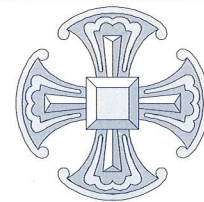


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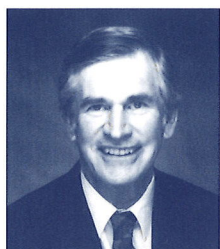
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## We Celebrate: The Arthritis Study is Released

by Francis MacNutt

You may remember how excited we were back in 1996 when a group of twelve of us from CHM traveled to Clearwater, Florida, to take part in a pioneer medical study. For three days, we prayed for rheumatoid arthritis patients. Dale Matthews, M.D., planned the study, and Sally Marlowe, N.P. and director of the Pain and Arthritis clinic, evaluated the patients. We saw so much healing take place, and we were very encouraged.



One hitch: according to medical protocol, a study is not fully credible until it is published in a medical journal. Well, the good news is that the study was at last published in the December issue of the Southern Medical Journal. We think the results are truly amazing, so let me share with you a summary of what happened.

Rheumatoid arthritis was chosen because it is, at present, an incurable disease. Incidentally, there are more than one hundred forms of arthritis; the most common, osteoarthritis, is not a disease but simply happens with age, when the joints wear down and become inflamed. But rheumatoid arthritis is a disease of the immune system and, affecting more than one million sufferers in the U.S., it is the second most common form of arthritis.

In our study, we prayed for 40 patients, and 10 different factors were checked in each patient. The changes in several categories were extraordinary. To give just three examples:

◆ The average number of tender joints

at the beginning of the study was 16.8; at the end, the tender joints had decreased to a 5.7 average (with a P value of .0001).

◆ The average number of swollen joints at the beginning was 9.8, but by the end was 3.1 (P value .0001).

◆ The average grip strength improved from 244.3 (mmHg) to 278.8 (P value .039).

Dr. Matthews says that the introduction of prayer into the treatment was equivalent to an effective new drug coming upon the scene. (By the way, all the patients, whose mean age was 62, were already taking anti-inflammatory medications, such as Prednisone or Methotrexate.)

A mysterious finding was that, although the patients responded so well to prayer, two of the markers remained unchanged; these were the blood markers (the ESR and the CRP). This doesn't seem to make sense and is one of the areas about which we hope to learn more in the future.

Another significant positive finding was that the patients' improvement did not diminish in the follow-up examinations during the subsequent year. If we had administered a new drug, the results would have peaked during the three days of prayer and then disappeared over the course of time. Instead, the patients maintained the degree of healing they experienced. This is, in itself, extraordinary.

Many of you have seen the half-hour videotape of the prayer sessions, which is very moving as you see the improvements happen right before your eyes. In fact, it seemed that two of the patients,

Bill and Marcia, experienced dramatic, visible improvement. We still do not have the rights to this powerful documentation, but Dr. Matthews is working on getting permission for us to release the video (entitled "Shall We Pray?") through our bookstore. When it becomes available, we shall surely let you know.

Dr. Matthews is hoping, as we all are, that this study will gain the attention of the medical community, now that it finally has been published. So please let your friends in the medical community know the results of this fascinating study showing how Jesus can cure or make better an apparently incurable physical condition!

*Note: P value refers to the statistical probabilities of these results being due to chance. Anything less than  $P < .05$  is considered significant. In other words, there is only one chance in 10,000 that these results (.0001) are due to chance.*

*ESR = erythrocyte sedimentation rate*

*CRP = C-reactive protein*

*You can get an evaluation of the study via the Internet on [www.sma.org](http://www.sma.org). Click on "Library of Back Issues," then "December 2000."*



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# A Wedding of Opposites

by Judith MacNutt

A new interest in the connection between health and spirituality has exploded on the scene everywhere. We see it in magazines, the media and clinical research. As a result, Christian physicians, therapists, nurses and other health care professionals are beginning the struggle to integrate their faith with their professional training.



Many of those professionals are trapped between the health professional's role as understood in a medically-oriented world and their role as Christians who believe in the power of healing prayer. As one Christian physician stated, "The pain lies in being caught between existing role models."

Several years ago, I was caught in this same struggle while working as a staff psychologist at a New England psychiatric hospital. My role as a therapist was defined as a "clinician," not as a spiritual healer. A separation of personal faith and clinical practice was expected, and any deviation from that role was openly discouraged. I had to consider my professional standing among my colleagues, as well as my subordinate position as a paid employee of the hospital. The conflict for me became intense, because God was asking me to intimately include Jesus in the therapeutic healing process.

