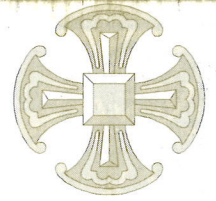


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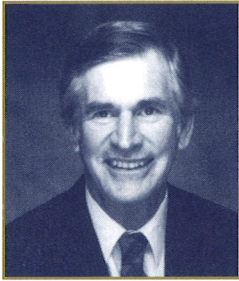
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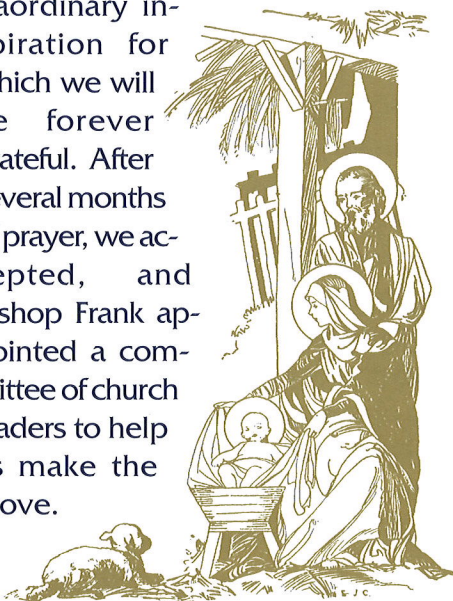
## 1987-97: Celebrating 10 Years in Jacksonville!

by Francis MacNutt

It's so hard to believe it has been 10 years! The Lord has blessed Christian Healing Ministries with many gifts, going all the way back to the amazing way He brought us here in the first place!



It all began in 1986 when Bishop Frank Cerveny of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida and his wife, Emmy, traveled five hours to visit us in Clearwater, Fla. They asked us to move to Jacksonville to open a healing ministry. The invitation in itself was extraordinary: Who has ever heard of a bishop extending such an invitation to a couple who were not members of his church, nor were they even in good standing in their own church at the time?! The word "miracle" is often too easily used, but it was at the very least an extraordinary inspiration for which we will be forever grateful. After several months of prayer, we accepted, and Bishop Frank appointed a committee of church leaders to help us make the move.



In Clearwater, Christian Healing Ministries, which Judith and I founded in 1981, consisted only of the two of us traveling and speaking with the help of one secretary in a very small office.

After we moved to Jacksonville, we realized the needs of suffering people were too great and we were too few, reminding us of Jesus looking out over the hurting multitudes who were harassed and depressed like sheep without a shepherd (end of Matthew 9). Just as Jesus prayed and chose the 12 and then the 72 (Luke 9 and 10), we prayed to learn how to multiply this ministry.

God taught us, and through His grace, everything that has happened with the ministry has expanded our twin Gospel desires: 1) to *teach* other people how to pray for God's healing of others, and 2) to *pray* for as many people as we can.

Very similar to the 12 and 72, our staff now numbers about 12 and our prayer ministers almost 100, with an additional 600 intercessors praying for the thousands of prayer requests we receive each year.

In my mind, these gifted, willing people are the greatest blessings God has given our ministry. They are, in Paul's terms, fellow workers in the vineyard, sold out to the Lord. You cannot collect such a staff by advertising in the newspaper for an open position. It is clear that the Lord brought us all together.

CHM is a family, even though we have no committed relationship beyond that of Christian love. We be-

long to churches as diverse as Roman Catholic and independent Pentecostal, but we are in unity on the basic Christian beliefs. Above all, we have a unity based on divine love. In my experience, such a degree of love and unity in any Christian group is essential.

This love is further manifested in those who pray for CHM on a regular basis, those who support us financially, and especially in our two boards of directors, one local and one national advisory. Without the constant prayer, guidance, support and love of these groups of dedicated people, our mission would not be nearly as successful as it is.

In short, we are thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ for bringing us here, for allowing this ministry to grow in ways that honor Him, for bringing together such a capable and wonderful group of Christians, and for blessing us with such a glorious purpose. In celebrating 10 years of ministry in Jacksonville, we celebrate first and foremost the heart of Christian Healing Ministries: the people God has called to minister!

