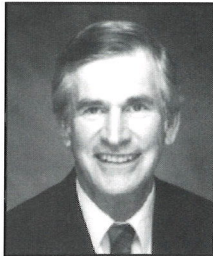
July 1995

Christian Healing Ministries, Inc.

Food For Today... Growth For Tomorrow

Dear Friends:

The summer months are great months for our traveling ministry, but financially they are lean. You have been such a faithful, generous contributors



to the needs of Christian Healing Ministries, please consider making a special donation for the summer months.

We believe that if we do God's work faithfully, he will take care of us; it's like the manna in the desert, there will always be food for today. So we simply want to make our needs known to you, knowing that if you are meant to help us, God will put that desire in your heart.

As far as the ministry itself goes, our situation is very exciting. There are many wonderful signs of growth. The invitations we have been receiving

have increased in scope. A few years ago the majority of our invitations came from individual churches, but now the invitations are on a much larger scale. New opportunities this summer include speaking at the Roman Catholic Charismatic Leadership Conference at Steubenville University (June 16 -18), the International Lutheran Charismatic Conference in Minneapolis (August 7 - 11), the large ecumenical conference on the Holy Spirit in Orlando (July 26 - 30), and CBN in Virginia Beach (August 24- 27). In November we go to England to give two conferences with John Wimber.

These are great opportunities, but most of them do not offer large speakers' stipends. Our speaking fees do not begin to cover CHM's expenses, in fact these fees contribute only about 10% of the budget. Another 20% comes from our bookstore and renting CHM's facilities to small churches,

and 70% of our budget, by far the lion's share, comes from contributions from friends like you — many of whom are expressing their gratitude to our Lord for healings they have received.

As you know, the donations we receive go to help people — not to build large buildings or to pay large salaries. Instead our funds go to support the staff we need to help the numbers of people who phone for help or who come here for prayer (about 3,000 last year). To me the greatest resource we have is our caring loyal staff and group of volunteers. The unity and love of our staff are, in my mind (and Judith's), extraordinary, and the people who come here for ministry notice it immediately.

All that can hold us back is the lack of resources we need to meet the demands for teaching and prayer for all God's hurting people who come to us every day.

Won't you help?

Francis MacNutt

Order Francis MacNutt's New Book

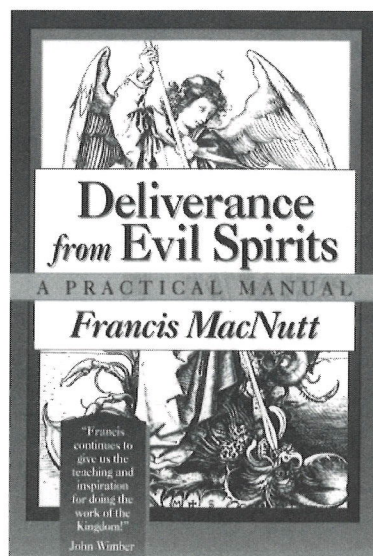
Deliverance from Evil Spirits

A Practical Manual

Available for shipment in late July
B506 \$11.99

Do Evil spirits oppress people today, including Christians? This practical manual covers subjects such as:

- Clearing away misconceptions about deliverance
- The scriptural basis for deliverance
- Curses and the power of false judgement
- Preparation for deliverance ministry
- Praying for deliverance
- Deliverance of places



In This Issue

	<i>Page</i>
Exorcist-The Real Story	2
Calendar of Events	3
Francis Celebrates	4
Fishnet Conference	5
Praise Reports	6
News & Views	7
Book Order Form	7
Books	8

The Real Story Behind *The Exorcist*

By Francis MacNutt

Just about the time you read this issue my new book, *Deliverance From Evil Spirits*, (Chosen Books) should be in the bookstore. Since a large part of our work here at CHM is praying for deliverance, I am naturally eager to learn even more, so when I found a book called *Possessed* by Thomas Allen (Bantam Books*) in a local bookstore, I scanned and bought it. This book is a fine account of the real-life exorcism upon which William Blatty based his novel and controversial movie, *The Exorcist*.

