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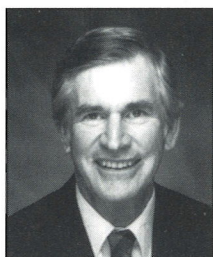
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And Who Is Equal To Such A Task?

Dear Friends;

CHM is experiencing greater growth and effectiveness in ministry than ever before. We have 70 CHM-trained volunteer prayer ministers who have prayed for almost 1,000 people during scheduled prayer appointments since January of this year. This does not include all the prayer requests that are received by phone or mail.



This year we have developed Level I and Level II courses for our School of Healing Prayer, and are producing video courses and manuals for both these Levels to meet the needs of people who can not travel to Jacksonville. We joined the Templeton Foundation sponsored research on the efficacy of prayer in healing being conducted by the National Institute of Health Research.

God just keeps opening doors and expanding our ability to meet the ministry and teaching needs he has called CHM to fill in the Body of Christ.

In spite of all these breakthroughs, we have an area that always remains precarious, the finances of the ministry. This Fall donations have been particularly slim, and some pay checks to staff have had to be held until more money comes in. As most of you know, CHM has never charged a fee for prayer ministry. Most of the people that we minister to are very broken and have a tough time keeping a job until they get some healing.

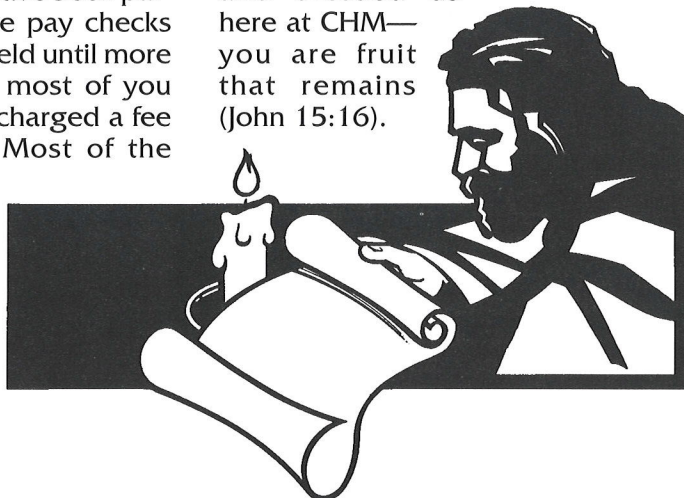
We really need the financial and prayer support of the more stable members of

Christ's Body to come alongside CHM and help support our ministry to some of the most wounded.

A problem that the ministry seems to face is one that many of you have probably encountered as you have ministered to someone who is very broken. Once the person is better, they often want to put the whole encounter behind them and move on. The minister or ministry reminds them of a difficult time that they would just as soon forget.

Thankfully, our most faithful supporters and volunteer prayer ministers are people who encountered the love of Christ when they needed his healing touch, and continued to grow in that love. These are people who are so excited that Jesus has freed them; they bring their hurting friends for ministry, then they want to learn how to minister and bless others as they were blessed. They become more active in their churches and hungrily pursue the things of God with gratitude and thanksgiving. Their healing spills out of their lives to those around them and bears fruit for the Kingdom.

Many of you were just such grateful and growing people. I can't tell you how watching the Lord ignite your life for service has encouraged and blessed us here at CHM—you are fruit that remains (John 15:16).



The title of the article is from II Corinthians 2:14-16. Paul says, "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. **To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?**"

Our prayer is that many of you who have been blessed by this ministry and want to respond in gratitude for what Jesus is doing at CHM, will help meet our current need for financial support. Please consider becoming a partner with us in the ministry by **pledging a regular monthly gift.** Your donations allow us to continue to freely offer prayer for healing and wholeness through the ministry of Christ Jesus to those who need his touch so desperately.

Francis MacNutt

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Effectiveness of Prayer Confirmed Through Recent Research

by Francis MacNutt

By the time you read this, CHM will have participated in a pioneering research study by praying with 30 rheumatoid arthritis patients, collaborating with Dr. Dale Matthews from the National Institute of Health Research and Dr. Sally Marlowe, who directs an arthritis clinic in Clearwater, Florida. The research is being funded by The Templeton Foundation. Naturally we are very excited about the wonderful opportunity to aid Drs. Matthews and Marlowe in their study, and in preparation I have read some of the scientific studies that have already been done on the connection between health and religion.

My reading in this area has been very revealing, and I would like to share with you a little of what I have learned. For example, I have been reading two popular books by Dr. Larry Dossey, *Healing Words* and *Prayer is Good Medicine* (both published by Harper-Collins).

Following are some of the important findings that medical researchers have discovered about the faith and healing connection. It is affirming to find that these studies on the results of prayer agree with what we have discovered over the years in our study of Scripture and in our experience of praying for healing.

