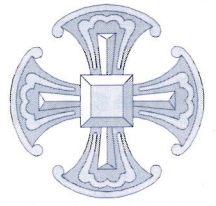


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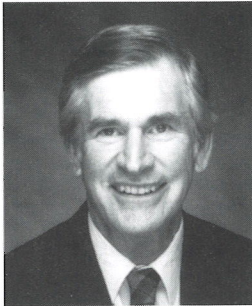
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## Life in the Springtime of the Church

by Francis MacNutt

How wonderful it must have been to live in the "Springtime," or the early days, of the Church — before the Emperor Constantine was converted (312 A.D.) and won his



battle on the Milvian Bridge (324 A.D.) and before the Church acquired basilicas and entered the political arena. Even with the threats of persecution and death, what enthusiasm the early Christians must have had!

Before his death and resurrection, Jesus instructed his disciples to heal the sick, cast out evil spirits and proclaim that the kingdom of God is at hand (Mt. 10:1; Luke 9:1, 10:1). History indicates the early Church took that approach to heart and continued in the same basic method of evangelism, a "signs and wonders ministry," for several hundred years after the crucifixion of Christ.

Last fall, I heard a stirring sermon by our friend Rev. Don Williams at the Fall '97 Fishnet Conference in Stamford, Conn. He talked about an extraordinary book called *Christianizing the Roman Empire: A.D. 100-400* by Dr. Ramsay MacMullen. I could hardly wait to read it myself and was not disappointed, as it revealed to me an amazing fact: the great growth of the Church in those first three centuries was due mainly to the ministry of healing and exorcism (casting out evil spirits).

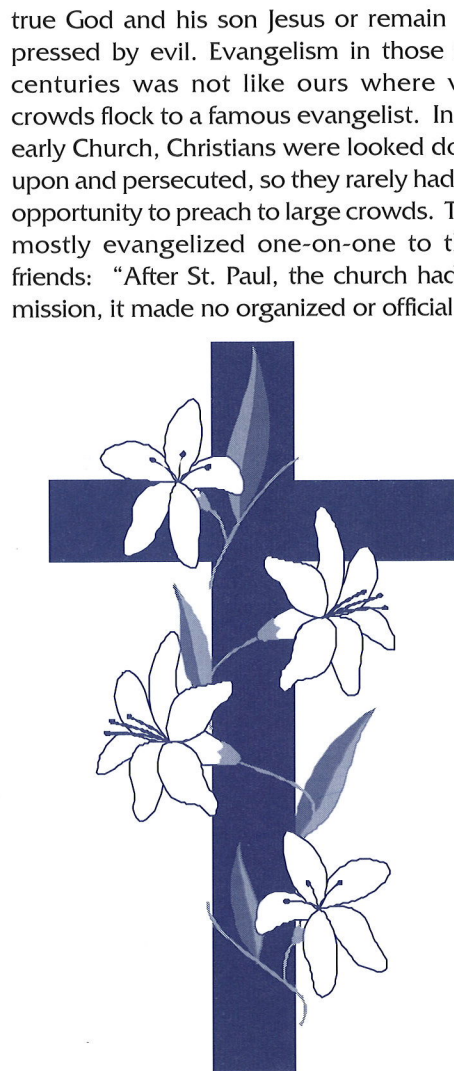
Dr. MacMullen is professor of classics at Yale University. He writes not as a Christian scholar but simply from a secular viewpoint, saying that all the evidence points to a very simple Gospel, which emphasized two basic points:

1. There is a battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of evil.
2. Jesus Christ was sent by God to enable us to enter the Kingdom of God and overcome evil by healing the sick, casting out evil spirits and blessing people with a new life.

The Gospel in those early days was presented as a simple choice: accept the one

true God and his son Jesus or remain oppressed by evil. Evangelism in those first centuries was not like ours where vast crowds flock to a famous evangelist. In the early Church, Christians were looked down upon and persecuted, so they rarely had the opportunity to preach to large crowds. They mostly evangelized one-on-one to their friends: "After St. Paul, the church had no mission, it made no organized or official ap-

proach to unbelievers; rather it left everything to the individual" (MacMullen, p. 34). A large part of their ministry of evangelism was praying for healing of the sick. People were attracted to Christianity for a simple motive: it offered healing and deliverance.



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The basic Gospel message was: Worship the one true God. The gods you worship are not gods at all. Christ has come to free you, heal you and bring you new life. By asking God to heal you or deliver you from spiritual oppression, you can experience this new life.