The movie painted a dismal picture of the power of God to "deliver us from evil." If you saw the movie you were probably like me, believing that it represented a defeat for Christians to end up with two dead priests as the price for freeing a girl from Satan's grip. No wonder Christians are terrified by the thought of exorcism, and very few priests or ministers want to become involved in prayer for deliverance (if they believe in the demonic realm at all).

I am glad to report that, in the real case, none of the priests involved died during the exorcism or immediately afterwards, even though the demon, speaking through the boy (in the actual case it was a boy who was possessed, not a girl) threatened the priests with death. The principal exorcist, Fr. Bowdern, S.J., died at the ripe age of 86, many years after the exorcism took place in 1950. Two of the other priests who were most actively involved died at the ages of 80 and 72, and two others are alive today. The boy himself, now 60, lives a normal life. Clearly not the defeat, or at best partial victory, depicted so graphically by the sensational movie.

Because of limited space I can only touch upon several key features of this case. In the first place, the precipitating cause of the possession seems to have been the boy's playing the ouija board, after being instructed in its practice by his aunt. Gradually he began to exhibit bizarre behavior: his entire bed would shake, furniture would fly across the room, and a mattress floated across a room bearing him on top. As the

possession progressed bleeding scratches erupted on his body, like claw marks.

The boy's family were Lutheran and, naturally, contacted their pastor. He approached the case from a parapsychological point of view as poltergeist activity, but this didn't help. He was humble enough to suggest that the family seek the help of a Roman Catholic priest (Martin Luther, who certainly believed in Satan, had swept out the Catholic rite of exorcism because he thought it made a "display" of the Devil).

After a botched attempt by a priest in Washington, who really didn't know what he was doing and ended up with 100 stitches from a gash that the boy inflicted, the family traveled to St. Louis where they had Catholic relatives. Here they received help from Archbishop Ritter, who assigned Fr. Bowdern, then the Jesuit pastor of the St. Francis Xavier College Church, to perform the exorcism with as much secrecy as possible. (Incidentally, I used to go to College Church as a child and was confirmed there.)

Fr. Bowdern, chose several other Jesuits to help him, and almost every evening for weeks they would pray for the boy, sometimes well into the night; an exhausting schedule as this all took place after Fr. Bowdern had finished his regular pastoral duties. During their times of prayer for his freedom, the demons' reactions were so violent that the boy usually had to be restrained. Even with the help of restraints, the work was loathsome because the boy would spout obscenities at the priests and spit copious amounts of saliva all over them with uncanny accuracy, even with his eyes closed!

Fr. Bowdern was inexperienced in exorcism, and had to learn by studying the few books at his disposal. Consequently his procedure was governed by the official rite of the Roman Catholic Church; for the most part, he repeated over and over again these written prayers. The only question he asked of the spirits were their names and the date and hour of their departure. (In addition to finding out the spirits' names, we also believe that it's

of utmost importance to find out how the spirits gained an entrance into the person's life, before we can learn how close off these spiritual doors of access and get rid of the spiritual infestation).

Fr. Bowdern was really heroic in his dogged determination to keep after these spirits in spite of the lengthy, disgusting struggle and the taunting of the spirits. As the battle progressed, the spirits even wrote out in bloody welts on the boy's body words like "Hell" and "Spite," their response to the priest's prayers. One of the things they also observed is that the possessed boy (called "Robbie" in this book) could not remember anything that took place during the actual times of possession; during the daytime Robbie was usually fairly normal, but he would go into a trance like state at night and the demons would manifest themselves.

Towards the end of the exorcism, after weeks of prayer, the Alexian brothers, whose hospital had now become the site for the nightly struggle, brought a three-foot statue of St. Michael the Archangel into Robbie's room in the psychiatric ward. Prayers were increased to ask God to send St. Michael, the traditional defender of the faithful, to intervene in the battle for Robbie. The statue depicted a winged Michael protected by body armor, holding a spear aimed at the throat of the writhing serpent under his feet (not unlike the 16th Century engraving of St. Michael on my new book). This took place, appropriately, on Good Friday.

The Jesuits were hoping for triumph on Easter Sunday but, instead, there was another violent confrontation, with Robbie physically attacking the priests who were trying to bring him communion. After he punched and kicked the priests, Robbie had to be strapped to his bed, screaming and spitting.