Results of Studies on Prayer

- More than 250 studies show that religious people are generally healthier than those who are not.
- 130 studies support the fact that prayer is effective—it works!
- Distant prayer works as well as prayer in the recipient's presence. (We often get questions about whether we can effectively pray in proxy for someone not present. Remember Jesus praying for the Centurion's servant.)
- When you pray at a distance, the recipient doesn't even have to know that you are praying for it to be effective. However, if you enlist the faith of the person being prayed for, it does increase the prayer's effectiveness.
- It does make a difference who prays (just as Paul, in I Cor. 12, indicates when he talks about some being given special gifts of healing). Some individuals achieve greater results when they pray than others. These are people who have the charism of healing.
- A significant factor in healing is the love and compassion of the person praying. Love is meant to grow throughout our lives, so ministers of prayer who have more experience (of prayer and life) should, in general, prove to be more compassionate and more effective in prayer.
- Research shows that faith, a belief in what we are doing (or rather, what God is doing) does greatly affect the results. If you don't believe, nothing much is going to happen.
- Nevertheless, everyone can and should pray, and if the prayer is heart-felt, a first-time prayer can result in an astonishing healing. God is no respecter of persons.
- If you pray and meditate quietly every day for a period of time (such as twice a day for 15 minutes), you will increase your own health, because prayer causes the "Relaxation Response" (popularized by Dr. Herbert Benson of Harvard), which results in lower blood-pressure, fewer strokes, and fewer heart attacks.



Dr. Dossey also shares this inspiring example which should encourage us to offer prayers of intercession. A Methodist minister in Guttenberg, Iowa concerned about the hard times on Iowa farms, enlisted intercessors to pray for 12,000 farm families in his county. He came up with this idea after blessing corn seeds and finding that these seeds yielded better crops. Alarmed by the number of farm closures, he expanded his prayer sights to include all the farms in his county (the 100,000 farms in all of Iowa was a bit much for his intercessors!). Their prayers were aimed at bountiful harvests and a reduction in farm accidents. Since the inception of the prayer support, the farmers have reported better crops and accidents have happened "that could have been disasters but weren't."

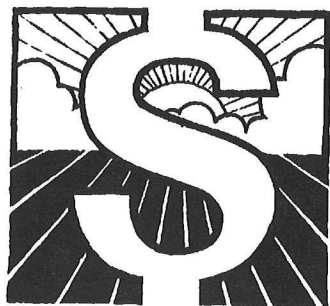
One last insight from Dr. Dossey, he believes that a time may come when medical malpractice can be charged against a doctor because he doesn't prescribe prayer to a patient, since it can be shown that prayer is an effective therapy. Therefore, withholding prayer would be medically unethical! If this is true for medical professionals, how much more is it true for Christians, especially ministers and priests, if we neglect to pray with the sick!

Adventures with "Holy Money"

Editor's Note: The author is a faithful prayer minister and volunteer at CHM, who despite our desire to give credit where credit was due, **insisted** on remaining anonymous. We were thrilled when the article was submitted by this great steward, and knew from experience that this person had much to teach us all on this subject. CHM has been so blessed by the Lord through the author's obedience and generosity, and we are so grateful that this dear person has had ears to hear.

"Holy money," what an odd expression that is! God's Little Instruction Book says, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give," and receive, I might add! There have been some wonderful adventures with the Lord for me regarding what I've come to call holy money. Thought I'd like to share a few of them because adventures with the Lord are open to all of us, all of the time.

Adventures with the Lord begin with prayer; not someone else's prayer, but my own and your own. Holy money is that which we offer to



God in prayer; listening, and following his instructions about what to do with it. Where does he want it to go? How much? When? Of course, God who made the universe and keeps it all held together by the power of his word (Hebrews 1:1-3), does not need any money, but there are at least three ways the Bible mentions that we can have holy communion with Him through dollars and cents: the tithe, offerings, and alms to the poor. A tithe is one tenth of our income. The Bible tells us that it is the Lord's and in Malachi 3:10-17 the Lord says, "Bring the tithe and test me now. See if I don't pour you out a blessing so big that there's not room enough to receive it" (This is the only place I know of where we are challenged to test God). God accuses those who don't tithe of robbing Him and causing disruption in their relationship with him.

The tenth is the money part or tithe: one dime from one dollar. But the holy part is the praying part - part and parcel of the tithing part. For example with my gift in my hand, I silently pray, "Lord, as an act of worship, I bring you not only this money, which I pray you will use for your purpose, but also I bring my heart as well." (My heart usually needs some cleaning up or at the very least, renewed commitment to his will, and besides my heart is a more important offering. Matthew 15:8 and Isaiah 29:13 offer stern warnings for people who make sure the rituals are right, but whose hearts are far from God). I continue my prayer by saying, "I look forward to the blessings that you promise. Please fix my receiver so I won't miss them. Thank you for inviting me close to You this way."

An offering is a gift above the tithe and can be many different things for many different reasons. The Bible speaks of many types of offerings: thank-you offerings, I'm-sorry offerings, offerings to show new willingness to obey, food and drink offerings, and burnt offerings. Burnt offerings are a great way to close the door on

past involvement in occult practices, in Acts 19:19 it says that new converts repented from their pagan and occult practices, and publicly burned their books of magic. This is a very serious matter; some people have received great spiritual freedom after they have been led to burn idols or fetishes to other gods that they bought innocently as souvenirs as they traveled in other cultures.