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## A Letter From The Founding Director

*Dear Friends,*

At the end of each year, we come to you asking for your help. You already know how much we depend on your generosity. About 75 percent of our budget comes from contributions by faithful people prompted by the Lord to make a donation, often after He touches them with His healing. As you also know, our expenses are mostly staff and maintenance related, as our people and center are the heart of our ministry.

Speaking of our center, the last payment on the facility is due this spring. For 10 years, we have been paying the mortgage for our little center, which used to be Holy Cross Episcopal Church. Our prayer for Christmas is to receive enough gifts to pay off the mortgage four months early. We hope to celebrate this holy season with a cheerful burning of the mortgage deed. What a Merry Christmas log that would be!

As you see throughout this newsletter, the ministry has grown tremendously over the past 10 years, and this last year in particular has been a blessed one. Our part in bringing Christ's healing love to hurting people is increasing at an extraordinary rate. This is especially true as we increase our work with the medical and scientific communities in reconciling the conflict between science and religion that has plagued our society for so long.

Christian Healing Ministries is flourishing, and we believe this is due to the grace of our Lord, our obedience to do His will, and perhaps most importantly, His prompting his faithful ones to support us. Without you, we could not share Jesus' healing Gospel with so many. We need you to help

us shout His Word loud and clear this coming year. As 1997 comes to a close, we ask you to please consider supporting Christian Healing Ministries.

Have a very blessed and Merry Christmas!

Yours faithfully in Christ,

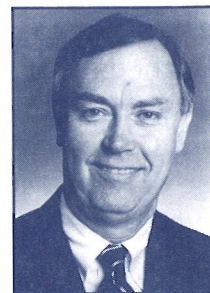
*Francis MacNutt*

Francis S. MacNutt



## Charitable Bequests: The Right Choice for Your Giving Needs?

by David Busse,  
Executive  
Director



Recently, several members of the Christian Healing Ministries family have indicated that they would like to help CHM in a significant way but are aware of the financial responsibilities they have to themselves and to their loved ones. As we discussed their needs and wishes, it became clear that a cash gift would not be appropriate at the present time.

Our conversations included the benefits of making a bequest to CHM a part of their estate plan. Additionally, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities and other options were discussed. A number of options are available to provide for Christian Healing Ministries, several of which may also reduce the burden of estate taxes.

If you would like more information about options and alternatives on how to accomplish your charitable objectives, please call me at the CHM office, (904) 765-3332.



# 10 Years with CHM: Relationships, Education and Growth

by Norma Dearing,

**Director of Prayer Ministry**

As I reflect over the last 10 years at Christian Healing Ministries, I remember the day we opened the office in a small room on the third floor of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral. Little did I contemplate then that I would serve as a part of this ministry for the next 10 years. The last decade has been one of meaningful relationships, education and growth.

Our relationships have involved people both nationally and internationally and of every denomination. Our national board, comprised of leaders in the healing ministry, offer constant prayer and direction for the future of our ministry. Our national and local intercessors, under the leadership of Joy Lamb, continue to intercede on our behalf, giving us much needed strength. Our local board donates tremendous time, treasure and talent to help us proclaim the Gospel that "Jesus came to heal His people."

Dr. Tom Wikstrom, a Christian psychiatrist, followed God's direction and moved his practice to Jacksonville to help integrate mental health with spiritual healing. He has given untold hours of expertise, therapy and direction to our center.

Our volunteer prayer ministers have spent thousands of hours "listening, loving and praying," both through daily appointments and the Tuesday evening healing service. These anointed and appointed volunteers are the backbone of CHM.

Our staff has changed over the years, each person playing an integral part in the success of the ministry. Our heavenly Father sent so many gifted people, each one a special individual called to serve for a time and season. As I think of each of these dear friends, I consider it a privilege to have served alongside them.

But the most important relationship during these last 10 years has been with our Lord. The integration of love and service has created a deeper relationship not only with each other, but with Jesus.