Conversion, then, depended more upon the power of the Holy Spirit than upon the presentation of doctrine. This simple Gospel of "signs and wonders" was the way Christian-

ity spread for 300 years! How does this compare to what we Christians do today? Dispensationalism, the belief that miracles ceased after the death of the last apostle, is a common belief held by many Christians today. Unfortunately, it is an issue that often divides believers. For those of us in the healing ministry who see God making miracles happen on a daily basis, it is often discouraging that many Christians are not open to allowing the Lord to show them the full power of His Holy Spirit.

The history of the early Church indicates that, in fact, miracles did not cease after the death of the last Apostle, as dispensationalists today believe. The dispensationalist view simply cannot stand up to the scrutiny of history.

The happy news this Easter is that the church today is re-learning some of the simplicity and power of that Springtime of early Christianity. New leaves are showing on our bare branches. Once again, the Holy Spirit is moving across our churches, our nations and our world to spread the good news of God's healing power.

As Paul tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians 2:4-5, "My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

May our faith rest not on ourselves or our own interpretations, but on God Himself, in whom all things are possible.

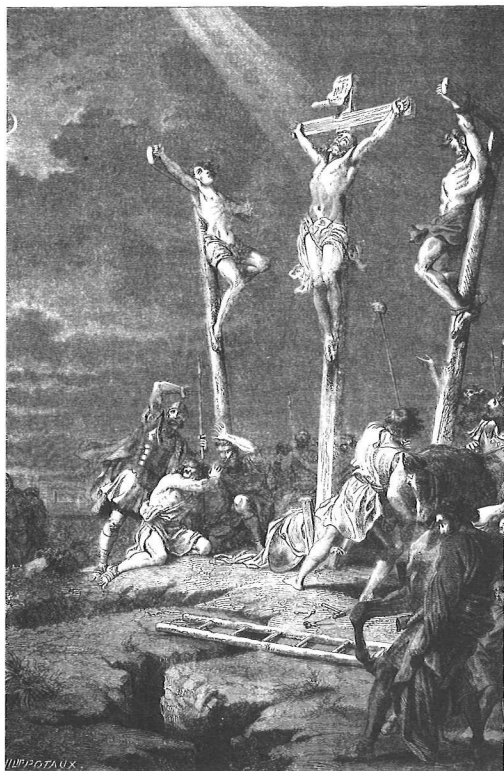
Happy Easter.

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## Blessings of Easter



"Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

"For if we have grown into union with Him through a death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with Him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with

Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him. As to His death, He died to sin once and for all; as to His life, He lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus."

— Romans 6:3-11

"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at His coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to His God and Father, when He has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power."

— I Corinthians 15:20-24



## God Truly Blessed CHM in 1997

1997 was another remarkable year for Christian Healing Ministries. Our gracious Lord continues to bless our ministry, thanks to the support we receive through your prayers and gifts. A partial listing of 1997 blessings includes:

- completed 10 years of ministry in Jacksonville.
- paid off mortgage on our facility.
- completed the development and production of the School of Healing Prayer Levels I, II and III. Video/audio recordings are being used widely to facilitate prayer ministry training. Supporting manual for Level I was completed in February of 1998, and manual for Level II is now in process.
- completed our first research project designed to scientifically document the healing power of Christian prayer (results to be released in early summer 1998).
- initiated new Intensive Prayer Ministry program based on what we learned in the research project.
- traveled to ministry conferences from California to Vermont, Canada to Texas and many places in between.

Finally, we received more contributions in 1997 than in any previous year, including in-kind donations of heating and air conditioning equipment and "wished for" items listed in the fall *Healing Line*: MacIntosh computer, computer scanner, laser printer, kitchen stove and telephone headset.

Many, many thanks to all of you for your intercessions and your amazing generosity. You are a true blessing to us, as well as to the many people who come to us for prayer.

# CHM Joins the Quiet Garden Trust

by David Busse,  
Executive  
Director

CHM has become an affiliate of the Quiet Garden Trust, a network of hospitality and prayer houses throughout the world. The trust was established in England with the blessing of the head of the Church of England.

"More and more people, from every walk of life, are discovering their need to draw aside at times for spiritual refreshment and renewal," stated George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury. "The Quiet Garden Trust is a fresh and exciting initiative to respond positively to their longing, and I wish it every success in its expanding work."

As the people who have visited CHM have experienced, our campus is ideally suited to provide such a quiet place. The shaded gardens and quiet chapel offer spaces for spiritual reflection and contemplation — places where people can follow Jesus' call:

"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

— Mark 6:31, NIV



Christian Healing Ministries invites you to visit our "Quiet Garden." The coffee is ready by 9:30 each morning, and members of our staff are here until 4:30 in the after-

noon. Take time to draw aside and allow the Holy Spirit to refresh and renew you, making you "new every morning."