A realization slowly dawned upon me that I did not fully belong to either the professional medical community or to the Christian community of ministers and priests. Praying with or for my patients left me in a no-man's land, not understood by either community. I felt isolated within both communities. The ministers I consulted about healing prayer did not believe in it and did not practice it. I was told that "the age of miracles" was past. My professional

colleagues were adamant that faith and therapy should never be linked. Yet, God was directing me to pray for my patients. God led me to read Isaiah 61, which states the mission of Jesus: "I have come to heal the brokenhearted, and to set the captive free."

This conflict is troubling the hearts of many Christians in health care professions. How can they respond to the severe pain they see around them without addressing the spiritual needs of their patients?

CHM is in contact daily with health caregivers seeking to integrate their faith with their professional expertise. We want to do our best to offer encouragement, training and support to these gifted men and women of God.

Our most recent venture has been to create three medical videos (advertised in this newsletter) which provide an introduction to current medical research, together with encouragement and practical ways for beginning to incorporate healing prayer in medical practice. CHM also offers a medical internship program for medical personnel. During our first medical internship program, the doctors attending said one of the great benefits, aside from the training, was being able to meet with other doctors. This networking for support is essential for physicians and nurses to learn how to integrate prayer into their medical practices.

I'd like to share several responses we received from therapists following their CHM training:

"I had always considered myself a good Christian therapist and had tried to be one. However, after the training I wept bitterly for an hour in repentance for not being the healer I might have been for the last 20 years. If I had only known then what I learned at your training."

"Since training, I have spent more time in prayer with my clients. I've seen wonderful healings happen in difficult cases!"

"Thank you for your encouragement and direction — just knowing what to say and do with patients is what God is directing me to learn."

"It was helpful to feel a part of a larger healing team. I received the affirmation I needed, so I won't have to depend only on myself in the healing process."

How can we begin to incorporate prayer in our healthcare professions? How can we encourage healthcare professionals to incorporate their faith in their practices? Sometimes a simple question will be enough to re-direct the session. If you are a physician, maybe you could ask a patient: "Would you be interested in prayer as part of your treatment?" My personal experience as a wounded patient is that I am very receptive to receiving healing prayer.

If you are the patient and you desire healing prayer, perhaps you could simply ask if there is someone in the office who might pray with you. A gentle revolution might take place if Christian patients began to request prayer as part of their treatment program.

We read in Sirach 38:9-15 (The book of Sirach is in the Apocrypha of the Protestant Bible and in the main body of the Catholic Bible. It is also called the Book of Ecclesiasticus): "My child, when you are ill, delay not but pray to God, who will heal you; Flee wickedness; let your hands be just, cleanse your heart of every sin; Offer your sweet smelling oblation and petition, a rich offering according to your means. Then give the doctor his place lest he leave you; for you need him too. There are times that give him an advantage, and he too beseeches God, that his diagnosis may be correct and his treatment bring about a cure. He who is a sinner toward his Maker will be defiant toward the doctor."

This quote from Sirach about the doctor/patient relationship offers guidelines for healing that have been overlooked by patients



## *A Wedding of Opposites, continued*

and doctors for centuries. Here are the points that Sirach makes:

- ◆ When you are sick, pray for healing.
- ◆ Cleanse your soul from sin (unforgiveness is a major block to healing).
- ◆ Then consult the doctors, for you may need them, too.
- ◆ The doctor will also pray and ask God for a diagnosis and the choice of an effective treatment.
- ◆ A cure should result.
- ◆ Notice that prayer comes first, but it is assumed that some cures only come through the doctor's care.

When our daughter was a patient in a local hospital a few years ago, she was treated by a gentle Dr. Smith (not his real name). Rachel was in tremendous pain of unknown origin, and Dr. Smith came into the room to inform us about the diagnostic tests he had ordered. As a parent, when my child is suffering, I appreciate any support I can get. I sensed his distress and concern for her suffering. However, at no time did he offer to pray for her. What a tremendous help and encouragement prayer would have been to the three of us — patient, mother and doctor! Paradoxically, a few weeks later I saw Dr. Smith kneeling in prayer at a church service. (Perhaps he was praying for his patients.)

How neatly we have compartmentalized our lives. God is trying to melt these artificial barriers we have erected since the age of the so-called Enlightenment. God desires "a wedding of opposites," as our good friend, Tommy Tyson, puts it. Only they are not really opposites. Prayer and medicine both come from God's loving hands as healing gifts for His suffering children!