Education of ourselves as ministers has been another important aspect of CHM. In addition to praying for physical healing, inner healing and deliverance, we have learned how to pray more specifically for cancer, infertility, arthritis and other illnesses. The importance of prayer in utero has been brought to our attention repeatedly. The Lord has revealed to us the importance of breaking generational bondage. Spiritual warfare has been a necessary tool to develop as we have ministered to so many who are demonically oppressed. One of the most important things the Lord taught us is how to stay healthy in ministry: to physically, spiritually and mentally cut ourselves free and release people to Him. After teaching us these important ministry tools, the Lord then called us to teach.

Even though CHM had sponsored conferences on healing for many years, the emphasis had always been on receiving healing, rather than teaching participants how to pray for others. Over the years, it became obvious that people wanted to learn what the Lord has taught us. We began a series of "How To" seminars that eventually led to the development of our School of Healing Prayer Levels I-III, which are now being taught all over the world.

The growth of CHM over the last 10 years has been truly phenomenal. We have grown in space by purchasing Holy Cross Episcopal Church. Our numbers of staff, volunteers and intercessors have grown consistently.

We have grown in credibility as a Christian ministry of healing. And how exciting it has been to be part of proving scientifically something that we as Christians have always known — prayer works. To be on the cutting edge of this discovery for the medical community has been an honor and a privilege for CHM.

Not only has growth increased in the physical plant, programs and education, but we have grown most in our spiritual lives. We have learned to depend only upon God when the financial situations of the ministry have been bleak. We have learned that our faith must be in Jesus as we lay hands upon the sick. We have grown in love for the hurting, the disillusioned and the oppressed. And we have grown in patience, learning to wait on the Lord with trust that He will provide for our every need.

On a personal level, I would say that I have matured spiritually over the last 10 years. I have come to understand the importance of balance: spiritual, physical and emotional. I have begun to understand what it means to be "in the world and not of the world." Most of all, I have grown in faith — faith in Jesus as healer, restorer and deliverer, and faith in the Holy Spirit as the power to make all things new. I know that without Him, I can do nothing.

My heart is full of gratitude to the MacNutts for their obedience, to my colleagues for their dedication, to our prayer ministers and intercessors for their commitment, and to our two boards for their direction. Most of all, I thank God that I have had the privilege of serving His people in this holy place for the last 10 years. To God be the glory for the things He has done!





by Francis MacNutt

**Q:** In the first article of the newsletter, you celebrate the people of CHM. But what about the ministry itself? What is God doing within the mission of CHM?

**A:** Many things have happened in the past 10 years that have clearly been the results of divine direction and have significantly influenced our mission. The number of people coming to CHM for prayer is at an all-time high. Last year, we prayed for over 3,000 requests here at the center through the physical laying-on of hands. This is in addition to the thousands of people for whom Judith and I, as well as other members of the staff, pray during our travels and the over 90,000 annual requests for which we pray through intercession.

So, I guess you could say that multiplying the ministers leads to multiplied ministry. That does not simply mean we are praying for more people. Through growth of our numbers, we are able to teach more people how to pray. In this way, the Gospel mission is multiplied hundredfold. We have developed three levels of teaching, now available on both video and audiotape. So now, we can reach more people with more and better teaching than ever before. We have so many invitations for speaking engagements that we would never meet all the needs out there by traveling to these places to speak. Using the media of video and audiocassettes, we can better try to meet the needs of those desiring to learn about healing and the healing ministry.

We are discovering wonderful things about the Lord's healing power. This year, we have expanded upon what we have learned about "soaking" prayer, i.e. spending *time* praying with people in order to bring healing to completion, by starting Intensive Prayer Ministry once a month. Every month a dozen people receive three days of intensive prayer ministry from CHM prayer teams. We began these "IPMs" in June, and they have been beautifully received. Everyone who has come has been truly blessed, and many have received healing in one form or another. The only difficulty in holding these IPMs is that we can only take a few people each month. The ultimate answer is that we need more prayer ministers, and we feel confident that the Lord will take care of this need, just like he does all the others.