Offerings can be a gift of time, hospitality, transportation, work, even grass seed- most anything the Lord inspires you to give. Jesus said in Mark 9:42 and Matthew 10:42, "Give and it will be given to you, full measure pressed down, running over shall men heap into your arms." That's why we need our receptors open to receive what the Lord will send our way, as well as our ears and hearts open to hear what he asks us to share with others.

Praying, listening, and following directions are keys to dealing with holy money!

Alms are gifts to those less fortunate than we. "Whoever gives to the poor lends to the Lord. He will repay," Proverbs 19:17. Jesus mentioned that the poorer (than we) will always be around and that we can do something about it any time we want to (Mark 14:7). There always seem to be people around who are richer and those around who have less. I find I'm not the richest or the poorest person I know!

Psalm 41: 1-3 says: "Blessed is he who helps the poor (weak). The Lord delivers them from troubles; will protect them and keep them alive. He will bless them in the land and will not surrender them to the desires of their enemies. He will sustain them when they are sick and He will restore them from illness." That's encouraging to me. However there are some important giving ethics. Jesus said, "I only do what the Father tells me" (John 5:17, 19, 30). It is important to ask, "Do I help this one, Lord?" "How much?" "When?" "How do I honor your direction for not letting my right hand know what my left hand is doing?"

Sometimes he says, "No" or "Not now." Sometimes he says to first go make peace with someone I'm at odds with. He speaks to us by his Holy Spirit, with a gentle impression in our mind or heart. If he says, "Yes, now." He will also indicate a specific amount. Ask and see how he guides you when you have a prompting to give.

This business of keeping your right hand from knowing what your left hand is doing is an adventure in itself. I had an assignment once to do three good deeds anonymously in two weeks time. If I was found out I had to start over. I found myself alone in a untidy rest room at my work place. I straightened up the best I could and got so tickled about how ridiculous I felt looking over my shoulder every second, that I told a friend about it. So I couldn't count it as one of my three! You can't imagine how complicated it can get sometimes

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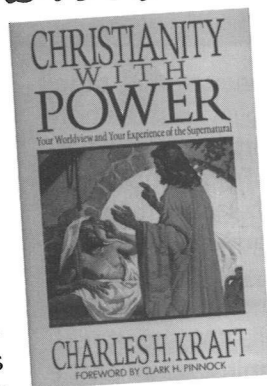
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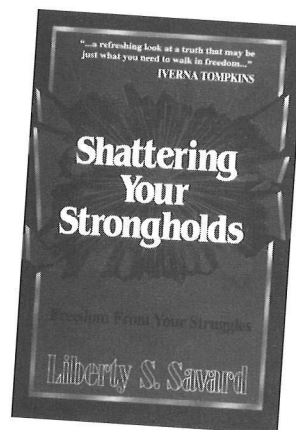


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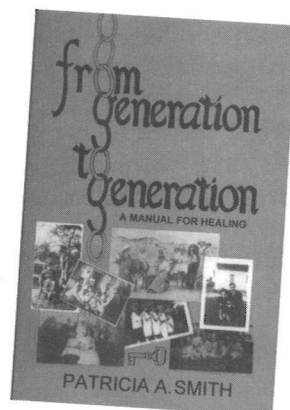
From Generation to Generation A Manual for Healing

by Patricia A. Smith

"I have found Pat Smith's book on generational healing eminently practical and I recommend it highly." Francis MacNutt, Ph.D.

The Rev. Pat Smith is an Episcopal priest and has been active in the ministry of Christian healing for 24 years. She has an article in this issue of *The Healing Line* and periodically conducts generational Eucharist at CHM.

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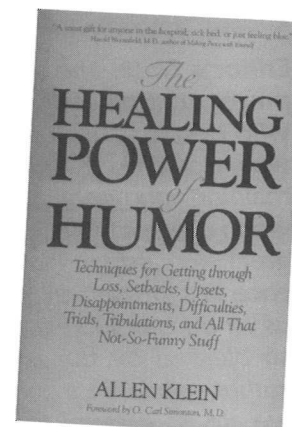


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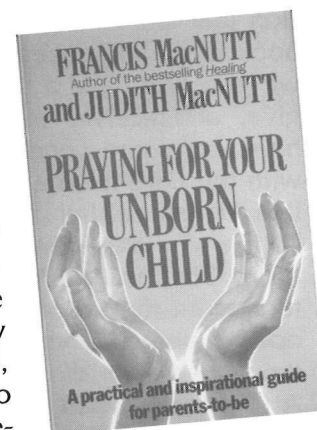
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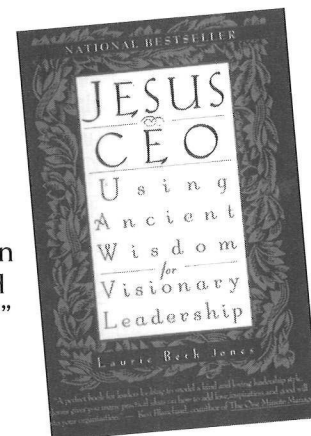