## *The Garden at CHM*



*But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.*

— Lamentations 3:21-25

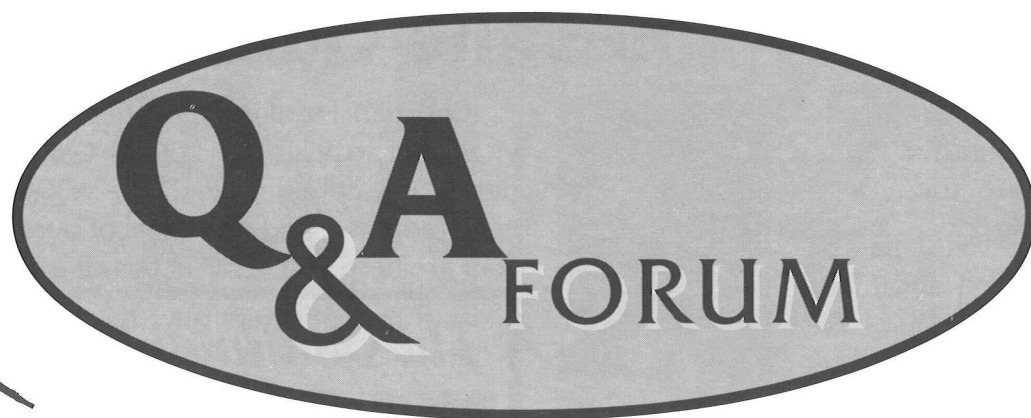
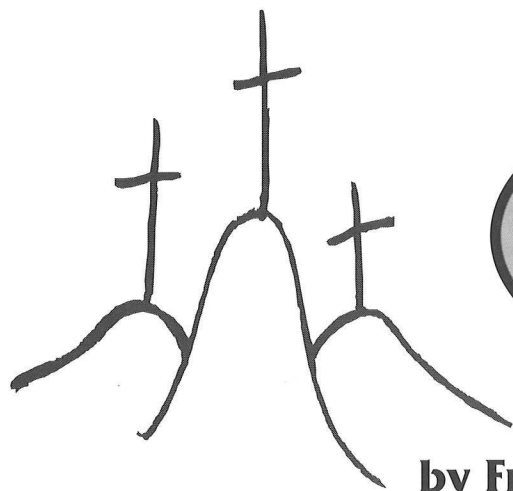
## Looking for all Healing Ministries and Ministers !!!

CHM keeps a referral database of healing ministries across the nation and throughout the world. People call or write to us daily, unable to come to us for ministry and hoping we can direct them to someone in closer proximity to them. With such a list, we can better refer these people to someone who can minister to them in person.

Please write to us if your church has such a ministry, whether it be a formal prayer ministry such as ours, or simply a weekly healing service. Perhaps your pastor has a heart for healing and is especially gifted in ministering in this area. Or perhaps you know of a Christian psychiatrist or therapist who prays with his or her patients.

We need the following information: name of ministry (church, medical group, etc.), name of contact person, address, phone and fax numbers, and any larger cities the ministry is near if it is not located within the larger city itself. If a therapist is available, is he or she licensed? Please indicate any areas of specialty (i.e., post traumatic stress disorders, generational healing, inner healing, multiple personality disorders, etc.). Please send the information to the attention of Janis Lewis at CHM.

We appreciate your help as we try to improve upon this very important aspect of our ministry!



by Francis MacNutt

**Q:** What are Lent and Easter really about? How can we understand, on a personal basis, what our Lord did for us? What does He call us to do to remember His sacrifice?

**A:** From my human standpoint, I have never liked the season of Lent, the 40 days of penance leading up to Easter. When I was young, my church took Lent seriously, and I did, too. We gave up something of meaning to us, we fasted in some way, to impress upon ourselves the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

By taking Lent seriously, we take Jesus' life and teaching seriously. He told us we had to die to ourselves in order to rise up with Him in a new life. Lent reminds us to die with Him on the cross, so that we can rise up with Him on Easter. But beyond giving up candy for Lent and going to an Easter sunrise service, what do we do to remember His sacrifice? We need to truly die to ourselves, not simply look on and admire.

We Christians celebrate being "born again" and baptism, but that is only the beginning. Jesus told us that, unless we lose our lives, we will never find our lives. We are meant to be a NEW CREATION, but to fully become new our old selfish humanity must die.