## New Video Series Focuses on Healing Prayer in the Medical Field

Since this issue of *The Healing Line* focuses on the growing cooperation between medical science and prayer for healing, we are delighted to announce the completion of three new videos regarding this subject. Called *The Nexus of Medicine and Prayer*, their purpose is to introduce healing prayer to professionals in the medical field, such as physicians, nurses, and pastoral care workers.

The teachings are given by Francis and Judith MacNutt, with an added testimony by William Campbell, M.D. Our desire at CHM has always been to share with the medical community what we have learned about the healing power of Jesus. These three tapes, approximately one half-hour each, are short enough to fit into a busy doctor's schedule and are especially prepared for an audience with a medical background.

We encourage you to order them for yourself or your medical friends. See page 11 for the Bookstore Order Form. You may fax or send the completed form to us, or call us with your order at (904) 765-3332.

### Medical Video Series: The Nexus of Medicine and Prayer

#### Videotape 1: Spirituality and Health

Speaker: Francis MacNutt

#V015 \$19.95

#### Videotape 2: Effects of Prayer on Health

Speaker: Francis MacNutt

#V016 \$19.95

#### Videotape 3: Praying with Your Patients

Speaker: Judith MacNutt

#V017 \$19.95

**The Boxed Set of all three videos also  
may be purchased at a discount.  
#V018 \$50.00**



# Training Opportunities at CHM

In carrying out its mission, Christian Healing Ministries has developed a training program in order to train and equip individuals who are interested and/or feel called to our Lord's ministry of healing prayer. The first area of training is offered through CHM's School of Healing Prayer Levels I, II and III. The second area of training is provided through the School of Healing Prayer Practicum, and the most advanced area of training is through the School of Healing Prayer Internship Program.

**The School of Healing Prayer (SHP)** is designed to teach individuals, churches, prayer groups and other Christian organizations about healing prayer. The **SHP Level I prayer training course** includes a foundational, balanced and practical approach to begin a prayer ministry. This course offers a scriptural basis for God's gift of healing and prayer for healing, and it teaches the student how to effectively minister prayer for healing within a Biblical framework.

**Level II** builds upon the foundations established in Level I and leads prayer ministers through a progressive and more in-depth understanding of the healing ministry and more specific issues that arise. It focuses on the healing of relationships through more defined areas such as healing of marriage, healing wounds of divorce, and healing of abortion and miscarriage, among others.

**Level III** is CHM's most advanced school. It was created to address issues that very experienced prayer ministers may encounter, such as abuse, sexual addictions, homosexuality and deliverance. When studying the School of Healing Prayer, it is very important to take each level in sequence, as each course builds upon the previous one. Those who are interested may order the SHP Levels I, II and III (III to be released this spring) either by video or audio through the CHM bookstore. Also, CHM is pleased to announce that each level will be taught on campus once per year.

**CHM's SHP Practicum** is designed to provide a supervised format for the practice of healing prayer. The practicum is offered to prayer ministers who have completed Level I or higher of the School of Healing Prayer. The purpose of the practicum is to have hands-on practice in healing prayer ministry, with supervision of various aspects of the SHP training. For example, participants are split into small groups where they may practice prayer for inner healing, prayer for the healing of the conception to birth experience, prayer for physical healing and forgiveness prayers. A brief teaching and opportunity to ask questions regarding ministry also will be offered.

**CHM's SHP Prayer Internship Program** is the most advanced area of training. It is designed to offer students in-depth prayer ministry training on a firsthand basis. This program provides those who have studied CHM's School of Healing Prayer Levels I, II and III an opportunity to exercise the teaching and tools they have learned and to further their training while under the authority and direction of CHM staff and prayer ministers. Internship programs are individually and uniquely designed for specific groups, such as ordained ministers, members of the medical profession, and lay leaders in the healing ministry. The Internship Program is especially helpful for lay leaders or clergy who are interested in establishing a healing ministry. In order to qualify for all Internship Programs, specific qualifications must be met:

- 1) The intern must have completed CHM's SHP Levels I and II.
- 2) The intern must have practiced with others in each of the different areas of prayer.
- 3) The intern must be recommended by his or her pastor.