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Calendar of Events

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Date	Event	Location	Speaker	Contact & Phone
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12/8/96 - 12/9/96	Christmas Banquet	Milwaukee, WI	Francis MacNutt	Karen Swanson (414) 567-7490
1/16/97 - 1/19/97	Spiritual Research Development The National Institute for Healthcare Research	Turnberry Isle Resort Aventura, FL	Francis MacNutt	By Invitation Only
2/12/97 - 2/15/97	Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship	Toronto, Ontario	Francis MacNutt	Steve Long (416) 674-8463
3/13/97 - 3/15/97	Cregmore Presbyterian Church	Columbia International University, Hoke Auditorium Columbia, SC	The MacNutt	Wayne Wood (803) 561-9571
4/11/97 - 4/13/97	St. Luke's Women's Conference St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Cleveland, OH	Judith MacNutt	Rose Marie Edwards (216) 562-3391
4/21/97 - 4/23/97	1997 Healing Conference in Chapel Hill	Aqueduct Conference Center Chapel Hill, NC	The MacNutt Rev. Tommy Tyson	Paula Beitler (919) 933-5557
5/5/97 - 5/8/97	1997 Charismatic Leaders Conference	Canterbury Center Orlando, FL	The MacNutt	By Invitation Only
6/28/97	1997 Annual National CORPUS Conference	Framingham, MA	The MacNutt	Members Only
6/29/97 - 7/3/97	Annual Fishnet Conference	Rutland, VT	The MacNutt Rev. Joe Girzone	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210
8/7/97 - 8/9/97	San Diego Healing Conference	Point Lomo College San Diego, CA	The MacNutt	To Be Announced
10/10/97 - 10/12/97	Fishnet Conference for Christian Healing Ministry	Tara-Stamford Hotel Stamford, CT	The MacNutt Rev. Don Williams	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210

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**by the Reverend
Patricia Smith**

So often those who are engaged in a prayer ministry have people come to them with hurts so deep that nothing they do seems to help. I believe that these tough cases are like the people Jesus spoke of in the Parable of the Sower in Luke



8:4-15. In some the soil of their inner being is packed down so hard that the word cannot take root in it. The hurts they have received during their lifetimes have become like thorns and weeds that choke and strangle any attempts to grow spiritually. The "cares and riches and pleasures of life" overwhelm them and they cannot know peace, no matter how hard they try. They are a perfect example of those who I have found can be helped through generational healing. As we do healing of generations we are "preparing the good soil," plowing the hard path, taking out the rocks, and brambles, and weeds, so that those who hear the word may "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience."

I began to do healing of generations because as I prayed with people for healing of memories I found that some who came to me with great problems were not being brought into complete healing. These were usually people who had come from extremely dysfunctional homes with very hurting, abusive parents. I began to see that healing the hurting memories of these people was not enough. Their inner pain was only helped as I celebrated a Eucharist (Communion, Mass, Lord's Supper) for their generational lines and asked Jesus to send his healing love back into the hurts coming down through the generations.

As I did this, I would ask Jesus to show me how to bring healing to their family systems. I knew this would only be accomplished as the person I was working with was able to acknowl-

edge the pain coming down through the family line and begin to work it through with the help of Jesus. The healing would only come as Jesus revealed to the victim why the perpetrator had acted in such an abusive manner. With this deep inner knowledge, that only the Holy Spirit can give, would come an ability to forgive the perpetrator of the abuse. At first forgive-

ness was on the level of the will. The person who had been hurt would forgive the abuser as an act of his or her will. After more healing prayer, however, most people would be able to forgive from the heart.

So we would go into prayer asking Jesus to heal a specific hurting memory in this person's life and when He had brought it into healing, we would then ask the Lord to show us why the perpetrator had acted in this way. What had caused this person to be so abusive? As we asked this question Jesus would show us either a great hurt that had happened to the perpetrator, or the Lord would take us back many years to a great trauma that had occurred to his or her forebearers. This trauma had in some way been passed down from one generation to another, until it affected the present generation. Now that a person in

the present generation had turned to Jesus for help, his healing and forgiving love was able to flow freely back through all of the generations to heal the source of the hurt.

When I first began to do healing of generations, I had no idea of what was happening, or of what I was supposed to do with what I was experiencing. The first experience of praying for past generations I had was with a young man who came to me for prayer for the healing of a very serious emotional problem. Although I had received training in pastoral counseling, I didn't feel I had the ability to even begin to counsel this man. So I explained to

And when a great crowd came together and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience."

Luke 8:4-15

Healing the Generations

him that I didn't know how to help him with his pain, but that I would pray for him and ask for God's healing touch on his life. As I did this a picture began to form in my mind of a man and a woman. They were dressed in clothes that made them look like German peasants from the last century. The most distinctive thing about them was that they were dressed completely in black and were surrounded by darkness. As I prayed I began to feel that they were ancestors of the man I was praying for and that they had been very heavily involved in occult practices.

Somehow the effects of that involvement had been passed down through the generations and were now directly connected to this man's problem. As I prayed softly in spirit for more knowledge, I began to feel that I should ask the Lord to forgive these people, so I asked the Lord to forgive them and to release them and their descendants from any bondage they were in due to their disobedience to God's laws. As I did this I saw these two people begin to change. The darkness around them began to lift, and the black clothes they were wearing began changing to white. I saw them kneel down in front of Jesus and ask his forgiveness for their sinfulness. I then saw Jesus put his hands on them in a gesture of forgiveness. The entire scene turned to one of dazzling light.