For 30 years I have dreamed of doing scientific research that would verify what we see all the time about the healing effects of prayer. Without such research, the medical community as a whole simply would remain skeptical about the value of prayer. Happily, I met Dr. Dale Matthews of the National Institute of Healthcare Research, and he was excited when I proposed doing research on prayer, since he also had dreamed of this. The result is an extraordinary study in which CHM prayer teams prayed with patients suffering from rheumatoid arthritis. The results have to be followed up for a year, so the study is not yet complete. But even now we can say that the results have been truly miraculous. On Nov. 5, Dr. Matthews came to Jacksonville to speak and tell us about this pioneering study. We believe this to be just the beginning of many studies that will bring together the religious and scientific communities that have so often been separated in the past. We are grateful to our Lord for choosing us to be part of this notable reconciliation.

As you can see, we have seen some developments in the healing ministry that are encouraging to Christians everywhere. Our prayer now is that God will bless us even more in the next 10 years than He has in the past 10. We are confident in our God, who proves Himself to us over and over again. He is so faithful!



# What's Happening at CHM

Date	Event	Location	Speaker(s)	Contact & Phone
1/13-15/98	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	Prayer Ministers	Janis Lewis at CHM (904) 765-3332
2/6-7/98	Church of the Ascension	Montgomery, Alabama	Francis MacNutt	Clark Hubbard (800) 421-4114
2/17-19/98	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	Prayer Ministers	Janis Lewis at CHM (904) 765-3332
2/19-22/98	National Advisory Board Meeting	Holiday Inn Airport Jacksonville, Florida	Francis and Judith MacNutt and Local Board of CHM	Betty Heindel at CHM (904) 765-3332
2/27-28/98	Pentecostal/Charismatic Care & Counseling Conf.	Regent University Virginia Beach, Virginia	Francis MacNutt	Dr. John Kie Fax: (423) 478-3332
3/6-7/98	Intercessors' Conference for CHM Intercessors Only	Holiday Inn Airport Jacksonville, Florida	Joy Lamb, Francis MacNutt and others	Ann Bauwens at CHM (904) 765-3332
3/16-20/98	School of Healing Prayer Level I	CHM	Francis and Judith MacNutt Norma Dearing and others	Ann Bauwens at CHM (904) 765-3332
3/31-4/2/98	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	Prayer Ministers	Janis Lewis at CHM (904) 765-3332
4/30-5/3/98	Women's Leadership Conference	St. Luke's Church Bath, Ohio	Judith MacNutt	Kelly Lavery (330) 665-2227

## School of Healing Prayer Level I Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20, 1998

CHM is pleased to offer once again the School of Healing Prayer Level I prayer ministry training course. This course presents a foundational, balanced and practical approach to beginning a prayer ministry.

Level I emphasizes the healing ministry of Christ and the commission that we, as disciples of Christ, are called to fulfill. According to Luke 4:18-19, Jesus went into the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read a scroll from the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

If you are being called to prayer ministry in your church or want to learn more about prayer, or if you live in the Jacksonville area and want to serve as a CHM volunteer prayer minister, consider this course. Level I is still offered at its original price of \$150.00. Special discounts are available for clergy and spouses of clergy. Space is limited, so please register early.

Friday, March 20 is not a teaching day. It is an optional day of ministry for attendees who want to receive personal prayer. For more information, call Ann Bauwens at (904) 765-3332, Ext. 210. To register, complete and send in the form at the right.

### CHM School of Healing Prayer Level I March 16-20, 1998

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\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a check or money order for registration fee of \$150.00 (Clergy/clergy spouse is 50% of fee.)

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a deposit of \$50.00 (non-refundable after Feb. 15, 1998). Please pay balance no later than March 1, 1998.