## Cost for SHP Training Materials and Programs:

- ◆ SHP Level I video set (includes 12 videos, 12 audios, 1 facilitator's & 1 student's manual) is \$425.00.
- ◆ SHP Level I audiotape set (audiotapes only) is \$55.00.
- ◆ SHP Level II video set (includes 13 videos, 12 audios, 1 facilitator's & 1 student's manual) is \$465.00.
- ◆ SHP Level II audiotape set (audiotapes only) is \$60.00.
- ◆ SHP Level III to be released this spring.
- ◆ SHP Levels I, II & III taught at CHM is \$395.00 per person.
- ◆ SPH Practicum is \$275.00 per person.
- ◆ SHP Internship Program is \$395.00 per person.
- ◆ Each student is responsible for his/her lodging, transportation and meals in addition to the above prices.

Please call Betty Heindel at (904) 765-3332, ext. 23 if you have questions pertaining to SHP Levels I, II & III.

Please call Beth Coleman (904) 765-332, ext. 22 if you have questions pertaining to the SHP Internship Program or SHP Practicum.

## Dates for the School of Healing Prayer:

SHP Level I      May 15-18, 2001  
 SHP Level III    October 30-Nov. 2, 2001  
 SHP Level I    February 12-15, 2002  
 SHP Level II    May 7-10, 2002  
 SHP Level III    October 22-25, 2002

## Dates for the School of Healing Prayer Practicum:

June 6-8, 2001  
 September 26-28, 2001

## Dates for the School of Healing Prayer Internship Program:

March 12-16, 2001	Medical Internship Program
April 23-27, 2001	Lay Leader Internship Program
May 21-25, 2001	Pastoral Internship Program
June 11-15, 2001	Pastoral Internship Program
July 16-20, 2001	Lay Leader Internship Program
September 10-14, 2001	Pastoral Internship Program
October 15-19, 2001	Medical Internship Program
November 12-16, 2001	Medical Internship Program





# REACHING OUT IN MINISTRY

## OUTSIDE CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Date	Event	Location	Speaker(s)	Contact & Phone
3/26-30/01	Therapists' Conference	Richmond Hill Richmond, Virginia	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Sandi Kerner (804) 783-7903
3/30-31/01	Healing of Richmond Conference	Richmond, Virginia Location TBA	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Sandi Kerner (804) 783-7903
4/3/01	Azusa Street Lecture	Regent University School of Divinity, Virginia Beach, Va.	Francis MacNutt	Sheree Gayer (757) 226-4401
4/20-21/01	Ecumenical Healing Conference	Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, San Diego, California	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Dottie Thomson (858) 454-7221
4/25-29/01	Wisdom 2001	Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN	Francis MacNutt	Resurrection Events Colin LaVergne, Pres. (612) 721-7933
6/20-22/01	Intl. Order of St. Luke Healing Conf.	Austin, Texas	Francis and Judith MacNutt	
6/27-30/01	Fishnet Conference	Holiday Inn Rutland, Vermont	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Rena Larson (802) 773-7210
7/11-12/01	Holy Spirit Renewal Conference for American Baptists	Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Rev. Gary Clark (626) 797-4053
9/20-24/01	Association of Christian Therapists Conference	Airport Holiday Inn, Jacksonville, Florida	Francis and Judith MacNutt	Lois Sanford (978) 318-1996

## COMING EVENTS AT CHM

Date	Event	Speakers/Prayer Ministers
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3/26/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff and Prayer Ministers
3/28-30/01	School of Healing Prayer Practicum	Staff and Prayer Ministers
4/16/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff and Prayer Ministers
4/23-27/01	Internship Program for Lay Leaders	CHM Prayer Ministers
4/24-26/01	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
5/14/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff and Prayer Ministers
5/21-25/01	Internship Program for Pastors	CHM Prayer Ministers
5/22-24/01	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
6/4/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff and Prayer Ministers
6/6-8/01	School of Healing Prayer Practicum	Staff and Prayer Ministers
6/11-15/01	Internship Program for Pastors	CHM Prayer Ministers
6/12-14/01	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
7/9/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff and Prayer Ministers
7/16-20/01	Internship Program for Lay Leaders	CHM Prayer Ministers
7/17-19/01	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
9/10-14/01	Internship Program for Pastors	CHM Prayer Ministers
9/11-13/01	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
9/17/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff and Prayer Ministers
9/26-28/01	School of Healing Prayer Practicum	Staff and Prayer Ministers
10/8/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff and Prayer Ministers
10/15-19/01	Internship Program for Medical Professionals	Staff and Prayer Ministers
10/16-18/01	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
11/5/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff and Prayer Ministers
11/12-16/01	Internship Program for Medical Professionals	Staff and Prayer Ministers
11/13-15/01	Intensive Prayer Ministry	CHM Prayer Ministers
12/3/01	Day of Healing Prayer	Staff and Prayer Ministers

