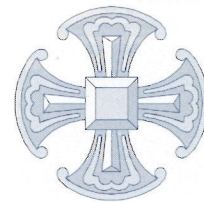


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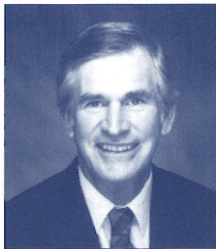
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At Last, The Great Healing is Set in Motion

by Francis MacNutt



Individual healings of cancer and broken bones are great occasion for rejoicing, but we still are saddened by the greater wounds, the larger sickness seen in the brokenness of our society, especially the divisions in Christ's own body, the Church.

We know that Jesus prayed 2,000 years ago (John 17) that we might all be one, but we have grown old in our sin and are no longer surprised by the scandal of Christianity's division. Perhaps we have even contributed to it by considering other Christians as enemies.

But now a spiritual force is moving on a vast scale of reconciliation which requires whole churches to change. This massive reconciliation especially requires the initiative of the largest church, the Roman Catholic church. And this historic healing is happening!

It began at the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s when the decree on ecumenism showed a perceptible change of attitude toward Protestants, no longer seen as opponents but as churches where the Spirit is at work. Since that time we have seen much more working together for unity. Commissions have been set up where Lutherans, Anglicans and Pentecostals meet with Roman Catholics to discuss and possibly resolve doctrinal difficulties. These interchanges have moved slowly, but they are very different from the hostile denunciations that characterized our relations in the past.

In our present day, an even more remarkable change is happening: an enormous reconciliation finally seems possible. We need to be aware of it and pray for this great healing among Christians to happen.

How it Must Happen

The first step in reconciliation, as we have all learned in the healing ministry, is

to repent of any sin that has led to our broken relationship. The second step is to ask for forgiveness from those we have injured and driven away.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, one of the architects of the reconciliation process in South Africa, said that the South Africans realized that they could not just forget the past and move on, but they had to go through the painful, humiliating process of getting the perpetrators of crimes to ask for forgiveness and the victims of crimes to give forgiveness.

This process is not just true for individuals but it's also true for entire groups such as nations and churches. Churches are

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not exempt from this humbling process, and they, above all, should realize this. The Catholic Church, in particular, has strong rules for individual Catholics in the “Sacrament of Reconciliation,” formerly known as “Confession.” As sinners, Catholics are not allowed just to say in a general way, “I’m sorry for having sinned.” When they go to confession, they are required to admit exactly what they did, listing the kind of sin plus the number of times they have committed each sin.

Yet, most nations and churches seem to feel exempt from this process and avoid it. Churches seem to believe that if they ever had to admit that the church had sinned, this admission would tear down its spiritual authority. Since the first step to reconcilia-

tion is to repent and confess our sins, it is as if any in-depth move is blocked right from the start by this massive refusal to admit guilt. “Attack the other church’s errors and defend your own truth” — this has been the way most churches have operated.

A Seismic Shift

We are seeing the beginnings of a massive, seismic shift opening up hope for a true reconciliation. Pope John Paul II is taking bold, spiritual steps even while his physical steps are, ironically, becoming more and more faltering. In a remarkable change of a policy that has lasted some 2,000 years, he has been confessing the sins of Church leaders and asking forgiveness! This step may seem like a fairly obvious thing to do, but it is unheard of for popes to apologize.

John Paul II admits that the last millennium of church history has been marked by divisions and warring, but he wants the new millennium to be a fresh start, a thousand years of coming together again, of Christians becoming a sign of unity for the entire human race! The Pope is taking Jesus’ prayer for unity (John 17) very seriously. He seems to be hanging onto life to make sure that these first years of the Millennium start off in the right direction so that they cannot be reversed once he is gone.

This encouraging process began with his visit to Auschwitz and his meetings with the Jewish rabbi of Rome and other Christian leaders, such as the Archbishop of Canterbury. To Americans, these may seem like small steps, but in the light of how slowly things usually change, these are gigantic symbolic shifts of attitude. We might think that as he grows older, the Pope would tend to coast, but he believes so strongly in his program that he forges ahead with all the energy he can muster.

