

The Healing Line

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Being Baptized in the Holy Spirit

When we talk about praying for healing, we also need to go back and speak about the power that enables us to pray for healing. This is the power that came upon the early church on Pentecost. Those 120 in the upper room were already Christian and were indwelt by the Holy Spirit — Peter with the Apostles and Disciples — but Jesus had still told them to wait in Jerusalem until they were filled with power by the Holy Spirit. So it's important for us, too, to be filled with the Holy Spirit, as they were in the early church. If you are not sure that you have had your experience of Pentecost (it happened to me in 1967 in Maryville, Tennessee), I encourage you to read the Gospel of John 14–17 and the second chapter of Acts, and then read one of Dennis Bennett's books (see our book section).

In the last *Healing Line* I celebrated the life and death of our friend Tommy Tyson, so I thought you might like to hear how the Spirit came upon Tommy. At the time he was a young Methodist pastor and it was very early in the charismatic renewal in the early 1950's, when he didn't know any other pastors with whom he could talk. So here's the story about how Tommy took that then risky step. (It's an excerpt from a talk he gave in 1968 to a group of Roman Catholic priests.):

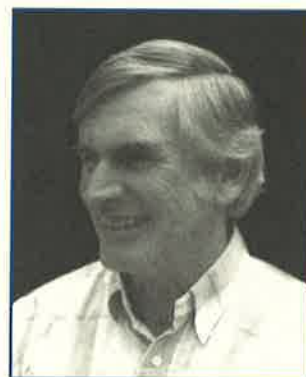
How I Was Baptized in the Spirit

By Rev. Tommy Tyson

Every time I would question Rufus Moseley about this special presence of Jesus, he would talk about the baptism with the Holy Spirit as a means of coming into union with Jesus. God began creating a great hunger in my heart. I did not know, however, how to go about preparing myself for this baptism by the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, the Lord slipped in on me.

It happened in the men's Bible class at the church I pastored. The lesson that day was on Pentecost (in the Second Chapter of *Acts*). The teacher didn't know any more

by Dr. Francis MacNutt



about it experientially than I did. When he finished with the lesson, he turned to me and said, "Pastor, do you have something you'd like to add to this lesson?" I thought to myself, "I have something I'd like to say, but I'd better not let them know it." I wanted to get up and tell these men how desperately I'd been seeking for the experience that the lesson dealt with. But, when this idea came to my mind, I thought I'd best not speak it, because, if these men, who made up the official body of the church, discovered how inadequate I was, they would lose their respect for me. Then I would no longer have a ministry!

But then, this question came to my mind very forcibly: "Do you want a ministry of your own making, or do you want to be filled with the Spirit of God?" Impulsively, I came up to the lectern and gripped it. It was the most difficult step I have ever had to take: I was willing to make a fool of myself in the eyes of those who had accepted me as their pastor. They loved me very much, and I loved them, so I felt I was sacrificing the most precious thing God had ever given me, and that was the pastorate of this church. In fact, it was so difficult, it has made every other step since then relatively easy.

Nevertheless, I told these men how empty I was, how much I really desired and needed what that lesson had dealt with.

While I was making a real mess of the whole explanation, God came to my rescue. While I stood before these men, telling them about my need and desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit, God began to fill me. I didn't know what was happening. It was as if wave on wave of power that I had never thought possible began to wash through

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my heart and mind — my inner being. The first thing of which I became conscious was that I was no longer nearly so concerned about what these men might think about me as I was of a desire to bless them.

This breaking of my fear of public opinion was my first awareness of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This whole experience came to a climax one evening in the parsonage as I was sharing what had happened to me with my friend Wayne McClain. As we shared together — again, without my knowing what really took place or how it happened — suddenly, from within, without any kind of outward manifestation, there came a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself — from within me. And, in that moment, the Scripture came to my mind and flowed through my lips, “God has made Him to be unto me wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”

I realized that life is a Person, and His Name is Jesus; that wisdom is a Person and His Name is Jesus; that sanctification is not just gritting your teeth and trying to do it, but it's a person, and His Name is Jesus.

As I understand it, this is what is happening to me in my own life: Jesus being revealed from within.

A Prayer for Peace

by Nigel W.D. Mumford

Lord, you said to your apostles, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives, do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” Help me heed those words and fully hear them as I seek peace in my life and pray for peace in the world. I look for a state of calm and quiet in my mind, in my soul and in my body. I pray for an absence of war and strife in this world. May your perfect peace fall on me and on this wonderful earth that you gave us. Lord, I humbly ask for the gift of peace that passes all understanding. Help me not to try to reason the mystery of peace but to accept the gift you have given us. Help me to adopt an attitude of gratitude and receive, with thanks, peace perfect peace.

Let your perfect peace rest on me and my house, let peace return to me, put me on the path of peace. Thank you, Lord God.

Thank you, Jesus, for your words: “Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

“Be at peace with each other.” Amen.