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**  
for all programs.  
**TO REGISTER for**  
Day of Healing Prayer  
or Intensive Prayer Ministry,  
contact Bobby or Marti Fallin.  
**TO REGISTER for**  
any internship program,  
contact Beth Coleman.  
CHM Office: (904) 765-3332





## Francis Completes New Book: *Homosexuality: Can It Be Healed?*

In the Fall 2000 issue of *The Healing Line*, Francis wrote an article about healing homosexuality, which drew the largest response of letters we have ever received, most of them positive, some asking for prayer appointments. In fact, we had to run off 2,000 extra copies of the newsletter. Since he realized that his two-page article was not long enough to deal adequately with such a complex and painful subject, he immediately got to work writing a book on the subject, which we are delighted to make available to you. This book is encouraged by our positive experiences of praying for the transforming of homosexuality here at CHM.

Although several excellent books have been written on this subject (and several are mentioned in this newsletter), they may be too long for you to want to read. Francis has summarized what you might want to know about this difficult and often emotionally-charged topic. Francis believes strongly that we can be compassionate for someone with a homosexual orientation but still uphold the traditional Christian belief that homosexual acts are wrong. To most homosexuals, their orientation is not a choice; it is a given. So it is wrong to simply tell the person to repent or, worse yet, to suggest marriage as a solution. The answer is to discover the root causes of the orientation — they are different for each person — and then to pray, usually over an extended period of time, for Jesus to transform the orientation to an attraction for the opposite sex.

Francis takes on such questions as: "Is there such a thing as a gay gene?" "Why can the attraction for the same sex be seen, not as the problem, but as part of the answer?" "Why is homosexual activity, even aside from the Scriptural texts, wrong?" and "What evidence is there that homosexual orientation can be changed?" CHM believes transformation through prayer is the bridge combining love and compassion for homosexuals with the traditional Christian and Jewish position that homosexual acts and marriages are not meant to be approved.

The CHM Board has been an enthusiastic supporter of our desire to get this book out as quickly as possible. The publisher, *The Word Among Us*, was equally enthusiastic and made it possible to publish Francis' new book in amazingly quick time.

If you would like a copy of this readable little book that you can read in an evening, just send or fax to us the Bookstore Order Form on page 11, or call us with your order at (904) 765-3332. ✝

## Review of Francis' New Book

by The Rev. Canon Philip Noble

*Rev. Canon Noble is rector/ evangelist of St. Ninian's Episcopal Church, Prestwick, Scotland. He is a member of the Scottish Episcopal Church's Provincial Working Party on Human Sexuality.*

In the last decade, a mushroom-like growth in the number of books discussing a Christian view on human sexuality has occurred. In his new book *Homosexuality: Can It Be Healed?*, Francis MacNutt provides a valuable service for those wondering where to begin in assessing the differing viewpoints on this controversial subject.

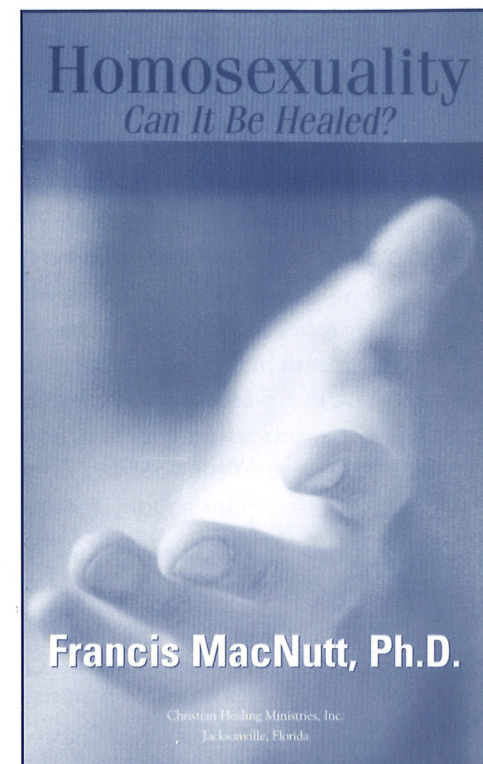
Concise and tightly written chapters explain the problems from both the homosexual point of view and the traditional moral position. These positions have tended to polarize the Church as deep hurts have been given and received, but Francis, writing out of his many years of healing experi-

ence, explores the often-ignored possibility of transforming a homosexual's sexual orientation through prayer.