In fact, recently, the intensity of his efforts has increased. You may have noticed that,

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instead of just meeting with other church leaders, he is now moving ahead aggressively and visiting places where he is not altogether welcome. And when he arrives at these traditional sites of conflict, he asks forgiveness for the sins of Catholic leaders in the past.

Last year, for instance, he traveled to Jerusalem, where he visited The Wailing Wall and honored the Jewish custom of placing his personal prayer in a crack in the wall. He also visited the Holocaust Museum, where he prayed to honor the victims of the Holocaust.

This year he traveled to Athens, in spite of the fact that the Greek Orthodox Patriarch, backed by hundreds of monks on Mount Athos, discouraged his coming, calling him a heretic. Once in Athens he expressed his sorrow for the Western Church's responsibility in causing the split with the Christian East — even though the Patriarch refused to pray with him.

The official break between the Eastern (Orthodox) churches and Rome goes back 1000 years to 1054. As a Catholic historian writes: "A delegation of boorish, tactless Westerners from Rome, led by Cardinal-Bishop Humbert, excommunicated the patriarch of Constantinople in the patriarch's own city. It was as if the Ayatollah of Iran had marched into Congress and condemned Americans for not practicing democracy. Humbert and his abrasive entourage also declared many Byzantine beliefs to be heretical. The patriarch responded in kind, excommunicating Humbert and his companions...The East-West schism in the church dates from this event... one Roman Catholic (church), and one Byzantine. The latter would eventually come to be known as the Greek Orthodox Church."*

In the 13th century this disastrous separation was made even worse when the Crusaders marching East from Europe to try to conquer Muslim Jerusalem stopped off in Christian Constantinople. They pillaged, murdered and raped their fellow Christians. They sacked and burned this great city of the ancient world, and the celebrated Shroud of Turin is probably one of the treasures they "liberated" and sent back home to Italy.

Once you know the history of the Orthodox Church and its many reasons to hate Rome, it is easy to see why they don't want to welcome the Pope. They don't trust Roman Catholics. It's in their bones, just as it is in the bones of the Protestants and Catholics of Northern Ireland to hate each other. So when the Pope visited Athens in May 2001 and apologized, his friendly gesture was unexpected, unprecedented.

Following that Greek visit, the Pope traveled to Damascus, Syria, and it wasn't just to honor Paul's conversion on the Damascus road. Here he took the unprecedented step of crossing the threshold of a mosque to express sorrow over the way Christians have treated Muslims over the past 1,500 years.

The Pope's visit to Damascus, which only rated page four in our local paper, rates a striking page one in any spiritual news of our day. Many people won't have read about the Pope's stepping inside the mosque, or even if they have read about it, they may not sense the profound shaking of the gates of hell.

Thus, the Pope is making gigantic steps toward reconciliation with the Jews, Orthodox churches, Protestants and Muslims.

Heads of nations and churches do not apologize, do not seek forgiveness. But they need to. At last, our religious leaders are beginning to take the steps that are necessary if we Christians are ever to become one.

It is really a mystery — a scandal — that this move to reconcile has not happened for a thousand years, but the great news is that Satan's blockade of hatred and distrust, which has kept us separated and hating one another, is finally being broken. Reconciliation among Christians is the greatest work of healing needed in our age. We need to bring it out from the obscurity of page four, where some see it as merely the friendly gesture of a feeble, aging Pope and see it for what it truly is.

Admittedly, it's only a first step, but like that first shaky step on the moon, it's a "giant step for mankind."



**Anthony Gilles, People of God, the History of Catholic Christianity (St. Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati, OH, 2000), p. 59.*

Dear Friends,

At times, it has seemed miraculous that for 21 years CHM has kept open its doors, in spite of the fact that we are not supported by any particular church. We are ecumenical and desire to be a blessing and support to all denominations.

For 75 percent of our income, we depend upon individual contributions that come from people whom the Lord has healed or who have learned from CHM's teaching. Aside from these contributions, the ministry is supported by our speaking stipends and the income of the bookstore.

Last month, perhaps because of the decline in our economy, our income fell below our expenses for the first time in many months, so we do need your help.

If the Lord so inspires you, we encourage you to contribute to CHM, and we thank you for your continued support. All contributions to CHM are fully tax deductible.