Our dear friend, George Larson, a founder of Fishnet who has been a committed Christian for years and is now in his seventies, has only recently felt that he has come to the point of dying fully that Christ might live in him. I am humbled by what George wrote recently in the Fishnet newsletter:

"Supernatural intervention comes through suffering. The stubbornness of the old self will resist to the end...If there is any possible way out and we can do it on our own and escape, this will be our first choice. It is only when the way becomes narrow and finally there is but one choice that then our will is ready to submit and turn to God. It is pride of huge proportions which prevents this from happening. We instinctively know there is a price we will pay — the death of our old self. This grief is beyond any we have experienced before...It is only after the fact that we then realize that other losses in life are minuscule in comparison to the old Adam loss, but it rewards us beyond all comprehension.

"It happened to me this way: It was eight years after having my prostate removed; I had a year of remission, but then I had a recurrence, treated by radiation, followed by six years of remission. But the cancer again returned, and my urologist told me, 'George, there is nothing more we can do for you.' It was then, when my alternatives ceased to exist and my will submitted to a power beyond myself, that my tenacious pride evaporated. I was now a prime target for the incarnate Christ, moving in me through the power of His Holy Spirit. At last I was free to move into a reality which up to now I had explored with reservation. Finally, I was ready to go through the death of the old Adam within me and endure the grief that accompanies death.

" 'Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead' (II Corinthians 1:9).

"One night, in the midst of my post-operative cancerous pain, I cried out to Jesus to rescue me. He visited me from the cross, in naked form, totally unexpectedly. He embraced me in love and took my pain and much more, which I had been unable to do on my own. This symbol of the naked Jesus, dying for me, will burn in my heart forever. This instantaneous moment is now being followed by a process which seems to have no end.

"Shortly after, I was given the vision of the prodigal son — me — a sinner, running to the Father and being received and forgiven. This insight of being a sinner is crucial to becoming a new creation. The 'law' allows us to remain self-righteous forever. C.S. Lewis speaks to this situation so well:

" 'The Supernatural, entering a human soul, opens to it new possibilities of both good and evil. From that point the road branches: one way to sanctity, humility, the other to spiritual pride, self-righteousness, persecuting zeal...If the divine call does not make us better, it will make us very much worse. Of all bad men, religious bad men are the worst.'

"Now, the kind man, pleasing 'old George' (for which characteristic I had received many accolades) was finally ready to die to all this. During Jesus' night visit, I realized he took my sins and continues to do so. Dying to my sins is not as simple

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# Reaching Out in Ministry

Date	Event	Location	Speaker(s)	Contact & Phone
4/21/98	Episcopal Church Women	St. Peter's Episcopal Church Jacksonville, Florida	Norma Dearing	Jean Davidson (904) 269-1883
4/21-23/98	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	Prayer Ministers	Janis Lewis at CHM (904) 765-3332
4/30-5/3/98	"Women in the Harvest" Women Leaders Conference	St. Luke's Church Akron, Ohio	Judith MacNutt	Kelly Lavelly (330) 665-2227
5/19-21/98	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	Prayer Ministers	Janis Lewis at CHM
5/29-31/98	The Holy Spirit Celebration 1998	NEI College of Technology Minneapolis, MN	Francis MacNutt	Dick Hertel (612) 721-2543
6/16-18/98	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	Prayer Ministers	Janis Lewis at CHM
6/21-25/98	Fishnet Conference	Holiday Inn Rutland, Vermont	Francis and Judith MacNutt, Dr. Dale Matthews, Rev. Tommy Tyson	Fishnet (802) 773-7210 or Fishnet@sover.net
7/17-19/98	Healing and Deliverance Conference	Cenacolo Catholic Community, Sliema, Malta	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Fr. Andrew Consiglio 011-356-331034
7/21-23/98	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM	Prayer Ministers	Janis Lewis at CHM
8/4-5/98	Healing Conference	Ice Rink Perth, Scotland	Francis and Judith MacNutt Don Williams	The Rev. Philip D. Noble 011-01-292-477108
8/11-13/98	Leaders' Conference	Bonskeid House Perthshire, Scotland	Francis and Judith MacNutt Don Williams	The Rev. Philip D. Noble 011-01-292-477108

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as doing right — avoiding wrong actions. Evil is more subtle when we submit to other gods — idols in our lives. Many of these idols seem so good and flow so well in the natural order...If we are confronted with the reality of these gods in our lives we usually become very defensive. Our minds so easily justify all of this and it seems so right...

"Other religions do an excellent job of enabling us to center on ourselves and attain some manner of peace and self-attainment, but they never move beyond the self-realization stage. Only Christianity allows us to become a new creation by the power of the Holy Spirit: 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, everything has become new!' (II Corinthians 5:17).