For a while Robbie even seemed worse. There was such a chill in the room that Fr. Bowdern had taken to wearing an overcoat. Another amazing development: Robbie seemed to be able to discern whether a person was living in a state of sin. If a person with unconfessed sin entered the room Robbie wouldn't react, but if a person

(Continued on page 3)

Dates	Event	Location	Staff	Contact & Phone
7/14/95	Christian Renewal Fellowship Convention	Edmonton Convention Center	Francis & Judith MacNutt	Betty Leveille (403) 420-7159
7/26/95 - 7/29/95	1995 Speakers on the International Roman Catholic Track	Orlando '95 Congress on the Holy Spirit & World Evangelism	Francis & Judith MacNutt	Walter Matthews Sr. Nancy McFarland (703) 972-0225
8/7/95 - 8/11/95	International Lutheran Conference	St. Paul, MN	Francis & Judith MacNutt (with other speakers)	Larry Christianson (218) 897-5794
8/24/95 8/27/95	Healing & Deliverance	CBN Conference 5641 Indian River Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23464	Francis & Judith MacNutt Mahesh Chavda	Registration 1/800-677-8117
9/14/95 9/16/95	Teaching & Healing Conference	Truro Episcopal Church 10520 Main St. Fairfax, VA 22030	Francis & Judith MacNutt	Fr. Paul Frey (703) 273-1300
9/29/95 - 10/1/95	Annual Vail Conference	Christiana Lodge 356 Hanson Ranch Road Vail, CO Sr. Jeanne Hill	Francis & Judith MacNutt Tommy Tyson	Paul Johnson (303) 476-5641
10/6/95	Fund-Raising Dinner Event	Omni Jacksonville Hotel Jacksonville, FL	Brennan Manning	Joy Abney (904) 765-3332
10/12/95 - 10/14/95	"A Restoration to Wholeness"	Cathedral of St. John 271 N. Main St. Providence, RI 02903	Francis & Judith MacNutt	Robert Adams (401) 467-7770
10/19/95 - 10/23/95	ACT National Conference	Denver, CO	Francis MacNutt	Marge Roberts (810) 553-9167
11/6/95 - 11/9/95	Healing Conference England	Brighton Conference Center	Francis & Judith, MacNutt John Wimber, Mahesh Chavda	Ian Prichard (708) 328-4544
11/13/95 - 11/16/95	Healing Conference England	Harrogate, England	Francis & Judith, MacNutt, John Wimber, Mahesh Chavda	Ian Prichard (708) 328-4544
12/8/95 - 12/9/95	Ministry of Angels Conference	Christ Church, Ponte Vedra	Francis & Judith MacNutt	Ann Bauwens (904) 765-3332
1/26/96 - 1/28/96	Council on Pentecostal Care and Counseling	Oral Roberts University Tulsa, OK	Francis MacNutt	John Vining (615) 472-3361

Weekly Events at Christian Healing Ministries • 438 W. 67 Street • Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Tuesday-Noon-1 Eating Disorders Prayer & Support Group Dearing Hall, CHM

Tuesday- 6-8 pm Individual Prayer Ministry with prayer teams Dearing Hall

Exorcist

(Continued from page 2)

was in good standing with God, Robbie would start screaming and bellowing. Once a physician came to examine Robbie and there was no reaction. Bowdern apparently asked the physician if he was "in a state of grace." The doctor was shaken up by this, left and went to confession, and came back half an hour later, reassured this time by being greeted as he entered the room with Robbie shrieking and roaring!

Then on Easter Monday, along with the usual violent struggles, out of Robbie's mouth came a new voice, clear and masterful, "Satan! I am St. Michael, and I command you, Satan, and the other evil spirits to leave the body in the name 'Dominus' [the Latin word for 'Lord']. Immediately! Now! Now! Now!" For a gripping seven minutes, Robbie screamed and twisted.

Then Robbie emerged from his trance and calmly announced, "He's gone."

Robbie shared his experience of the event with the priests. In an internal vision he had seen a beautiful figure with flowing hair, standing in brilliant light. Robbie felt that the figure was an angel in bodily form, dressed in armor. This angel held a fiery sword and he pointed down to a cave where the devil stood, surrounded by flames. The devil charged and tried to fight but the angel uttered the word "Dominus;" at this the devil and his demons ran back to a cave and bars appeared to seal the entrance. At this point something in Robbie snapped and he suddenly became relaxed and happy.