In addition, some of you have felt led to contribute to my retirement fund, and that, of course, is also a possibility. I have been deeply touched by the number of you who have made a donation, as I passed my 76th birthday.

Yours in Christ,


Francis and Judith MacNutt

New Book on Homosexuality Offered at Discount

Francis' new book, *Homosexuality: Can It Be Healed?*, offered for the first time in the last newsletter, is doing very well in sales through the CHM Bookstore. CHM's desire is that enough copies of it be distributed so that it has a real influence on the controversy that is touching many of our churches.

Already one bishop has purchased 25 copies, which he has sent out within his diocese, and Alan Medinger, head of Regeneration Ministries, has written a review of the book and recommends it "especially to pastors, elders and teachers who need a general understanding of healing from homosexuality." He says, "I am especially pleased with its emphasis on healing and deliverance. Many of us in ex-gay ministry — even those healed in a dramatic way by the Lord — keep drifting back to a cerebral kind of ministry in which healing comes from our own understanding."

We want to make *Homosexuality: Can It Be Healed?* readily available to pass on to priests, ministers and interested laypeople. For this reason, we are offering it at a special discount of \$5.00 per copy for any order of 10 or more. The regular price of each copy is \$7.95.

For further information regarding this book or to order, see page 11 or call the CHM Bookstore at (904) 765-3332. 

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New Audio Series: Healing in Action Conference

by Francis MacNutt

For years, Judith and I have been speaking at conferences, such as the marvelous annual Fishnet conference in Rutland, Vermont. These conferences are different from the teaching conferences we give at CHM, such as the Levels I and II which have been so successful, because their purposes are to inspire as well as teach. People who come both to our outside conferences and CHM often are surprised at how different in content and style these presentations are, and they have wished for years that we would make these traveling conferences available on tape.

So, at last, our first album is ready in audio format: the *Healing in Action* Conference, given in April 2001 in San Diego, California, and organized by Art and Dottie Thomson of CHM's National Advisory Board. The 12 talks were presented by Rev. Don Williams, author and pastor of the Coast Vineyard Church in La Jolla, California, Mrs. Barbara Shlemon-Ryan, well-known author and speaker, Judith and myself. Barbara Ryan, who has spoken at hundreds of conferences over the past 30 years, said she believed this conference was perhaps the most powerful she has ever attended.

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A Fresh Insight Into Healing

by Francis MacNutt

Several years ago Rev. Don Williams gave one of those life-changing talks you hope to hear every so often to keep you growing. He said we are now living in a new cultural era, the age of “post-modernism.” He stated that our entire culture has moved in that direction since the 1960s, that this culture shift is not going away, and that it is deeply affecting our churches, even if they don’t even know it. The mainline churches (Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Methodists, etc.) are graying year by year and losing members steadily.

Perhaps you are wondering why we should talk about post-modernism: “What in the world is this newfound label, and who cares? I know what I believe and that’s good enough for me!” But we need to understand what’s happening because it’s affecting all of us, whether we know it or not – especially the younger generation. And it’s deeply affecting the disputes agitating most churches.

The reason I’m writing about this new world view is because I believe that our own experience of Jesus’ healing is the bridge we need to bring Christianity to this generation when older methods fail. Let me explain in as simple a way as possible.

One of the signs of holding a post-modernistic outlook is that the person no longer believes in “objective truth.” Instead, truth is subjective: “One person’s truth is as good as anybody else’s.” If you ever loved Frank Sinatra’s song, “I Did It My Way,” you were singing the new theme song of our age. For example, the churches used to teach that same-sex sexual activity was objectively wrong, but today a homosexual may say simply, “I challenge that because of my own personal experience.” Personal, subjective experience becomes the criterion of truth rather than some commandment proposed by Scripture or the authority of the church. I think all of us can recognize that an extraordinary shift has taken place in the past 30 years. Being “inclusive” is a main value in the post-modern church.

One major aspect of this shift that is taking place – and we really need to be aware of it – is much more fundamental than the issues that are dividing many churches (e.g. should women be ordained?). It has to do with the very center of our Christian belief, set forth in the Creed we all recite. That is, simply, our belief in the physical Resurrection of Jesus – the empty tomb and Jesus’ physical body risen from the dead and still alive. I’m writing this article during the Easter season when we celebrate that Resurrection in the most important feast of the Christian year: “Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!”