Such change, he realizes, is rarely simple or immediate, yet his experience, like that of many others, has been that homosexuality can be transformed through prayer. Francis combines an understanding of the complex nature of human personality together with the gracious goodness of a loving God. He deals briefly with the possible causes of homosexual attraction but rejects the scanty evidence for a "gay gene" or any other single causative factor.

For me, the most helpful part of the book was the chapter on how to pray for the homosexual. Its wise and compassionate words, if put into practice, could do so much to break down the barriers that are present in the church.

The message to "love each and every individual where they 'are at'" is a great



challenge to the typical Christian approach which demands instant change. The Christian model of love to which we are called is not sentimentality, but is like Jesus' love, which transforms and heals each and every one through a turning away from one path to follow a new way. This kind of deep healing is a process, a journey which takes time and patience. Called to listen, love and pray, we are encouraged to love and affirm people without making demands which may be beyond their capacity at this particular time; we need to lead others to Christ, while letting them come at their own pace. This is the high and costly way of Christian ministry.

This is a great book for those who have been confused by the intense propaganda surrounding this subject on all sides and is recommended particularly for younger people seeking a short study on the subject.





## School of Healing Prayer Practicum June 6-8, 2001

Students of CHM's School of Healing Prayer courses have expressed a great deal of interest in participating in an internship or supervised format to practice healing prayer. In response to many such requests over the last two years, Christian Healing Ministries held its first School of Healing Prayer Practicum this past June, and it was quite successful. We currently are planning the Practicum for next year, to be held at CHM Thursday, June 6 through Saturday, June 8, 2001, and are accepting applications.

The practicum is offered to prayer ministers who have completed Level I or higher of the School of Healing Prayer. The purpose of the practicum is to have hands-on practice in healing prayer ministry, with supervision of various aspects of the SHP training. For example, participants will be split into small groups where they may practice prayer for inner healing, prayer for healing of the conception to birth experience, soaking prayer for physical healing, forgiveness prayers and deliverance prayers. A brief teaching and opportunity to ask questions regarding ministry also will be offered. The CHM staff will conduct this practical application of the healing ministry as outlined in the teachings from Levels I and II.

To register for the SHP Practicum, call Marti Fallin at the CHM office: (904) 765-3332. 

## Getting Ready for God's Plans

By Dale S. Recinella, Director of Special Projects

In January 2000, Francis MacNutt shared with CHM's Executive Committee the following Scripture that he had received in prayer:

*Enlarge the place of your tent and stretch your tent curtains wide; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. — Isaiah 54:2*

Fourteen months later, those words describe both where we have been and what still lies before us. All of us at CHM have been strengthening the stakes and lengthening the cords in preparation for God's plans to enlarge.

After almost 21 years of sustained growth and service, the last 13 of which have been here in Jacksonville, CHM has 16 employees and 350 volunteers. The internships, Days of Healing Prayer, IPMs and Schools of Healing Prayer are outstripping the capacity of our current facilities. Churches, schools and medical professionals from all over the country — even outside the US — are approaching CHM with requests for teaching materials, and some desire to establish an ongoing relationship. Now that Dr. Matthews' medical study has been published, we expect these requests to increase.

In the Spring 2000 issue of *The Healing Line*, Francis announced that new things were underway at CHM, namely, that the staff and leadership were evaluating how best to concentrate the ministry's efforts to bring Christ's healing presence into the world. That effort, which actually began with a strategic planning process about three years ago, has moved forward significantly. During 2000, we tried to flesh out that plan by translating broad goals into specific action steps that will best position CHM to serve God and his people in the future. Not surprisingly, many of the initial steps have involved an organizational tune-up, like the way one prepares a car for a long and exciting trip.

Step number one was the creation of an active Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. This Executive Committee meets monthly and enables the Board to be directly involved in every step of the process and to share their valuable professional expertise.

The next step was to compile the history of CHM and to translate our history and our plan into clearly defined policies and procedures. As a result of this process, office hours, sick/personal days, holidays and benefits were standardized. New and specific job descriptions were created, and all of our programs were reevaluated.

One might say, 'Wow! That's a lot to digest.' In reality, however, it merely brought us to a new beginning.

For example, in June of 2000, the Board of Trustees approved the creation of an Acquisition and Development Committee to plan CHM's finances, define the facility needs of the ministry, and oversee the acquiring of such facilities. In addition, the Board authorized seeking funding to acquire a full-time Development Director. This person will be responsible for planning and managing the revenue side of the ministry. If new facilities are to be acquired, a Development Director will manage the capital campaign.