"I am literally being buried, as in baptism, to the old self. I am being raised to the new George, the one whom God intended me to be. He is taking away my sins, of which there are many I didn't even realize I had...

"Maybe one day an old acquaintance might meet me and say, 'You remind me of a George Larson I once knew. Some of your mannerisms suggest this. On the other hand, I'm not sure; many of your ways are different.'

"May our risen Jesus Christ continue to change our lives, dear friends, until we become new creations."

Thus ends George Larson's sharing. What insight! Are we anywhere near this point?

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# Keys for Prayer Ministers

## Understanding the Importance of the Salvation Message in Prayer Ministry

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



As prayer ministers, we sometimes forget that salvation is one of the first and foremost types of healing. We have seen people miraculously healed when they have accepted that Christ's death on the cross was *individually* for them. Salvation means not only deliverance from the power and effects of sin, but preservation from destruction, as well.

In the healing ministry, we should ask what the cross means to a person, or when he became a Christian. It is very important for him to understand that Christ's shed blood on the cross was the atonement for *his* sins and that this atonement is representative of reconciliation between God and man. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding" (Ephesians 1:5, 7-8).

The power of God's love is exemplified in Christ's death on the cross, bringing not only salvation, but reconciliation as well. It is only through understanding the power of the cross that we can begin to understand God's love for us and therefore, to become reconciled to Him and to realize the full potential of His healing power in our lives.

Therefore, our primary purpose as prayer ministers is to connect people to Jesus. Many times, people are so broken physically or spiritually, they have either never been able to connect to Him or have lost the connection through pain, grief or suffering. To help them make the connection, one of the first and most important things we address is the love of God — His love for the world and, specifically, His love for them individually. Our hope is that they will be reconciled to the Lord and to others and begin to live a resurrection life. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1).

Helping a person understand how deeply God loves him is sometimes difficult. It is often helpful to pray something like:

"Lord, fill this person with Your love. Let him know how truly special he is to You. Thank you, Lord, that You created this person and that You know every single detail of his life. Help this person to realize, Lord, how deeply You love him. Reveal Yourself to him in a mighty way."

Revealing God's love through the power of Scripture is always helpful. "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:9-10).

Descriptive images are also helpful in explaining the sacrifice Jesus made for us. For example, ask the person to picture himself before the firing squad, knowing that he has sinned and deserves to die. Then, Jesus comes along and unties his hands and takes off the blindfold and says, "Run along now. I'm going to take your punishment for you." "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us" (1 John 3:16).

The definition of redemption is "to free from captivity by the payment of a ransom, or to release from blame or debt." What did the cross do for us? It redeemed us!

Another image is this: a penniless vagabond stood before a judge, unable to pay a fine for being drunk and disorderly. The judge knew the man could not bear to go to prison, so he came down from the bench and paid the fine himself. The vagabond was free! He had not earned it, and he certainly did not deserve it, but the judge had mercy on him. The law was upheld in that the penalty was paid in full, but at the same time, love prevailed.

Christ's death on the cross brought reconciliation between God and man *and* between man and his sinful nature. "All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ... not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us" (II Corinthians 5:18-19).

To live a truly abundant life in Christ, we need this reconciliation with God. Once we receive it, we begin to experience not only a love for God and ourselves, but a love for

others as well. This unconditional love proven through death on a cross is not something we can ever earn or deserve. It is a free gift of grace. Grace is always a hard concept for people to grasp, especially in America, where we are so performance-oriented.

Many years ago during an Evangelism Explosion program, I learned an acronym for grace that I have never forgotten:

**G** — God's  
**R** — Riches  
**A** — At  
**C** — Christ's  
**E** — Expense

Can you apply this concept to your own life, knowing this special grace is for *your* personal reconciliation to God, self and others? "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

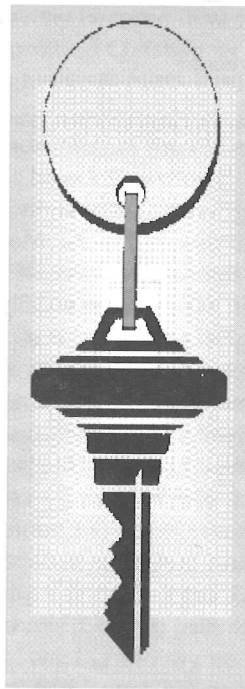
Why did Jesus come? He came to destroy the works of the devil. He came so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Through His death on the cross for the atone-

ment of our sins, we are given life. We can never earn or deserve it. We never will be worthy to receive it. Jesus came to reconcile us to Himself and to others, so we might truly live in the fullness of His grace.