How do you explain all this? Did St. Michael temporarily possess Robbie? My guess is that God took pity on the priests who had been doggedly faith-

ful, but knew very little beyond repeating the prayers in the rite, and sent the Archangel Michael who traditionally has defended the faithful from Satan, to help them out by saying the definitive prayer of exorcism.

A final confirmation of victory occurred soon after the exorcism was finished. A group of Jesuits were gathered at an evening service in the College Church when "Suddenly, the shadowed loftiness of the great soaring apse blazed in light. The Jesuits looked up and saw, filling the immense space above the altar ... St. Michael, flaming sword in hand, defending the good and warding off evil" (p. 244).

• *Possessed*, by Tom Allen, can be ordered from our bookstore: \$5.99 plus \$2.00 shipping.

Francis' Celebrates His 70th Birthday

By Joy Abney

Francis received hundreds of cards and letters from you his friends and supporters. A party was held in his honor at the home of CHM Board member Joan Haskell. Betty Heindel, Francis secretary made him a beautiful cake to commemorate the event. The cake was decorated with birds and pictures of Francis over the years.

CHM and the guests at the party surprised Francis and Judith with the gift of a bird-watching trip to Costa Rica, something Francis has always wanted to do. Many of your generous gifts to CHM in honor of Francis' birthday helped make this trip possible. Thank you for the love you have for Francis and the ministry.



Francis and Judith with party hosts Joan and Preston Haskell

June 1, 1995
Dear Friends,
Judith was planning on writing an article on "burn-out," but we have had such a hectic schedule that she has decided to follow the advice she was going to give us about leading a balanced life by simply admitting that she isn't able to write her usual article. Now, she will see if she feels no guilt about it (a second test)!

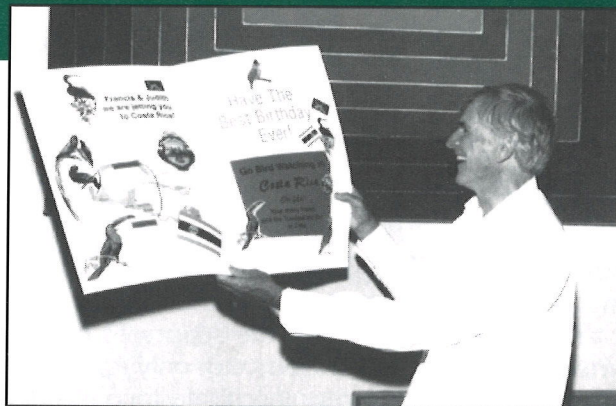
This gives me a chance to thank so many of you who sent letters and cards to celebrate my 70th birthday. They were so moving that I would like to write everyone of you to thank you - especially so many of you whom I hadn't seen for many years. Truly I was overwhelmed by the caring and love shown in all the beautiful cards you sent. In place of my writing each one of you personally, I ask that you accept my thanks here in this letter.

Also we would like you to know that our dear friend, Dr. Bob Lindsey (a member of our Nat'l Advisory Board), Judith's pastor during the three years she spent as a missionary in Jerusalem, has just died. We will greatly miss him and offer our sympathy to his wife, Margaret.

Love Francis & Judith



*Francis opens his
"trip" to Costa Rica!*



Francis cuts the cake with Betty Heindel

Report on the Fishnet Conference

By Joy Abney

Keith Jones of Fishnet's Princeton Junction Regional Group reports that "close to five hundred or over seven hundred depending on whether you count registrations slips, chairs filled with spiritual folk (human or angelic) or just plain noses" gathered for Fishnet's 17th Conference with Francis and Judith held March 31 through April 2 in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

This year Francis and Judith were joined by Don Williams and David Seamands was scheduled to join the group, but had to change his plans due to an illness. Keith Jones says that, "Francis and Judith were welcome as old and dear friends, and that the principle focus of their talks seemed first to be on healing the things that divide us, with Francis particularly effective in bringing new light to healing relationships."