As this happened the man I was praying with gave a deep sigh and said that he felt as though a heavy weight had just been lifted from his shoulders. He looked up at me with his face shining and said, "I know I am healed. I can feel the love of Jesus filling me right now." He then went on to tell me that his mother had been heavily involved in occult practices all of her life and that when he was a child she had abused him badly. The Lord led us to understand that the sinful actions of these ancestors was the reason for her problems, too.

Since that day I have seen people healed of all kinds of emotional, spiritual, and even physical problems through the prayer called the healing of generations. The most exciting thing about healing of generations is that it works! It is a very powerful form of intercessory prayer. Within a short time after praying for a family's generational line there is usually some clearly observable change in one or more family members. It is exciting to have someone call me up shortly after a healing session to tell me of the change that they have observed. It is thrilling to see hope come back into the life of one who has been caught up in the throes of

a hurting, closed family system.

There are many wonderful examples of this in the case histories of the people who have come to me for help. But, as you can see from the above incident, when I first began to do healing of generations I really didn't know what was going on. Despite the fruits I saw I wondered if it was okay to pray in this way. I began to pray for confirmation that this new way of interceding was truly of God. Not long afterwards, a young woman came to me for prayer. It was shortly before the Christmas holidays. She was very upset. Her words to me were: "I can't stand to spend another holiday with my mother because she has never been a mother to me. She has been on alcohol and drugs for twenty-five years and she has never tried to get help."

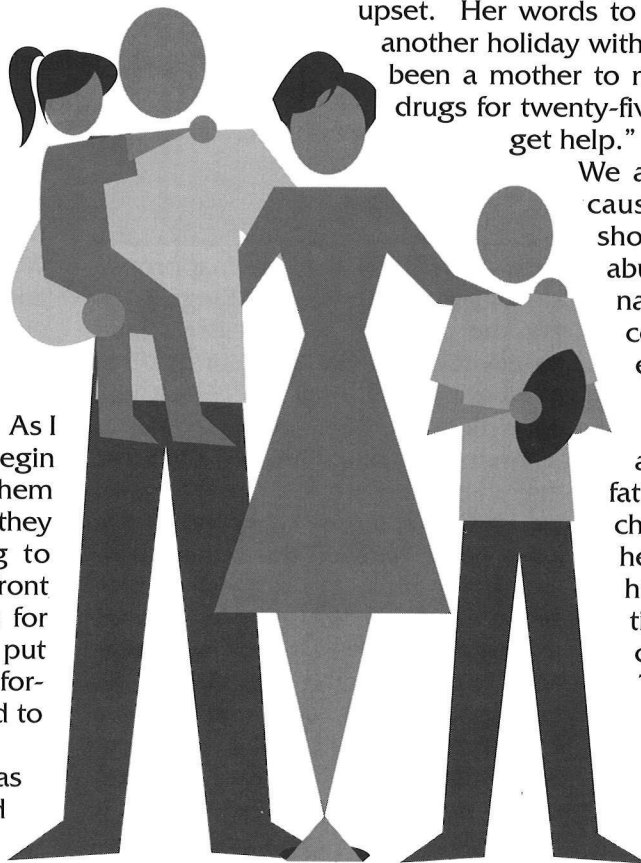
We asked Jesus to show us what was causing her mother's behavior. He showed us generations of addictive, abusive behavior in her family, culminating in the abuse her mother received from her own alcoholic parents. Then Jesus showed us a vision of her mother as a neglected little girl, being physically and emotionally abused by her own mother and father. As we prayed for this hurting child, we saw Jesus go to her and hold her in his arms. We could see that his unconditional, healing love continued to flow into her until she was completely transformed.

Two weeks later my friend received a phone call from her mother. These were her exact words: "I must talk to you. I want to ask your forgiveness. I have never been a mother to you. I have been on alcohol and drugs for the last twenty-five

years, and I have just started going to a counselor for help."

Uncanny, isn't it? The mother used the exact wording that the daughter had used when telling me of the problem. The Lord knew that we needed confirmation that this ministry was of Him and He gave it to us in this way. I can cite healing after healing that occurred in just about the same way. All of them were objectively verifiable. Not every one was as much on the target as this mother's words were, but there was a noticeable difference in the behavior of one or more of the family members after the prayers for healing of generations were done.

This is the way it is with healing of generations. There is no way to really explain how this kind of healing takes place. It is a mystical experience. It is pure grace from beginning to end. It is the act of a generous Father, taking place through the loving presence of his Son, Jesus Christ, as one person prays for another, empowered by the Holy



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Praise Reports

by Joy Lamb

I would like to thank all of you who responded to our plea for intercessors in the last newsletter. Several of you responded, and for that we are grateful.