Taken with permission from *Heartfelt Prayers for Healing*, by Nigel W.D. Mumford. To order a copy of this book (\$15.00) write to: Oratory Press, The Oratory of the Little Way, P.O. Box 221, Gayslordsville, CT 06755 or call (860) 354-8294.

Additional information may found on the website: www.cysol.com/oratory.

Healing News

A Sign of Hope

In the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, Bishop Dan Herzog, together with Suffragan Bishop David Bena, plans to visit every deanery during this Lent and conduct evening healing services. In the diocesan newsletter he writes, "We want to continue the work that Jesus directed his disciples to do. ... This gives us the opportunity to minister directly to the disciples of this diocese."

Isn't this a great example?

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Related to Healing our Image of God from a doctoral dissertation:

"People with a hierarchical orientation, my data revealed, held primarily power-over-images of God (e.g. God as master, ruler, and judge); persons with an ascetical orientation (defined as suffering for its own sake – regarding sex as unholy, for example, and "the world" a minefield of temptations) showed a similar pattern. However, hierarchical orientation was often enough accompanied by immanent images of God (e.g. God as spouse, lover, mother and child; ascetical orientation was not. Does an ascetic spirituality breed fear of God as an intimate other?

...Participants in my study who held hierarchical religious orientations had far more negative attitudes towards people of color, women and homosexuals, than did participants with a more democratic orientation. Those with primarily ascetic religious orientations were even more likely to be racially prejudiced and had similar attitudes towards women and gay people. Not surprisingly, people with hierarchical religious associations often held ascetical orientations as well." (*Corpus Reports*, Sept.-Oct., 2001, p. 21).

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How Important is Religion?

"Americans and people from developing nations place a higher importance on religion than do residents of other wealthy countries, a poll sponsored by the Washington-based Pew Research Center for the People & the Press has found. The poll, part of a 44-nation survey in the Pew Global Attitudes Project, showed that 59 percent of Americans said religion plays a very important role in their lives. That percentage is almost twice as high as that of Canadians, 30 percent of whom felt the same way. Americans' positive sentiments about religion also were stronger than those of Western Europeans. About 33 percent of people polled in Great Britain ranked religion highly, compared to 27 percent of Italians, 21 percent of Germans and 11 percent of French citizens." *Christian Century*, Jan. 25, 2003, p. 17.

Healing the Land

Raising fuel efficiency standards to 39 m.p.g. would save 51 billion barrels of oil over the next 50 years, more than 15 times the amount of oil expected from the Arctic Refuge.

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Need for Healing in the Roman Catholic Church

The percentage of Catholics who attend church at least once a week dropped to 28 percent in December 2002, a decline from 39 percent a year before. This fell below the Protestant figure (35 percent) for the first time since polls have been recorded. Also there was a significant decline in the number of Catholics who described religion as important in their lives, while Protestant numbers rose slightly. All of this according to George Gallup, Jr.

(*America*, Feb. 3, 2003). This seems to be a result of the fallout from the pedophilia crisis and the eroding of trust in church authorities.

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Renewed Appreciation for Life

The numbers of abortions are going down. It is estimated in the U.S. that the number of abortions is

1st semester: 90%

2nd semester: less than 10%, or possibly 100,000

3rd trimester: 12,400 infants.

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Twinning can occur up to the 14th day.

In one act of intercourse 100 million sperm are released. 100,000 make it to the oviduct and only a few dozen reach the area of the egg. The odds against your ever being conceived are greater than the odds of your winning the national lottery every day of the year. "Not only does that fertilized ovum have within itself the makings of your brain and heart. It has the map of your face, yes your face." (John Kavanaugh, S.J., *America*, Feb. 3, 2003, p.8).

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In addition to the conferences mentioned on page six, watch for future information on these dates:

October 10-12—Vail, CO

Manor—Vail Conference

November 5-7—Live Oak, FL

Episcopal Clergy Retreat

November 17-19—Scotland

"Spiritual Healing Through Prayer"

Hosted by the Church of Scotland Board of Social Responsibility.

The Healing Shepherds of Madagascar

by Francis MacNutt

I have just read a fascinating article¹ about how a ministry of deliverance from evil spirits developed almost spontaneously on the Island of Madagascar. Amazingly, the focus of this ministry — called Mpiandry — parallels in many ways what we do at CHM. It's as if God is bringing out ministries all over the world which are based on the same Christian truths directed to meeting the deepest human needs.

The people who perform this deliverance ministry are 5,000 people called "shepherds" who dress in white robes. They are mostly laypeople from every occupation — men and

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women, workers or farmers, theologians or illiterate widows — who do not charge for their prayers.

In their ancient traditional religion the people experienced the oppression of demons and dealt with these problems, as do most pre-Christian religions,

through traditional healers, who are called the ombiasas. When the missionaries came they unfortunately did not bring any cure for these demonic oppressions. One large missionary outreach was the Lutheran Church which, with real foresight, were able to learn about healing from the experience of several revivals which started through laypeople having visions telling them to preach and cast out demons. There were three such major "awakenings," beginning in 1894. Each of these three revivals had its own leader and formed its own center of ministry. But they were all faithful to the Malagasy Lutheran Church. Each one of these three groups has its own discipline and yet is recognized by the Lutheran Church.