"Until we finally receive some notice that the long expected book on angels by Judith MacNutt has been completed, reviewed on the front page of the New York Times Book Review, and distributed to one and all, we'll just have to settle for those incredible, personal and delightful talks about angels. This particular talk provided insight, scriptural reference and reality. Perhaps we should collect all of the angel tapes and send them to Judith so that she can have them transcribed. But then, we remember Judith's history of having slow typists but speedy prayers. Ah, well ..." Keith muses.

Keith says that "each Fishnet conference brings old and new friends closer to the love of Jesus. I can tell you that there were many, many reports of significant inner healing. I can also tell you that there were some reported total physical healings. But, the most wonderful miracle of all happened when Don Williams asked those who had not yet found Christ as their Savior to seek forgiveness for their sins and claim Jesus as their Lord ... and many accepted Him into their hearts for the very first time. And they, brothers and sisters, were all healed!"

About Fishnet

Fishnet is an organization of ecumenical Christians who have all experienced renewal and have joined together to

fellowship and sponsor conferences to stimulate further growth in grace. The groups have grown and spread all over the Northeast and Canada. This wonderful organization grew out of a conference hosted by a Congregational Church in 1983 that Judith and Francis led.

The ecumenical team that organized the event decided that it had been such a blessing that they wanted to repeat it. Groups now meet once a month for prayer and fellowship, the leaders have a retreat once a year, and the group sponsors two conferences a year. They have held eight conferences in Rutland, Vermont, three in Ogunquit, Maine, and others in New Jersey, Long Island, Pennsylvania and had one in Andover, Massachusetts in June. The group look to Francis and Judith for spiritual direction and have been a great support to the ministry over the years.

Fishnet has sponsored seven conferences to benefit Christian Healing Ministries, donating any proceeds to the ministry. This has also been done by groups of churches in New Orleans and around Charleston. It is beneficial for groups of churches to band together to sponsor a conference. It spreads the expenses to a larger group, and also provides a great opportunity for Christians interested in healing to form community.

If you would like to explore this type of conference in your area, please contact Ann Bauwens, CHM's Conference Coordinator, (904) 765-3332.

Fishnet Conference Tapes "Here Am I, Send Me"

Topics Include: The Depth of the Gospel, Called, Sent, a Team Panel, and more! Featured Speakers: Francis and Judith MacNutt and Don Williams

Complete Conference:

A104	8 audio tapes	\$40.00
------	---------------	---------

Featured Tape by Francis MacNutt, *The Depth of the Gospel*

A104A	1 audio tape	\$ 5.00
-------	--------------	---------

Praise Reports

By Joy Lamb

In April of 1994, I felt the Lord leading me to encourage people to join together to form prayer groups using *The Sword of the Spirit* to intercede for our nation. The response was overwhelming, some 900 prayer groups of four to twenty people have formed representing all denominations and every state in the US.

The groups are praying the scriptures in *The Sword of the Spirit*, *The Word of God**, not only for personal needs, church concerns, but very specifically for our country. Prayer

groups have been formed in churches, neighborhoods, among men, mother's praying for their school-age children, in nursing homes, in hospitals, and many in prisons. God is truly answering my prayer that this would happen and I praise him for it.

The third addition of *Sword* will be out soon and it includes a chapter on the unity of the church. I hope that you will be blessed as you pray these new scriptures for God's commission for his church.



From The Mailbox

About *Sword of the Spirit*...

We used the *Sword of the Spirit* in our chapel service, we are Methodists. We have never felt the power of God so strongly. What a blessing it has been for us. Thank you.

I am a member of Catholics in Action. We have been praying for families, government leaders, church leaders, and all needs of each other. I have passed the book around and need more! What miracles are happening.

I am a victim of severe childhood sexual abuse, and as a result have suffered most of my life with MPD with very little results from counseling. I wrote you and asked for prayer, and you sent me a copy of *Sword of the Spirit*.

After a few weeks of praying the Deliverance scriptures and prayer, my personalities are beginning to merge, and I feel better than I have in years. Your book has meant life to me.

You know at the meeting last week, we had quite a diverse group of denominations in our Women's Aglow group, and all were touched by your book. There were Catholics, lots of Lutherans, Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists and Charismatics. Your book has overwhelmed all of us.

Thanks for intercessory prayer...