But now some prominent Scripture scholars and theologians are openly challenging the traditional belief in the Resurrection. They even are interviewed on some well-advertised TV specials. Some are members of the Jesus Seminar where they vote on Jesus’ sayings in the Gospels. They have four choices: Jesus said it; he probably said it; he probably didn’t say it; or he didn’t say it all. These scholars are very bright and articulate. Although you may have never personally heard them, they are changing the way Scripture is being taught in some seminaries.

To give you an example of how the ancient belief in the bodily Resurrection is being questioned, I’ve been reading a book by a brilliant author in which he states that the Resurrection was simply a powerful memory of Jesus’ living on in his friends’ memories. Jesus was a great leader, so loved by His followers that after He died, his presence in memory was so strong that it was as if He were still alive. By the time the Gospels were written, 40 years after the Crucifixion, the next generation of followers (such as Luke) spoke and wrote as if Jesus were still alive. They had come to believe it, and that’s the new understanding of His Resurrection.

In the first place, this decline in some scholars’ belief in the Gospels goes back several hundred years, when some theologians, especially in Germany, started to question whether Jesus’ healings and exorcisms had actually occurred. These scholars’ need to verify all truth scientifically and rationally led to the denial of the “supernatural” which cannot be measured (this was the era of “modernism”). The technical term for the abandoning of belief in Jesus’ miracles is “demythologizing the Gospels.” This process has gone on for many years and has affected almost all the Christian churches to some degree or another – except the Pentecostals. How else can we explain how the evangelicals, including Baptists who believe so strongly in the Bible’s truth, also believe that healing and exorcism have largely ceased?

To be consistent, once one questions the actions of Jesus – his “works” in healing the sick – what is to prevent questioning his sayings in the Gospels when they challenge the prevailing beliefs of our society? It is amazing, for example, to read the popular commentaries on Scripture by William Barclay. You will find his books in almost every Christian bookstore and you will notice that every time he comments on a healing or exorcism, he states that Jesus lived in a superstitious world where the people believed in such things as evil spirits. Jesus’ power to heal was simply the people’s primitive belief in Him, which led to the power of suggestion healing these simple people.

The best way our post-modern society can return to a belief in Jesus’ Resurrection lies in a personal encounter with God. In an era when personal, subjective experience is what counts, the best way to return to a belief in the risen Christ is to meet him — like the disciples on the Emmaus Road. This is the way it happened 2,000 years ago, and this is the way it will again happen today. Thus, the restoration of the healing ministry is even more important than it was 30 years ago when I first started praying for the sick.

Our experience at CHM is that the person who receives a healing or deliverance no longer has a problem believing Jesus is alive. Often it goes beyond a believing – it’s a knowing. Jesus is not just a memory, not just a great leader who lived 2,000 years ago. He lives!

When people experience the Baptism of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit (such as healing) they no longer question the Resurrection. If we need to know by experience and not just because someone with authority has told us what to believe, then this marvelous renewal of the Spirit is just the kind of evangelization we need in our day. It’s the same kind of evangelization they practiced in the early Church. Read again chapters three and four of Acts where Peter and John use the healing of the lame man as a powerful motive to meet the One who healed him – Jesus Christ.

“All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection ...” (Philippians 3:10a).



REACHING OUT IN MINISTRY

OUTSIDE CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Date	Event	Location	Speaker(s)	Contact & Phone
7/11-12/01	Holy Spirit Renewal Conference for American Baptists	Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI	Francis and Judith MacNutt Revs. Don Williams & Mike Evans	Rev. Gary Clark (626) 797-4053
7/14/01	AFCCC Leaders' Conference	Renaissance Hotel Orlando, Florida	Francis MacNutt	Vince Maldonado (407)351-5272
9/20-24/01	Association of Christian Therapists Conference	Airport Holiday Inn, Jacksonville, Florida	Francis and Judith MacNutt Dr. Grant Mullen	Lois Sanford (978) 318-1996
9/27-29/01	Healing Winds Conference "Journey Through Forgiveness by Grace"	LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center	Judith MacNutt The Rev. Don Williams	Margaret Collins (828) 669-6479
10/12-14/01	Ecumenical Weekend of Renewal	Vail, Colorado	Francis and Judith MacNutt Rev. Tommy Tyson, Sister Jeanne Hill	Paul Johnston (970) 476-5641