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**Send to CHM, Attn: Ann Bauwens,  
PO Box 9520 Jacksonville, FL 32208**



## 10 Years: A Personal Viewpoint

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by Ann Bauwens, Director  
of Prayer Ministry Education

As we at CHM celebrate 10 years in Jacksonville, and as Christians all around the world celebrate the wondrous birth of our Lord, my husband Bob and I have an extra special reason to be thankful and rejoice! CHM's anniversary and this time of year bring to our minds and hearts the greatest gifts with which God has blessed us!

I can still remember the day our parish priest announced that Francis and Judith MacNutt were moving their prayer ministry right here to Jacksonville, Florida. When the announcement was made, I burst into tears. As I sat there a little embarrassed at my sudden display of emotion, I thought back to 1979 when I read my first Christian book, "The Power to Heal," by Francis MacNutt. I could never have guessed then how much God, that book, and its author would change my life.

Just weeks after the announcement, I began to volunteer at the 'new' Christian Healing Ministries office on the third floor of St. John's Cathedral downtown. As Norma Dearing and Don and Anne Bloch worked very hard setting up the new office and answering already ringing phones, I could not help but grow more and more excited about the MacNutts' impending arrival.

Norma asked if my husband, Bob, and I would like to meet Francis on his first day in Jacksonville and take him to dinner. She suggested an Italian restaurant across the street from the place he was staying. We were delighted.

Bob and I waited anxiously in the parking lot of the apartment complex

that Francis and Judith would call home for the next few months. In a short while, a small, old four-door Mazda pulled up and parked near us. As we looked curiously at the driver, we thought it must be Francis. We studied the car for a moment. Simultaneously, Bob and I glanced at the bumper sticker and read, "If you don't like my driving, stay off the sidewalk!" We got such a chuckle out of that bumper sticker that we felt an immediate release of anxiety.

Just then a tall, lanky fellow unfolded from the car. His friendly, gentle voice greeted us: "Hello! I am so glad to meet you!" It was the start of a memorable and enjoyable evening and the beginning of a long and endearing friendship with this very special man.

We crossed the street to Angelo's Italian Restaurant, where we enjoyed a fine meal and hours of conversation. Francis and Bob were elated to discover that they both were from St. Louis. As we talked about our respective families, we told Francis about my years of infertility and that in 1978, one of the best infertility doctors in the country determined that I would not be able to conceive or carry a child.

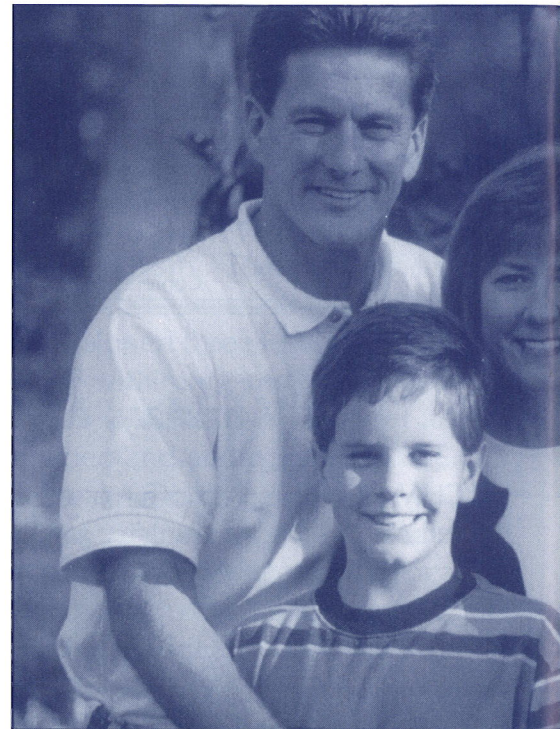
However, the prognosis was the doctor's and not the Lord's!

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Back in 1979, Bob and I had visited my family in Florida. We shared with them what the doctors had determined and the fact that Bob and I still wanted to have a family. My brother, Thom, offered to pray for us. It was my first experience with prayer. I had never before asked God for anything specific for myself.