The Board also approved another critical aspect of CHM's preparation. Thanks to a large donation, CHM acquired a state-of-the-art networked computer system. This new system came on-line August 14, and a new CHM web page followed a few weeks later.

In another first, CHM stepped into the role of publisher. The first work bearing a CHM ISBN number is Francis' new book *Homosexuality: Can It Be Healed?*

And the best is yet to come. Francis, Judith and the staff have been prayerfully involved in the next phase of the planning cycle which has allowed all of them to share ideas of how God is calling CHM to best concentrate the ministry's efforts. About the time this newsletter goes to press, the National Advisory Board will be in Jacksonville to join our local Board of Trustees in a joint workshop to give their input into this phase of planning.

It is a very exciting time. We invite your continued prayers and support in preparing for God's plans for the future of CHM. 



# New Staff Appointments

CHM is pleased to announce several new appointments on staff. First, **Betty Heindel** was appointed to the positions of Conference Coordinator and Director of the Intercessory Prayer Program.

As Conference Coordinator, Betty will direct our Schools of Healing Prayer, which are offered at CHM three times a year. The ministry is also in the planning stages of hosting a conference on spiritual issues that are of special concern to women, which Betty will oversee.

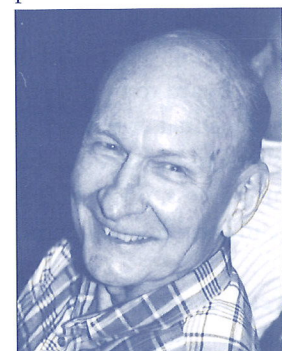
As Director of the Intercessory Prayer Program, Betty will compile the hundreds of prayer requests that come to CHM and forward them to our intercessors. As you know, our intercessors are a vital part of the ministry and are located all over the world. Betty will take over the work of directing the intercessory ministry that Katie Bauwens has fulfilled during the past year. Katie recently resigned and is completing her college degree.

When asked to assume this challenging position, Betty said, "What an honor and a privilege it is to join with our intercessors...I look forward to knowing each of you."

Betty has served the Lord at CHM since 1992 in several different capacities. Among other positions she was Francis' secretary and typed his book *Deliverance from Evil Spirits* and the anniversary edition of his bestseller, *Healing*. We know she will meet this new position with the same enthusiasm and organizational skills she has brought to all her other accomplishments at CHM.



*New Director of Intercessory Prayer Program Betty Heindel*



*Director of Administration  
Merle Jenkins*

As we announced in the fall newsletter, **Jane Wilson**, who served as assistant bookstore manager for several years, has taken the position of bookstore manager. Jane is well-prepared for the job of handling the book, audio and video part of the ministry, an area which is growing at an extraordinary rate.

And Jane is better prepared now, thanks to the addition of **Chris Freeman**, who has agreed to come on staff as her assistant. Chris is a long-time volunteer prayer minister and a very valuable addition to the staff.

We are extremely grateful for the talented people the Lord is providing to fulfill the mission of CHM.



*Bookstore Manager  
Jane Wilson*



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Chris Freeman*



## Become a CHM Intercessor

CHM always needs more Intercessors, those precious men and women of God who faithfully and prayerfully support the CHM staff and all those who call or write to CHM requesting prayer! They are our prayer covering.

CHM Intercessors receive a bi-monthly newsletter with prayer requests for which they pray for two months. Also, Joy Lamb sends them a copy of *The Sword of the Spirit — The Word of God*, so that they can more effectively pray Scriptural prayers for the prayer requests. If you would like to become a CHM Intercessor, please write or call Betty Heindel, CHM Intercessors, P.O. Box 9520, Jacksonville, FL 32208, or call (904) 765-3332.

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# Praise Reports

## Cancer Disappears, summarized by Francis MacNutt

Seventeen years ago our dear friend, the Rev. Tommy Tyson, had his prostate removed when the doctors discovered cancer there. After the prostate is removed, the PSA count (this is the blood marker that indicates the danger of cancer) is supposed to go down to near zero. And for Tommy it did.

But then when we saw Tommy at last July's Fishnet Conference in Vermont, he told us the bad news that his PSA count had shot up to 1100 (anything over 10 indicates danger). Clearly the cancer had spread, and they discovered it in the lymph system in Tommy's pelvis. Too late for chemotherapy, they simply gave him an injection of hormones to boost his immune system and slow up the cancer's growth.