COMING EVENTS AT CHM

Date	Event	Speakers/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
9/25-28/01	SHP Level II	Francis and Judith MacNutt, 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

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 or Intensive Prayer Ministry,
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School of Healing Prayer Level II – September 25-28, 2001

Due to the overwhelming success of the School of Healing Prayer Level I offered at CHM in May and the increased number of requests for on-site training, CHM has decided to change the originally-scheduled SHP Practicum in September to the SHP Level II.

Some recent changes in the schools held at the ministry campus have proven to be extremely helpful to the student desiring in-depth training in the healing ministry. The original class size was reduced from 75 to 26 students. These smaller classes provided more time for individual attention during teaching and prayer sessions. In addition, evening practice prayer sessions were incorporated. These private prayer sessions paired an experienced CHM prayer minister with two students, allowing for the application of the teaching material offered during the day.

One student said about the School of Healing Prayer: "The course was beyond my expectations. The presentations were excellent. The evening practicums were encouraging and a great learning tool, and they were critical in the sharing of experience and encouragement. I certainly felt blessed that our group was small and that we had the ability to share with each other."

The cost of each school is \$325.00, which includes training sessions, practice sessions and a student manual. Participants are responsible for their own transportation, lodging and meals. If you have further questions, call Beth Coleman at (904) 765-3332, Ext. 22.

The School of Healing Prayer Level III will be offered at CHM in February, 2002. If you are unable to attend a school at CHM, please consider purchasing the courses to study on your own or in your church. Complete course outlines, pricing and ordering information can be found on pages 10 and 11. 

Prepare for Spiritual Warfare in the New Millennium: International Seminar on Deliverance

On November 15, 1972, Pope Paul VI asked, "What are the greatest needs of the church today? Do not let our answer surprise you as being over-simple or even superstitious and unreal: one of the greatest needs is defence from that evil which is called the Devil."

To help the church understand how to better meet this need, the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services has organized an international conference on deliverance to be held Tuesday, October 30 to Sunday, November 4, 2001, in Malta.

The conference is open to all clergy and lay people who have had some experience in, or feel called to be involved in, the ministry of deliverance. These may be sponsored or sent by their bishops, their National Service Committees or prayer communities. Other participants should at least have some recommendation from their parish priest or prayer group leader.

The conference is conducted by Fr. Rufus Pereira, ICCRS member who coordinates the ministries of healing and deliverance worldwide and vice president of the International Association of Ex-

orcists and president of the International Association for Deliverance, together with a special team on behalf of ICCRS.


Topics covered will include: Does the devil really exist? If he exists, is the evil in the world today due to him, or is it only of man's own making? If evil is caused by him, how can one be sure

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whether a case is a medical or psychological problem or whether it needs deliverance? Are there such things as spells? Can one pray straightaway for deliverance, or does one need both careful discernment and adequate preparation? How can one then pray for effective de-

liverance? Why are there apparent failures in this ministry? Does deliverance end with the prayer itself, or is there need for after care and follow-up? Who can or should pray for deliverance? Such questions will be addressed by world experts in the ministry of deliverance, drawing their teachings from Catholic theology and supported by their wide pastoral experience in various cultures.

Total cost per person, including accommodation and meals, translation in preferred language and headphone service, shuttle bus from and to Malta airport, and spiritual and scenic tour in Malta by coach and guide is \$560.00. Total cost per person without accommodation and meals in hotel, nor any other services except translation is \$360.00.

For further information regarding registration, please contact the ICCRS at Palazzo della Cancelleria, 00120 Vatican City, Europe, Tel. +39 06 69.88.75.38 - 06 69.88.75.65, or fax: +39 06 69.88.75.30. You also may access ICCRS via the internet at www.iccrs.org or info@iccrs.org. 

Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. — I Peter 5:8-11

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. — Ephesians 6:10-13

Healing News From Around the World

by Francis MacNutt

It's exciting how Christ's healing mission continues to grow across the world.

For example, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal movement's open symposium on deliverance in Malta in October, as described at left, is hoping for 1,000 to attend. Also involved in this conference are the International Order of Exorcists, who are Roman Catholic priests. This group numbered just a dozen a few short years ago and now host 300 at their annual conference. Such conferences would have been unheard of 20 years ago!

The Malta meeting will be followed by a symposium on healing from November 10-13 in Rome. This symposium is sponsored by the Vatican's Congregation on the Laity, headed by Cardinal Stafford. By invitation they expect a group of only 100. Please keep these two important conferences in your prayers.

Another fascinating news item comes from a friend who attended a Jewish healing service in Temple Beth El in San Pedro, California, where the rabbi is not a Messianic Jew. The healing service featured the participants holding the Torah, the part of the Bible containing the Law. Says this participant, "We were asked to hold it to our hearts as long as we wanted, as the rabbi said there is healing in the Torah. The embracing of the Torah within the circle of people was wonderful. The music was like angels singing. The Rabbi himself had cancer a few years back. He was not expected to live. He tells people he now lives differently, which is why he is open to healing services."

This participant passed along some of the poetic prayers of the service:

"Blow the breeze of compassion upon my brow, Breathing the sigh of peace. Let me rest by the water, Probing gently for the sense of what I see, Releasing hurts to restore my spirit, Feeling You guide me toward a distant shore."



Personal News from Francis and Judith

We have shared in some marvelous conferences recently. In particular, our friends Art and Dottie Thomson hosted a conference for CHM in San Diego at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church for about 450 people. Barbara Shlemon-Ryan and Rev. Don Williams were the other speakers, and Rev. Mike Evans was the MC. Barbara, who has been doing this for 40 years, thought it was the most powerful conference she has ever attended.

In April, we were in Richmond, Virginia, to give two conferences. One was a small, invitational meeting for psychotherapists and clergy who were ministering to clients affected by Dissociative Identity Disorder (formerly called Multiple Personality Disorder) and victims of Satanic Ritual Abuse. There are many victims of SRA in this country. It is a very serious and life-threatening spiritual problem, and yet there are very few clergy equipped to deal with it. We were on the phone recently with an SRA survivor who can't find a priest or minister who knows how to pray for her in her area, a major city that is one of the country's centers of this kind of activity. This woman personally knows 40 other survivors. Every time we are tempted to list the many ways God has blessed us in the healing ministry, we again are made aware of how much more need is out there.

Also in Richmond, we led three meetings speaking and praying for the healing of the city, which was of course the capitol of the Confederacy in the Civil War. Again, we were privileged to be part of a pioneering effort in learning how to pray for the larger healing of our country. We spoke in three different churches (a Presbyterian church, an Afro-American church, and an independent non-denominational church), and we are learning how Jesus wants to bring about the larger healing of the churches in our society.

We also would like to share that Dr. Ken McAll died just one day short of his 91st birthday. Ken was a wonderful, kindly English psychiatrist and former missionary who was a pioneer in opening up the ministry of generational healing.

As for news of a more personal nature, people have heard that I (Francis) have been sick and were worried about me. Actually, I am still healthy but I had an inguinal hernia (part of the aging process that I wrote about two years ago), which required major surgery and a two-week stay at home. But that's over now. Our daughter, Rachel, finished a wonderfully successful freshman year at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Virginia, and David has graduated from high school and plans to attend Wesleyan University in Connecticut in the fall. He just reached 18 and stands at 6'3".

On the level of events important to me (and to few others), I (Francis) saw my first California Gnatcatcher (there are only 2,500) and Tri-colored Blackbird in San Diego with Art Thomson as my guide, and here in Florida I saw my first Connecticut Warbler, the first seen here by anybody in several years.

So, praise God, He has been blessing us in many ways — in great, huge ways, like these conferences, but also in tiny ways (like the 4-inch gnatcatcher)!

May God bless you in abundance!



Praise Reports

A Joyful Testimony About Growing Older

Note from Francis: Two years ago I wrote an article on aging that drew a large response of letters. There are many physical pains during the aging process, but God intends our spirits to grow in depth and happiness. We just received a newsletter from our friend, Tommy Tyson, describing this beautiful testimony of how he is aging (Tommy is 78).