Thom's prayer was more powerful than I ever imagined. As he prayed for me, he read this Scripture:

*"I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be made*



**The Bauwens Family: Bob, Ann, Katie**  
*complete.*" (John 16:23-24).

As a result of that prayer of faith, Bob and I conceived and nine months later delivered our beautiful baby girl, Katie, our gift from God. I was introduced to a very personal, loving and giving Lord who wants to give us good things. He wanted to give me the desire of my heart: to have a baby.

Throughout the next seven years I would occasionally read the first chapter of the gospel of Luke about Mary and Elizabeth's shared joy at the anticipation of having their sons, one God's



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Son and greatest gift to us, and the other John the Baptist, "who goes on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him" (Luke 1:76). The angel Gabriel told Mary, "Even Elizabeth is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month," and he assured her, "Nothing is impos-



**and Robert (November, 1997)**

sible with God" (Luke 1:36-37). My faith strengthened as I read the Scriptures and began to understand God's love for his children. We believed God had another baby for us — we were sure of it!

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We told Francis how we had prayed again and again for the last seven years and had not been able to have another child.

"Well," Francis said, "would you like for me to pray for you?" Of course, our answer was, yes!

We prayed right then. That was February 28, 1987. Our son, Robert, was born November 30, 1987 — nine months exactly! Hallelujah!

The Lord admonished me a month before Francis prayed that "everything in life is a gift, even the very breathe I take." That's the way of God. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the Word of Truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created" (James 1: 17-18).

Just 10 years ago this month, I held our new baby boy in my arms. A precious gift born to us — an answer to many years of prayer. "Ask and you shall receive, and your joy will be complete" (John 16:24b). Now we joyfully celebrate during the Christmas season the gift of God's son, Jesus, born in our hearts to bring new life. Without Jesus, I would have no real life or joy in my heart and no daughter or son to hold in my arms.

God knows just how to fill our hearts and bless us with many things for which we can be joyful. "When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy" (Luke 1:57-58). Many friends and relatives shared our joy, as well.

It is hard to believe time has gone by so quickly. It seems like just yesterday that Francis, Bob and I were getting to know one another. Angelo's Italian Restaurant is still there. Christian Healing Ministries is growing and being blessed by the Lord. Our lives

in Christ are woven together in a beautiful tapestry of God's healing love.

Katie, my best girlfriend, is a senior in high school and is looking at colleges. Robert, "my wonderful son," as I call him, is in the fourth grade and just celebrated his tenth birthday. They both know they are miracle children, and best of all, they know they belong to Jesus.

God's precious gift, Jesus, birthed in our hearts, brings us life and everlasting joy. Jesus made our joy complete. Amen!

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***Bob and I continue to be actively involved with Christian Healing Ministries. Bob serves on the Board of Directors and occasionally accompanies Francis on conference trips. The latest was to Germany in 1996. Bob and Francis are still dear friends. They enjoy bird-watching, sports, lots of laughter and a precious friendship.***

***I officially joined the CHM staff in 1992 when Robert started preschool. I have served as Francis and Judith's secretary, a prayer minister, conference coordinator and now Director of Prayer Ministry Education.***

***But, I would rather think of myself more simply than in titles. I am just blessed beyond measure to have such a wonderful family of God at CHM. The staff and volunteers, past and present, are all co-workers in Christ. We share a bond of love and deep friendship that will always be treasured.***

***To God be the glory!  
Merry Christmas!***



# Keys for Prayer Ministers

**by Norma Dearing,  
Director of  
Prayer  
Ministry**



Christmas is a beautiful time when we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus. The conception and birth of a new baby is a joyous occasion for many, as in the Bauwens' family with Katie and Robert. How wonderful that "before the foundation of the world He called us and made mention of our names" (Is. 49:1 and Eph. 1:4, paraphrased).

However, some people, even though their lives were divinely planned by God, know they were not planned or wanted by their earthly parents. But our God, who is not bound by time or space, is capable of healing even prenatal memories. My special Christmas message is that Jesus can bring inner healing into lives even from the time of conception.