Well, we desire that Tommy stay with us for a few more years (he is now 78), so we gathered to pray. The first time we prayed, Tommy felt intense heat in the pelvic area. The second day he felt a refreshing coolness in the same area. He preached during the conference with as much life and enthusiasm as ever. (If you have ever heard Tommy, you know this is saying something!) And he felt healed.

Says Tommy, "On Thursday, October 5, 2000, I went back to Duke University for the second injection. Of course, they did the lab tests, including another PSA. There was such a sweet sense of the The Presence of the Lord through all of this. I knew and know that He is in charge of it all and does all things well. I excitedly awaited the lab report. Can you imagine the joyous gratitude when the nurse announced that the PSA count was 4.4? All Praise and Honor and Glory be unto Our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank Him for working through the natural and spiritual realms and for the faithful response of His servants on my behalf. I am trusting that the next PSA count will be a Big 0."

And guess what it was? A one! So, with Tommy's family and friends, we rejoice and thank the Lord!

## Dear CHM Intercessors:

Two years ago, my mother broke her back and could not walk. She went from doctor to doctor, and all told her she would never walk. But God can do what mere men cannot. Today she walks short distances with the use of a walker. She gets in and out of a car with little trouble. She goes out to eat and goes to the movies. The goodness of God overwhelms me. I am very thankful for all of the prayers and encouragement we received from your prayer team.

Thank you, Jan in Nashville

The following is a most unusual testimony received from the Toronto Airport Church where Francis and Judith spoke in November of 2000, along with Rev. Mike Evans and Dr. Grant Mullen. This story is so comforting and encourages us to believe ever more deeply in the all-encompassing love of God, embracing our lives, both past and present.

"A few months ago, my sister and I attended the healing conference at the Toronto Airport Church. After one of his talks, Francis MacNutt said he felt as if the Holy Spirit was encouraging him to sing a prayer for healing in tongues. "It was really beautiful. While he was singing it, I did not realize that my sister was also singing it along with him, word for word (my daughter was watching her). After he finished, my sister was just beside herself, crying, and obviously God was doing something.

"To give you a little background, our dad sexually abused us four girls when we were young; three of us don't remember too much, but the eldest does. Anyway, this prayer he sang brought my eldest sister back to the memory of when she was sitting in the bathtub (she was about ten) after our daddy had abused her. This recollection also brought back all the emotions she felt. She says she remembers how she used to sing that same song that Francis was singing. When she heard Bro. MacNutt explain it was a prayer from the Holy Spirit, she was totally in awe because she thought she had made it up when she was a kid just to make herself feel better. Now she knows it was a prayer straight from the Lord.

"Isn't that awesome? That was 43 years ago when she sang the same prayer in tongues (but she didn't even know she was singing in tongues). This is especially amazing since we were not raised, needless to say, in a godly home. God is so awesome, isn't He?"



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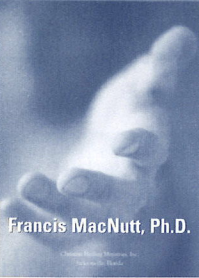
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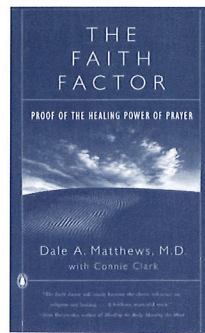
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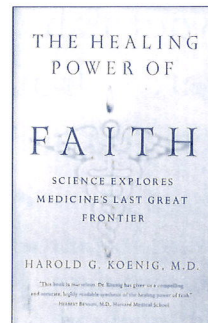
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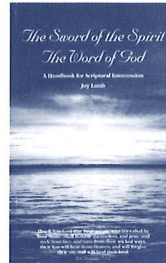
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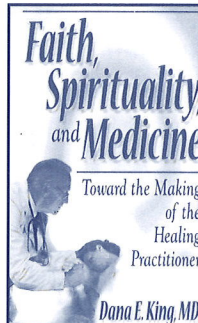
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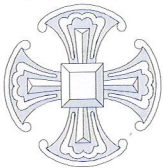
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The response to my need for a retirement fund has really been wonderful. To all of you who have contributed so generously, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. I would like to write each one of you a personal letter of thanks, but because this simply is not possible with all our travels and other work, I want to at least thank you here as best I can. When I see your name on the formal CHM acknowledgment, I thank God and pray for you. May God bless you all!

*Francis MacNutt*

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