Praise God for your prayers. We called about the baby who had a hole in his heart, was deaf and that the doctors had diagnosed as having aids. Now the baby is completely healed! I cannot tell you how grateful we are for all your prayers.

I had called and asked for prayer for my three-year-old nephew. His finger was completely severed in a bicycle chain. The doctors sewed it back on, then shortly thereafter the finger turned black and dropped off. Then a brand new finger grew! What a miracle. Praise God and thank you.

Last April my sister was not expected to live. In May they said she would never drive or talk right. All of this reversed in October. Now she no longer drinks, no longer smokes, her marriage is in complete restoration, and she is well. Praise our dear Lord and thanks to your prayer warriors!

Item#	Title	Quan.	Price
Sub-Total			
For FL only add			
Sales Tax: FL 6%			
Jax 6.5%			
Shipping 10% of			
Sub-total [Min. \$2.00 max \$10.00]			
Bookstore total			
Donation			
Grand Total			

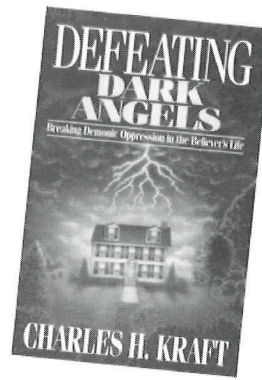
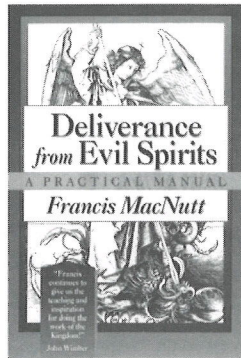
From The Bookstore

Books

Now Available

Deliverance from Evil Spirits A Practical Manual

by Francis MacNutt, Ph.D.
B506 \$11.99



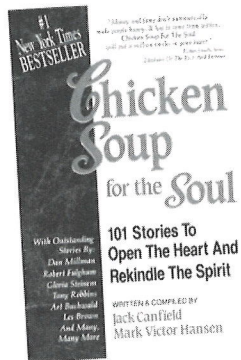
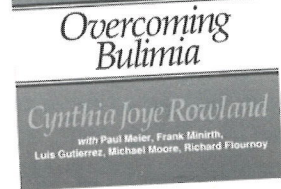
Defeating Dark Angels Breaking Demonic Oppression in the Believer's Life

by Charles H. Kraft
B509 Soft cover 254 pages
\$9.99



The Monster Within Overcoming Bulimia

by Cynthia Joye Rowland
with Paul Meier, Frank Minirth
B504 Soft cover 184 pages
\$7.99



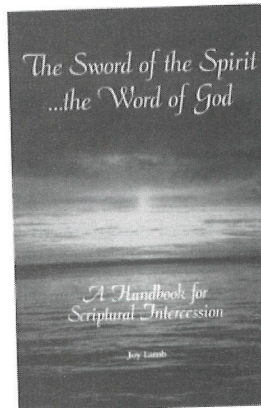
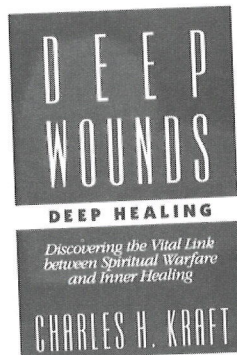
Chicken Soup for the Soul 101 Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit

Written & Compiled by Jack
Canfield & Mark Victor Hansen
With outstanding stories by:
Robert Fulghum, Art Buchwald,
Gloria Steinem, Tony Robbins, Dan
Millman and others.

B507 Soft cover 308 pages \$12.95

Deep Wounds Deep Healing Discovering the Vital Link between Spiritual Warfare and Inner Healing

by Charles H. Kraft
B508 Soft cover 295 pages
\$9.99



Sword of the Spirit... The Word of God

by Joy Lamb
Revolutionize your prayer life.
Begin a prayer group today
with this great aid to scriptural
intercession!
B467 Soft Cover 146 pages \$7.95

Bulk-orders
4-9 books \$6.95
10 or more \$5.95



Christian Healing Ministries, Inc.
P.O. Box 9520
Jacksonville, FL 32208
904-765-3332

Address Correction Requested.

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit # 509
Jacksonville, FL