"For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation" (Colossians 19:19-22).

The message of the cross is salvation, which opened the door for atonement and reconciliation. Salvation is the ultimate healing message. Only through understanding the salvation message can the Holy Spirit work true healing in a person's life.

"He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).





# Lessons of Spring

by Janis Lewis

Coordinator of Special Projects at CHM

As Easter and the spring season approach, we reflect on the benefits of the cross. Just as the Lord created all the things that bloom in the spring and remind us of new growth and life, He also reminds us that He went to the cross so we could have new life and a way to acquire salvation and healing.

Nothing that blooms in the spring is born dead or dry. It comes forth refreshed, bright and full of life. In the same way, the Lord wants His children to experience this new growth and be refreshed.

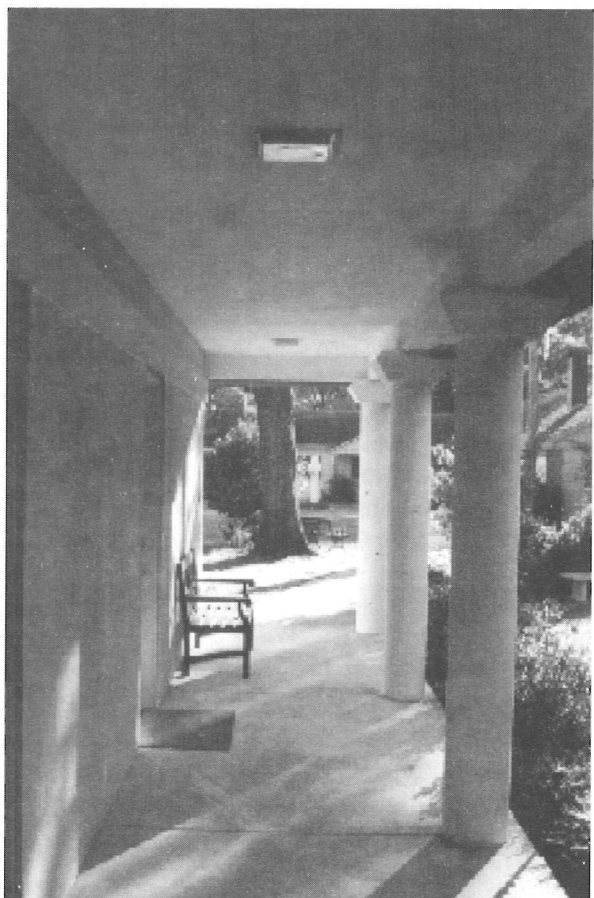
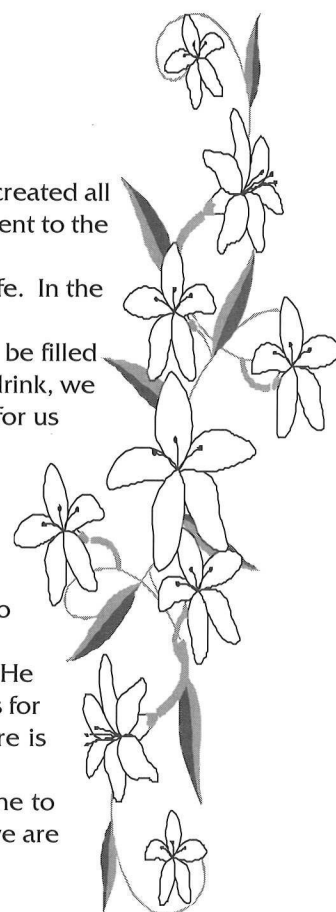
For this reason, He taught us to pray so that we can come to Him as vessels ready and waiting to be filled up by His river of Living Water. Spending time with Him in prayer allows us to drink this water. As we drink, we become filled and refreshed. Through the blood Jesus shed for us on the cross, God prepared a way for us to come to Him and be refreshed and filled to overflowing with His promises and His truths.

As we approach spring, we should remember that a personal relationship is required in order to keep us spiritually full. Time spent with the Lord in praise, worship and prayer helps God's children stay joyful. "A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

Praise and worship bring healing as we learn to give our first fruits to the Lord. As we do this, He is then able to minister to others through us with ease, because we have already set the groundwork to hearing and receiving Him individually.

Every time we come before the Lord in prayer, praise or worship, He is there, ready to receive us. He is always ready to meet us at our point of need, or the needs of others who are on our hearts. He waits for us to come to Him, and He is ready to fill us to overflowing with everything He has promised. There is nothing He would hold back from us, nor anything He would not give to us.