Many studies show a baby in utero knows whether it is wanted or not, even recognizing the voice of its parents. A child conceived in rape, incest or out-of-wedlock may sense early in its prenatal development that its very existence is a cause of stress or anxiety to

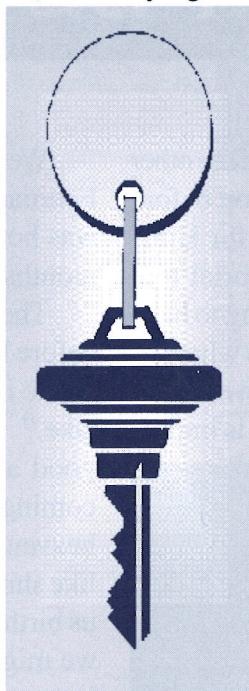
its mother. Unfortunately, this may be the beginning of worry, rejection, low self-esteem, and fear of abandonment. Often, parents who are married conceive at inopportune times, such as too soon after marriage, before finishing college, too close to another child, or late in life. Babies can sense these anxieties, too. Some people are told by their parents that they wanted a child of the opposite sex, or even that they would never have had them if abortion had been legal.

Even when babies are planned and wanted, a person may still need prayer; for example, if the mother suffered a previous abortion or miscarriage, or severe sickness, accident or tremendous grief during pregnancy. One woman for whom I prayed could not remember a time when she did not experience fear and anxiety, leading me to believe she was born with them. In asking the proper questions about her conception and birth, I learned her mother had suffered four miscarriages before carrying her. Her mother was terrified during the entire pregnancy

and spent most of the nine months worrying. After praying about her conception, she experienced a peace she had never known.

It is also important to pray for inner healing of traumatic birth experiences. Dr. Frederik Leboyer, a French obstetrician, says all births are traumatic, but I am speaking of particular complications such as long labor, breech births, umbilical cords around necks, instrument deliveries, premature or C-section deliveries, R-h blood factor problems, death of the mother during birth, placement in an incubator or immediate surgery.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. His redeeming power can reach into the past and bring restoration. "The lamp of the Lord searches the spirit of a man; it searches out his inmost being" (Prov. 20:27). Jesus' resurrected presence brought light into the darkness of the whole earth, and He is able to bring that same light into the dark places of our birth experiences. Like His birth that we celebrate at Christmas, it is truly a special gift. All we must do is receive it.



## Praying from Conception to Birth

1. Inquire delicately about the person's birth process. Did he come at a good time in his parents' lives? Were there previous miscarriages or abortions? Was there difficulty in the pregnancy or the birth itself? Through prayer, invite Jesus into the moment of conception.
2. Impress upon the person that before he was formed in his mother's womb, God knew him. He created this person. His one purpose is for the person to have a loving relationship with Him forever. God is the first and real parent, and He placed this person in an earthly family.
3. Pray for release from genetic problems. Cut free from generational bondage, such as alcoholism, mental instability, occult involvement, etc.
4. Pray to fill the womb with the power of the Holy Spirit in the form of warm, golden oil or light, so the baby lives, moves and has his being IN God. Let the Holy Spirit be the buffer between any negative thoughts, emotions or words of the mother or father.
5. Ask God to reassure the person that He wanted and planned for a male or female child. This person was created on purpose by God.
6. Ask God to place within the person all the gifts, talents and tools that this person will need to become the person God created.
7. Reassure the person of God's love and his uniqueness. Pray for God's presence, safety and peace as the child grows and develops.
8. Ask the person quietly and gently what they are feeling or seeing. If nothing, ask what they are thinking.
9. When getting to the delivery, ask what they are feeling, i.e. fear, anxiety, excitement? Many times, people never wanted to be born. They perceived the world as unsafe and never wanted to come forth. Ask if they are able to ask Jesus to help them choose life.
10. Ask gently if the person can see or feel the Lord. It may be through a bright light or a feeling of peace. Allow time for Jesus to receive him into His hands so the first touch the person ever feels is His touch of strength, gentleness, warmth, security and safety. Allow quiet time so that hopefully they will see or feel Jesus' presence. As Jesus lifts the person up to look him over, let Jesus' face be the first face he ever sees as he sees the twinkle in His eye, the broad smile of pride on His face. Then let Jesus' voice be the first voice he ever hears.