"In spite of physical difficulties through which I have been coming and maybe because of them, I am finding a deeper and sweeter communion with The Lord Jesus than I have ever known in my life. I am more and more aware of His presence within and without.

"The enrichment is not only during the waking hours, but there is a deeper excitement about my dreams. Frequently I awake in the night and realize that I've been in heavenly places with the Lord during the dream. In one dream I seemed to hear that the real purpose of prayer is not just to receive something from God. The real purpose of prayer is to establish a relationship with God and to maintain that relationship. It is out of that relationship of love that we are led by the Holy Spirit in our prayer life. We are learning what He meant when He said, 'The Kingdom of God is like a person finding a treasure hidden in a field which, when they have found it, they sell every other investment they have and come and make a total investment in the field that has the treasure.' It's that way with Jesus.

"He is our Lord. He is our light. He is our love, our power, our healer, our provider, our wealth, our health. He is our all. He is the Treasure hidden in the field. The field is the soil of our own humanity, our minds, our heart life, our emotions, our desires and our dreams. There are times when we have to break the crust of superficial desires in order to get down to the heart's sincere desire. There we discover that in coming to that place of discovery deep in the heart of God, every price we paid to get there is compensated for by the sweetness of the communion that we experience.

"When we break through the upper crust, we discover that in His presence everything is given. It's all there. We don't have to ask for it; we simply experience it."

"Many thanks for praying over me for my malignant melanoma during the healing conference in San Diego. Today I had an evaluation of my latest CAT Scan and the doctor was delighted to see the cancer has stabilized without any medical treatment. Tomorrow I start chemotherapy with tamoxifen. My doctor says there's a chance I might be clear of cancer at the end of a two-treatment schedule. Praise God!"

Joseph in LaJolla, CA

I am writing this letter to praise the Lord for sending me to IPM at CHM. I was not only accepted but was shown an unconditional love which I had never experienced before. And I received help in my struggle to be set free. I would recommend IPM to anyone who needs help in deliverance. Thank you for your faithful service to the Lord in "destroying the works of the devil" and setting His people free. — Nancy

We just wanted to let you know how blessed we have been by reading Praying for Your Unborn Child which we read together throughout my wife's pregnancy. For seven years my wife had been trying to get pregnant (she has hypothyroid, which makes it difficult to get pregnant). We were prayed over at our church's family retreat and two weeks later she was pregnant. During the pregnancy, the doctors discovered that our daughter, while still in the womb, had bilateral ovarian cysts. Again we were prayed over, and the cysts disappeared. We just want to thank you for your encouraging words in your book which we have recommended to many other parents.

Praise the Lord for my continued healing from cancer in my lungs and liver. I attended CHM's Intensive Prayer Ministry in March and was blessed by inner and physical healing. The April 11 CT scans of my lung and liver compared to the March 19 scans indicated no new cancer, and the existing cancer spots were reduced in size....The battle is not yet won, but I continue to ask for prayers as we press on for remission (50% reduction). Thanks be to God! We are now exploring setting up a healing ministry in our Presbyterian church. — Larry in Colorado

Letters Responding to the Articles on the Healing of Homosexuality Printed in *The Healing Line*, Fall 2000

Thank you for your article on "Homosexuality — A Cure?" We Episcopalians are having a difficult time with the liberal stand of some of our leadership. We've been in our church over 50 years. We have a good Bible study and prayer group. But our money goes to a liberal diocese and national church. We do pray for God's leading, but it's not a comfortable spot to be in. To condone that lifestyle doesn't seem to be the loving thing to do. But where (else) would we go to worship? I've made copies of your article for our prayer group. Thank you for your wisdom and for taking a stand.

With love in Christ, Jane

Your article about homosexuality on the cover of the fall *Healing Line* has brought me some answers I needed, as an older lady with a healing gift. Thank you so much for clarifying several things for me. (Our church), where you have spoken several times, has turned almost totally homosexual, as has (our pastor) after his divorce. And a large percent of our body has left.