As we look toward the beautiful gift of spring, let us remember the lessons of the season: to come to Him *first* for a time of refreshing, so that when the Lord calls us to minister to someone else in need, we are already equipped through prayer to do the work the Lord has set before each one of us.



A view of the administrative offices of CHM, photographed by a dear brother who came for ministry, and was in turn, a blessing to the staff and volunteers of CHM.

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## Crossing Boundaries

As we mentioned in the winter newsletter, CHM 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. In addition, we have recently been told that Jerusalem Publishing Co., located in Korea, signed a contract for the Korean language rights to *Overcome By the Spirit*, another of Dr. MacNutt's books. We are so thankful that the Lord is reaching people of all nationalities through these books. If anyone would like further information regarding these translations, please contact the CHM bookstore.

# Unity in Christ — A Prayer for God's People

by Joy Lamb,  
Director of  
Intercessors



What is the body of Christ? Is it your local church? Is it your parish? Does it mean solely your particular denomination? Is it all Protestant churches, or all Roman Catholic churches? As we approach Easter and ponder the wonder of our Lord Jesus' great sacrifice for us, let us ask ourselves for whom He died.

In 1995, as I was preparing the third edition of *Sword of the Spirit*, I was awakened in the night on several occasions with the thought of adding a section to the book about the unity and healing of the Church. I had no idea why this was happening. I had not had such thoughts prior to these "wake up calls." The words kept coming to me: "Prayer will heal My Church — unity in prayer, unity in purpose, unity in My commission. My Word is the weapon to be used for victory in overcoming the destruction of My Church."

The destruction of His Church? What did God mean?

I decided to trust Him, as I had done with the conception of the book itself, and I began to pray God's Word for the healing of the Body of Christ as a whole. I had seen and heard what praying God's Word was doing for other topics, so I decided to continue on the same path of praying His Word for this one.

As I began looking for Scriptures to pray in this area, I never found a listing of different denominations, nor could I find where Jesus said, "Now you go be a Methodist, you go be a Baptist, I want you to be Lutheran and you Roman Catholic, you believe this, you believe that, etc., etc." However, I did find the greatest commandment: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall

love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matt. 22:36-40).

I also found that at the end of all four gospels, Jesus' commandment to His disciples and the Body of Christ was, in essence, the same: to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them, preaching the Good News, for it is written, "repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47).

I also found where Jesus told Paul that He was sending him (Paul) to open the eyes of both the Gentiles and the Jews, "to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Me" (Acts 26:18).

Later, in I Corinthians 10:17, Paul says, "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." If Jesus is the Bread of Life, what does this mean to us? It seems quite

clear that God means for us to be one body.

God was making it obvious to me: the Church is the Body of Christ as a whole — every believing Christian, no matter what denomination, race or nationality — and we as living members of the Body of Christ have been given the same great commandment and the same commission.

Obviously, we must be sensitive to what is not of God. There are some groups who believe themselves to be Christians who do not believe in the foundations of Christianity as set down by the church fa-

thers, i.e., the beliefs laid out in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, which are based solely upon Scripture. But I am talking about the Christian Church, which includes all groups of people who do espouse these beliefs. I felt the Lord leading me to pray these and other Scriptures for the healing and unity of the Church.

This Easter, let us reflect on the Body of Christ. Let us ask God what His will is for His Church as a whole. Let us remember that our God is not the author of division, of hatred, of rebellion. Our God is the Creator of Unity. The Trinity is our example of perfect unity. Do we really think He wants us to be alienated from one another? Wouldn't he rather we be unified, following the example of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Did Jesus die for only some Christians, or for all of us?

If we are willing to accept each other as children of God, as brothers and sisters of the Covenant, we may be able to reap many more blessings than we ever dreamed — and do His will in the process!

**"Prayer will Heal My Church — unity in prayer, unity in purpose, unity in My commission. My Word is the weapon to be used for victory in overcoming the destruction of My Church."**

Since the Lord is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, perhaps praying the Scriptures for the healing and unity of the Church might be a good idea. Please join us in praying some Scriptural prayers as presented in *Sword of the Spirit*.

Many of CHM's intercessors fast Tuesday and Wednesday for both breakfast and lunch to pray for our nation and the Church — that is, the Body of Christ. For those of you who observe Lent, this may be a great Lenten observance program for you.

May God richly bless you, one and all.

**Editor's Note:** Joy's book, *The Sword of the Spirit, The Word of God — A Handbook for Scriptural Intercession*, may be purchased from the CHM Bookstore (see page 11).