Once again I would like to encourage you to "sign up" with us. This is what it entails to be an intercessor for the Christian Healing Ministries. Every two months you will receive a prayer sheet with a list of 25-30 first names that have requested prayer for two types of need categories, such as physical healing, inner healing, relationships, deliverance, salvation, or special needs, like jobs, house sales, etc. You will also receive the first names of the CHM staff, board members and volunteers, along with special prayer requirements for upcoming CHM events.

As an intercessor, we ask that you lift up these names to the Lord at least three times a week and simply pray a few scriptures over the names, ending with the deliverance prayer. All the intercessors use *Sword Of The Spirit*. Consequently, we are in one accord praying God's Word. It is so simple. It's almost like "roll calling" for the Lord. We give God his people, claim his all-powerful Word, and leave the answers to the Lord.

Please keep us posted about answered prayer through the Lord's ministry at CHM. For those of you who have started prayer groups I would like to hear what God is doing within your intercessory group. All praise reports are such faith builders for us at CHM, and all our readers. God bless all of you!



Holy Money

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trying to do something good that only the Lord can see.

Sometimes in obeying holy money directions, the gift the Lord tells me to make is just not tax-deductible. I don't believe he minds at all for us to get deductions as long as they are legal. When they are not deductible just dedicate a "lost tax deduction" offering to Him. Sometimes he asks us to give to someone or an agency that seems to have more than we do, but He knows the inside story and we don't. Sometimes we are impressed to give to a church or ministry that has special needs or whose work seems to honor God and bless people in Jesus Name. When that happens pray about when, how and the exact amount, then dedicate your gifts to His purpose. In giving to a person, sometimes it is important to give in secret so that the person doesn't feel exposed, obligated, or grateful to me. Sometimes someone gives me something and says the Lord told them to do it. That's when I really need for my receiver and my discernor to work especially well, because what is happening here is holy—blessings might be coming back! There is a time to receive because receiving can be as holy as giving. When this happens I offer thanks to God and ask him to multiply the gift back to the giver. I say discernment is needed in receiving because sometimes people might offer

gifts in gratitude that are inappropriate for me to receive. In II Kings 5:15-16, the prophet said, "I can't take money for what God gave or did." In Matthew 10:7-8, Jesus said, "Freely you have received; freely give."

When someone offers me a gift that they think the Lord told them to give, but I feel is off target, I may accept it in Jesus name and tell the person how loving the gift is and suggest that together we decide where he might want us to spend it. There is Christian quicksand here—trust the Holy Spirit. An appropriate place to give might be a Church, ministry or Christian organization where God has blessed the person or me. If they still insist that it is for me, but I don't feel God's peace, I accept it but I won't spend it on myself unless I receive the Lord's peace first. I will simply ask him where he wants the gift to go. It is important for me to honor that the other person can hear from the Lord as well as I can.

Giving and receiving provide opportunities of holy communion with God and each other and with churches and ministries. Giving and receiving afford great and small adventures and joy in the Lord. At times He has let me know that what came to my mind to give was exact to the penny of a specific need, and that it arrived at exactly the right time for a specific emergency of which I was not aware. I've made mistakes also; giving too much or too little at the wrong time, in the wrong way, but

he is teaching me gently to hear more clearly and obey more perfectly. He promised in John 10: 5, 27 that we would know his voice and not follow another, that means that if our hearts are willing he will teach us to hear him and help us to obey.

A Christian therapist and friend of mine, Cindy Patten, says, "You know how money gets away from us sometimes? I pray that not one cent that leaves my hand will ever go for anything God doesn't approve." Now that is the best money prayer and heart attitude that I have heard anywhere. It challenges me to pray diligently about all my spending. Like II Corinthians 9:8 says, "God is able to make all grace abound giving you everything you need and more so that not only will there be enough for your needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others."

Giving and receiving is an earthly adventure with heavenly connections; and besides being holy it is wonderful fun. I hope this testimony encourages you to consider holy money adventures with the Lord as something to embark upon with high expectations. If you've never thought of money this way and if you've made mistakes and feel discouraged, I pray that you will begin with joy again today and never give up. Don't do nothing just because you can't do everything! When I don't have enough to meet the need, I give what the Lord directs me and I ask him to multiply it like the loaves and the fishes.

From the Mailbox

Level II School of Healing Prayer

This note is meant for everyone who was involved in any way with this very spiritual gathering. I find it difficult to put into words the way I feel about the four days I spent at CHM. I do know that I am still processing the gifts that I received: information presented with love, healing, and the affirming of ideas I already believed and experiences I've had. The peaceful surroundings and the kindness extended to me was heart warming. I believe I will be drawing on all of this for some time to come.

Thank you one and all for everything. I praise and thank God for each of you ... your dedication, commitment, hard work, sharing of your gifts, time and talents.

Ministry at CHM

On a Thursday in May, a man and a lady at CHM prayed for my husband for a solid hour. He had lost his job due to a drinking incident and had lost other jobs for the same reason in the past.

We came to you for deliverance for him. He later told me he "felt a lot of things come off of him during the prayer" and that he felt very different — liberated/ Actually all he could say at first was, "Can those people pray!"

Thank you for being there! Thank you for not charging anything for your service. My husband hasn't had a drink and has no desire to!