## From the Mailbox

Dear CHM:

Some time back I asked you to pray for my friend's son, who had a malignant brain tumor. I just talked to my friend, and she reports that they can find no malignancy or tumor at the present time. Her son had surgery earlier this year, much treatment and many prayers along with (those of) your prayer team, and I wanted you to know that a miracle has happened — his prognosis was not good, but now the cancer is gone!!! Praise the Lord!!!

Please keep him on your prayer list, as the doctors do not feel he is out of the woods yet — his type of tumor has a high incidence of recurrence. I don't wish to be a Doubting Thomas, I just want to keep soaking him with prayers that his healing continues.

Many thanks for all of your prayers and support. Christ's Peace!

Dear CHM:

Reading Dr. MacNutt's Q&A column in the fall 1997 issue of *The Healing Line*, I agree that the term "codependency" has lost its meaning. Originally, many years ago, it was a technical term used in addictions counseling which meant that the sufferer had vicariously become dependent on the substance/behavior of addiction through close association with the addict. It meant that the spouse, child, employer or friend spent much of his or her day thinking about the addict's relationship to the addiction, planned his or her life around the addiction, and became just as vulnerable to the destructive addictive process as the addict. The term was never meant to refer to the healthy interdependency essential to human relationships. Keep up the good work!

Dear Christian Healing Ministries:

In February, 1991, I was diagnosed with advanced metastatic prostate cancer with mets to the bone. The prognosis was inoperable and incurable. They could begin a hormonal treatment which would give me time to get my affairs in order. In addition to the hormonal therapy, I began a very aggressive monthly chemo treatment using interferons administered by a clinic in South Carolina. Traveling from my home in Clearwater, Florida to South Carolina brought me through Jacksonville every month for over three years.

Until my cancer, I was a typical "church attender" who did not know what a personal relationship with the Lord meant and was turned off by the term "born-again Christian" (as I had never read the Bible). My cancer made me realize I had a need. I was blind, but now I see (Romans 8:28).

My wife and I were encouraged to attend a CHM conference in Jacksonville in May 1992. That was the most spiritually uplifting four days we had ever experienced. After that, I made a point to plan time to visit the CHM office each month for prayer as I traveled to my chemo treatments.

You have not seen me in over two years as a local oncologist has agreed to supervise my interferon treatments. This saves me from having to drive to S.C. each month. What a blessing!

My cancer is still responding to treatments. Be assured the laying-on of hands is continuing at my local men's Bible study.

A special thank-you to my wonderful CHM prayer warriors!

**Crossing Boundaries:** CHM recently was notified that Chosen Books has signed a contract to produce limited editions of *Dr. MacNutt's Deliverance From Evil Spirits* in the Polish, Slovak, Russian, Romanian and Bulgarian languages, through that publisher's Ministry to Eastern Europe. Praise the Lord! If anyone would like further information regarding these translations, please contact the CHM bookstore.



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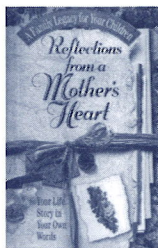
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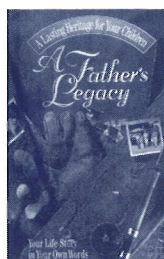
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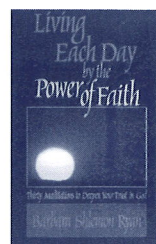
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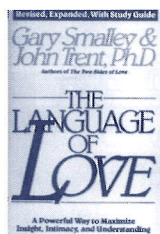
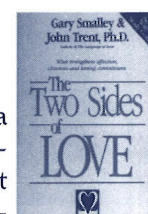
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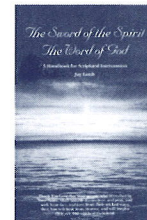
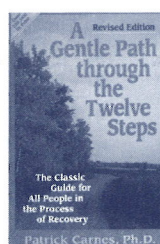
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