**If you are involved in a prayer group that uses *Sword of the Spirit* and the Scriptures in intercession, please contact us. It is difficult to maintain contact with all intercessors, and we need your help. Please send us the name and address of the contact person for your prayer group, the number of people who are in your group, and the time and location of your meeting. Thank you!**



## From the Mailbox

Dear CHM:

Last summer, I asked for prayer. I had been told I still had a brain tumor after surgery on another one in a different area. Depression was part of my life. My hand was in pain with so-called trigger fingers. A few weeks ago, the news came from my most recent brain MRI — perfectly normal!! Praise our loving God! The depression has lifted, and though my hand still hurts, I am learning simple exercises to help it instead of taking the recommended dangerous steroid drugs. Your ministry is a blessing to everyone it touches, directly and indirectly.

Thank you.

Dear Francis, Judith and friends at CHM:

As I am putting 1997 to bed, I am rereading the '97 *Healing Lines* and am receiving such a blessing. I think this is an excellent outreach ministry on its own, with quality content and professional format: GOOD WORK, and FOUR STARS FOR '97!

As I prayed this morning while the sun rose over the Pacific and I was praising God, I heard the Spirit tell me that although God enjoys the praise of His people, He enjoys even more the praising of His people one for another.

This letter is meant as a testimony to the power of your ministry as it reaches out to so many, but especially to me and through me to others.

Thank you.

— Hilo, Hawaii

Dear CHM:

Our 35-year old daughter was in misery over her single state. As each of her friends married and began to have babies, she lamented and doubted God's love for her. After you began to pray, she showed a marked change. She prayed to be content in whatever state she is in. She is growing in physical beauty and in joy. She no longer appears at my door in tears. She has confidence in who she is in Christ. She chooses to trust God for the very best plan for her life. Praise His name!!

— Solana Beach, California

Dear CHM:

I have written to you asking for prayer several times in the last year for me to conceive. The doctors said it was nearly impossible since I am 46 and going through menopause. I married two years ago — first time for me and my husband, and we wanted a child. God has granted us our miracle! I got pregnant Dec. 12! I just wanted to let you know and thank you for praying. Please continue to pray that I'll have a healthy baby, pregnancy and safe delivery. Thank you and God bless you!!

— Cottage Grove, Minnesota

Dear Christian Healing Ministries:

I am writing to you with such joy and love in my heart. I am sure you can hear me praising our Lord way down there in Florida!

How do I begin to thank you for touching my life so very deeply? I knew that I was yearning for Jesus and wide open to receive His love, but what I didn't know was that on Palm Sunday in its early breaking hour I would receive two glorious gifts from our Lord — His beautiful drenching me with His Holy Spirit and the gift of healing — to be pain-free from a 10-year battle with low back and piercing sciatic leg pain. Since that day, life as I had known it was gone.

(Also), the healing of my left foot was something I actually watched as it turned from ice cold and purplish blue to pink and warm. But the most glorious moment came in the form of the Lord coming to me so mightily as I rested in the Spirit after you both prayed for me.

Due to the miraculous nature of my healing, I have witnessed to so many people both in my church and outside. All I need is a tiny crack of opportunity and I thankfully and gratefully pour out my witness, always mindful of God's Amazing Grace. Having always been such a private, shy person, I can only grin in amazement as words tumble forth as I share with others. The Lord's words, not mine, are being spoken.

I pray for you and your ministry daily, that you not grow weary, for through you I came to receive our Father's healing and love.

— Wilmington, Delaware

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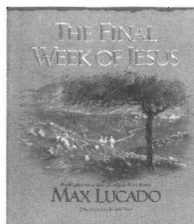
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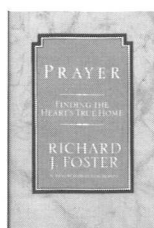
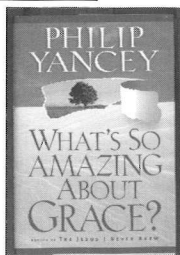
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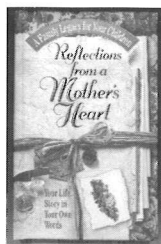
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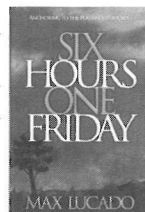
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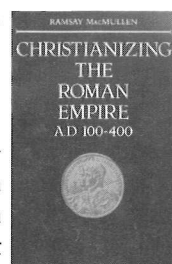
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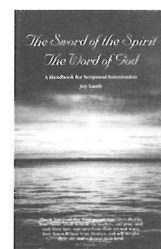
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