Though I've prayed for thousands, what confused me was the absence of homosexual healing at (our church). Several years ago, a dear man with a wonderful spiritual healing gift asked us to pray for his childhood anger at his mother. During the prayer time, I could see why he had become homosexual. I expected him to change sexual orientation after that prayer. He didn't. Reading your article, I see it was because he didn't want to. (And) it would have taken many prayer sessions (to help him become fully healed). Last year, my friend and his lover were the first homosexuals to be married at (our church).

I left (that church) simply because I couldn't handle the physical interacting there and was confused that it was accepted from the pulpit. Thank you so much for resolving my years of confusion. Now moving on, God is calling me to teach healing to a "budding baby" church.

Bless you, Sally in Missouri

Note from CHM: As you know, the topic of homosexuality is very delicate and controversial, and we were heartened that most of the letters about the fall newsletter were very positive. Only two were negative, including one that said, "I quote the late blues musician Jimi Hendrix: 'I am what I am, thank God. Some people just don't understand. Help them, God.'" We hope many questioning people will read Francis' book on homosexuality, which explains our position at greater length and depth than the newsletter article was able to accomplish.

Dear Francis, I truly, thoroughly admire your work, especially since reading your book, *Homosexuality: Can It Be Healed?* If I were the writer, I could have written every word. It's as if you have been where I have been.

Hope the enclosed letter (from my doctor) gives you documentation of a supernatural healing of my heart. Judith, you prayed for me at Fishnet in Vermont...I intend to use my life in missionary work as a result of this healing.

— Ray in Boothbay, Maine

Excerpt from doctor's letter: "I would like this brief note to serve as documentation that your heart function abnormality appears to have spontaneously resolved. We originally found that you had some element of congestive heart failure as the result of there being a cardiomyopathy, which means an abnormality of the heart's muscle pumping action. You also had treatment for a narrowed right coronary artery, which was successful. After a number of months of taking medication, we repeated your echocardiogram. This shows that there has been total resolution of the cardiomyopathy..."

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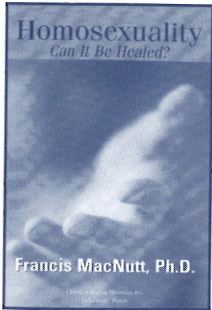
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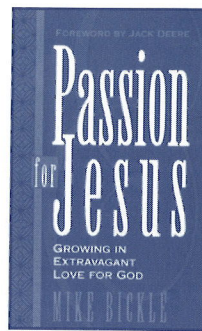
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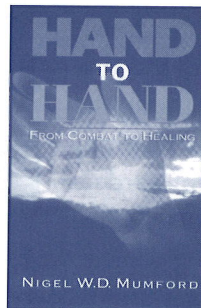


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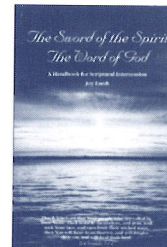
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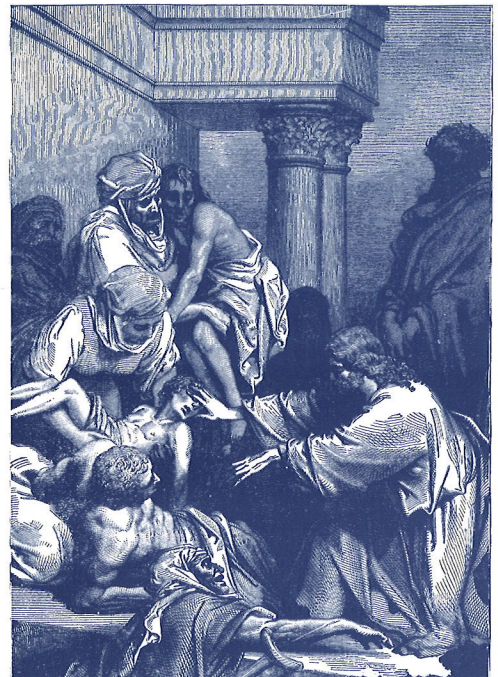
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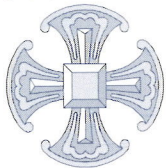
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Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about Him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, He went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was His custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. Then He began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of Him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from His mouth.



— *Luke 4:14-22*



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