About *Sword of the Spirit*

Our little friend, age 7 years. old, was hit by a falling tree limb, and suffered severe brain damage, and a deep coma resulted. Several of us from St. Luke's came to pray with his family, by this time swelling had developed in his brain. Then I took your book, *Sword of the Spirit*, and asked the parents to pray the short prayer for deliverance (which our group also prayed for him), we also asked the parents to take the book into the intensive care unit, and pray the physical healing scriptures over him. At this time I sensed that the family had given up hope, however within three days, he was in a light coma and was able to move his finger on command. Now he is in a rehab hospital with the ability to eat, see, and has good brain function. We still need to pray for healing. Praying the scriptures is such a positive way to pray. Thanks be to God for the great healing Jesus has done.

CHM has been praying for speech for our granddaughter. Six months ago, she had nearly no understandable vocabulary (she is 5 years old). Then one day there was a word of knowledge on Pat Robertson's show about a girl being healed who was hydrocephalic and would be able to speak. I said, "Yes, that's for our baby." Two hours later I got a call from our son saying, "Something happened to Abby! She is running around with her hands in the air screaming words she's never said at the top of her lungs. We can't calm her down." I told him what I had just seen on TV and that you had been praying for her, he believes in miracles, his wife believes in medicine. Two hours later he called again and said she is still screaming words. The next day I called you for prayer for her speech. She now has hundreds of new words and sentences, and can name all her classmates, teachers etc. It is truly miraculous. Thank you so much for your prayers.

Answers to Prayer Requests

This spring I wrote asking for direction from God about my husband and I having a baby. I gave some medical history in my request because my husband and I feared I would be risking my life to carry a baby. I was born with only one fully-functioning kidney on the right and two tiny kidneys on the left that were defective. By the time I was 18 months old I had developed a cystocele that covered 60% of my bladder. Surgery was performed to remove that at that time.

When I was 17, I was tested again to see how my bladder and kidneys were functioning. My bladder was fine, but the two tiny left kidneys were still non-functioning. The urologist said he hoped the left kidneys would simple atrophy, so that they could pose no threat to my bladder. So I have lived up until now under the assumption that I have only one kidney. After sending in my request to CHM for healing and guidance, and that I would not be afraid to get pregnant; I believe God has answered both requests. My husband and I are very eager to begin a family, and a recent ultrasound of my kidneys revealed that I have two fully formed kidneys! One on the left and one on the right. I also believe that God is calling me to join your team of intercessors. Thank you for your prayers.

An Important Personal Note

from Francis MacNutt

Back in 1981, when we lived in Clearwater, Florida, I received a phone call from Ireland — a “say it isn’t so” phone call, to the effect that the caller had heard I was dying of a brain tumor! After assuring them that it was news to me, too, I realized how important it was to head off rumors at the pass, before they got out of hand (and there have been many more before and since that I have had to deal with).

So what I would like to affirm is that I’m in excellent health. Last month, for instance, I took a stress test that showed my heart is in great shape. Nevertheless, after completing ten trips since June (as far east as Germany and as far west as Hawaii), we were really exhausted. Our staff to a person were in total agreement that we really needed to cancel our conference at the Benedictine community in Pecos, New Mexico. We had looked forward to this conference for two years, but we realized our CHM family was right. So, with great reluctance, we canceled that conference. Be assured that we are not in any way sick, just in need of recovery after a grueling Summer schedule.

Taking a look at the need to pace ourselves more, plus the fact that I haven’t had time to work on any of the books I want to write, it was clear that some tough choices had

to be made. We went through the 25 invitations to speak for the coming year and felt that we must turn down all but one that the Lord impressed upon us to accept. They all were wonderful opportunities, but we just needed to say “No” to any that were not already on the calendar. It was very hard not to accept these engagements, knowing how much good comes from these conferences we give.

If your group’s invitation was one that we had to regret, please consider using a member of our wonderful and gifted staff members for your event. We feel that God has sent us this great staff to disciple and to support the teaching demand that is exceeding Judith and my ability to meet alone. Norma Dearing and Ann Bauwens are excellent teachers on all aspects of inner healing, and could teach our School of Healing Prayer Level I or II in your area. Joy Abney teaches how to grow in intimacy with God through contemplative prayer and how to help others through spiritual direction. Joy Lamb teaches how to intercede for others and the value of praying the Scriptures.

We entreat your prayers and support in this difficult decision. In cutting back our schedule, we are simply trying to accept our own advice, contained in the chapter on “Having to Say No” in **Power to Heal**; we know that the Lord Jesus intends for our lives and ministry to be a long-distance race, not a sprint.

Mailing List Update

Last Chance to Respond

by David Busse, Executive Director

As reported in the summer issue of *The Healing Line*, CHM is in the process of updating our mailing list.

We want to thank the many supporters of our ministry who have responded to our request for current name and address information as well as making a contribution to cover production and mailing costs of *The Healing Line*.

To those readers of *The Healing Line* who have not yet responded, we ask that you complete the form printed below and return it to us in the envelope included in this issue. Your response will insure that you will continue to

receive the newsletter.

We intend to continue to distribute *The Healing Line* to anyone requesting to remain on our mailing list. However, if you do not respond to this request and have not supported the Lord’s work through CHM for the past two years, we will assume that your interests are engaged elsewhere, and that you are no longer interested in receiving *The Healing Line* and your name will be removed from our mailing list.

Please help us to continue to be good stewards of the resources that the Lord provides us by completing and returning the form below.

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Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

☐ Please keep me on your mailing list! I have enclosed at least \$15.00, for my minimum contribution this year.

☐ Please keep me on your mailing list, though I am unable to financially support CHM at this time.

☐ Please take me off your mailing list.

Please return this form in the CHM envelope inserted in the newsletter.

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Healed Even When We Forget to Pray

by **Francis MacNutt**

While I was reading Dr. Larry Dossey's book *Healing Words* a section on "Time-Displaced Prayer" reminded me of some unusual experiences that we have had over the years; namely, sometimes when I forget to pray, the sick person gets healed anyway. Has this happened to you, too?

It's really embarrassing, isn't it? For instance, someone phones and asks you for your prayer because she is going to see a doctor for a second opinion on whether she should get a mastectomy. Then she tells you the hour and the date of the doctor's appointment. You say, "Yes, I'd be glad to pray." And you mean it, but then you forget.

Then, the day after the doctor's appointment, she excitedly phones to tell you that the tumor has mysteriously disappeared. Profusely she thanks you for what you didn't do (but which God, who never forgets, did).

So you feel embarrassed and a little guilty.

I could offer you even more startling examples — which might prove hard for you to believe. Dr. Dossey has an example where "It was apparent that the cancer had disappeared before the minister had actually prayed for the man. It was unlikely that anyone else prayed for him, since no one knew his diagnosis except for him and his doctor" (neither the doctor nor the patient were people who prayed for healing).

I think this is very encouraging news: God covers for us, even when we forget. Or can we explain it because the very desire of our hearts for the sick person to be healed is a form of prayer, even before we put that desire into words. When we receive the phone call, or read the letter, telling us about a friend's illness, our heart's desire for healing goes out to that suffering person.

Isn't it wonderful that God honors even the silent cry of our hearts?

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School Of Healing Prayer: Level II Video Course

Christian Healing Ministries has recently completed the video series for The School of Healing Prayer Level II. First presented in September, this course is the second in our teaching series designed to enable churches and Christian communities everywhere to understand and practice Christ's ministry of prayer for healing. This video teaching series and supporting student's and instructor's manuals build on the Level I instruction, and lead prayer ministers through a progressive understanding of our Lord's healing ministry, team building, and praying for specific conditions and situations encountered in ministry.

The video recordings are presently being edited and along with printed materials will be available in early 1997. Level II will be a 16-tape series and with an Instructor's and Student's Manual will cost \$550. If you pre-order the Level II course before January 1, 1997, you will receive a \$50.00 discount (the course and manuals will cost \$500). Contact Ann Bauwens for more information: 765-3332.

New CHM Voice Mail Improves Response Time

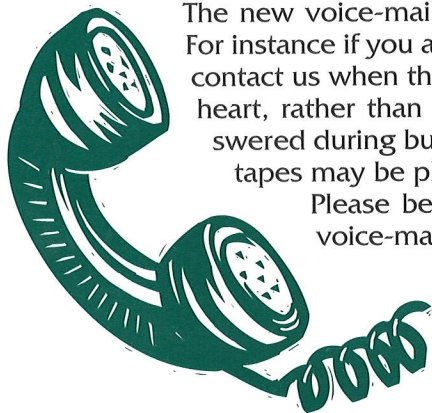
by David Busse, Executive Director

Don't despair, when you call during CHM's regular business hours the phone will still be answered by warm and compassionate volunteers or staff members. In addition to our regular receptionist, we have added a new

voice-mail system designed to make it **easier for you to get messages to the staff and prayer ministers outside of CHM's regular business hours** of 9 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

The new system will allow you to leave a detailed message by direct dialing one of the following numbers:

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| • Francis and Judith MacNutt | |
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The new voice-mail service should be helpful in several ways. For instance if you are making a request for prayer, you can now contact us when the person or issue needing healing is on your heart, rather than having to wait for our telephone to be answered during business hours. Similarly, orders for books and tapes may be placed at any time.

Please be assured that messages left using this new voice-mail system will receive the same degree of confidentiality as those given in person. We hope that voice mail helps us to serve you better and that you will take advantage of this extension of our phone service.



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Healing The Generations

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Spirit. It begins when a person seeks help with a desire to be healed of his or her own hurt and break the bondage of the family's past, relying on Jesus to do this. When such a person becomes an intercessor for the other members of the family and turns to our Lord for healing He is always there for them.

I firmly believe that today God is preparing the soil of his Church by showing us how to take the rocks, and brambles, and thorns out of the hearts and souls of our families through the ministry called the healing of generations. He is doing this from his compassionate heart, because he has had enough of seeing the suffering of His people, of hearing their cries for help! He is doing this because he loves us and wants us to be whole, and because he wishes to prepare us for the service of his kingdom! Jesus is preparing the soil. He is freeing his people so that they may live joyful, Christ-centered lives. He is healing them so that they may "bring forth fruit in a good and patient heart."

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