Perhaps the best-known group was founded by a widow known as Neni-lava, or "Tall Mother." Early in life she had a vision of Jesus who instructed her to teach and heal. She eventually founded a center and under her direction, this center has reached out and established "daughter" centers (at CHM we would call

them "affiliates"). The main purpose of the center is to foster salvation through faith in Jesus Christ using special ministries:

- 1) casting out evil spirits and
- 2) praying for spiritual strengthening.

If you want to become a Shepherd you have to undergo two years of study with a pastor and then you might be recognized officially in a service of consecration, held once a year. The followers of Tall Woman have an official handbook setting down strict guidelines for their ministry. Shepherds are expected to demonstrate an exemplary lifestyle and they are accountable to the local pastor.

Healing services begin with a reading of Scriptures accompanied by prayer. Then those seeking deliverance sit apart in one section. A general prayer for exorcism is then made over this group and the Shepherds then move among them looking for signs of oppression, such as convulsions or a trance-like appearance. The Shepherds concentrate their prayers on these individuals until they are freed. Some shepherds are appointed to restrain the demonically infested so they don't hurt themselves (or anyone else). When all signs of infestation cease, the second part of the service begins.

This second time is spiritual strengthening and everyone gets to take part. If you want prayer, you can kneel before a white-robed shepherd and ask for such blessings as peace, for forgiveness, or for the promise of the Holy Spirit.

The entire service may last for hours and it goes on as long as anyone desires prayer. Much of the rapid growth of the Malagasy Lutheran Church has been attributed to the wonderful work the shepherds do.

I think it is encouraging to see that the Holy Spirit is leading Christians to do the same work all over the world — in Madagascar as well as in Florida:

Training people in how to pray,

Then actually praying for the sick and,

Last of all, trying to be a force for unity within the church, rather than as a source of division, as has so often happened in the past.

¹ "Areopagus," *Advent*, 1993, pp. 24-26. "Mpiandry: The Healing Shepherds of Madagascar," by James Gonia.

Prayer Ministry Opportunities

Below is a list of the prayer ministry opportunities available at Christian Healing Ministries, Inc. Please contact the CHM office at (904) 765-3332 concerning any questions you might have or to make an appointment.

Daily Prayer Appointments

- ❖ Individual prayer sessions with two trained volunteer prayer ministers.
- ❖ Available Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM.
- ❖ 1 and 1/2 hour appointments.

Thursday Afternoon Healing Ministry

- ❖ Short teaching on the healing ministry of Jesus.
- ❖ 20-minute prayer time with trained volunteer prayer ministers.
- ❖ Available most Thursday afternoons, starts at 1:30 PM.
- ❖ No appointment necessary—call first to verify there are no cancellations.

Tuesday Evening Prayer Ministry

- ❖ 20-minute prayer time with trained volunteer prayer ministers.
- ❖ Available most Tuesday evenings, starts at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ No appointment necessary—call first to verify there are no cancellations.

Generational Eucharist

- ❖ A celebration of Holy Communion, which includes special prayer for generational healing.
- ❖ Available the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ No appointment necessary, however, call CHM for a Family Tree form and to verify there are no cancellations.

Day of Healing Prayer

- ❖ Individual prayer for healing in a group setting, which includes a Generational Eucharist.
- ❖ Available one Monday each month, 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM.
- ❖ Appointments are required.

Since it is necessary to occasionally cancel ministry programs, please confirm the scheduled ministry even when appointments are not required.

PRAYER SCHEDULE AT CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRIES

Prayer Ministry Monday through Friday	9:00 AM–4:00 PM	[Appointment required.]
Tuesday Evening Prayer Ministry:	6:00 PM	[No appointment required.]
Thursday Afternoon Healing Ministry:	1:30 PM	[No appointment required.]
(On Tuesday and Thursday be sure to call first to verify there are no cancellations.)		
Generational Eucharist	2nd Tue./monthly at 6:00 PM	[No appointment required.]

Special Monthly Prayer Ministry Opportunity

Day of Healing Prayer (1 day) [Call for appointment.]

(An additional two days of prayer ministry may be available for those coming from out of town.)

Scheduled Dates for 2003

January 13	February 10	March 10	April 7	May 5	June 9	July 14
August 11	September 8	October 13	November 3	December 1		

Conferences and Speaking Engagements

Detroit, Michigan—University of Detroit Mercy, Ward Conference Center

May 1–3

Speakers: Francis and Judith MacNutt: 2003 Michigan International Conference on Deliverance & Spiritual Warfare hosted by: End Time Age Deliverance Ministries Worldwide of Detroit. The theme for this year's conference is, "Deliverance: The Spiritual Revolution for the 21st Century." For registration or more information call: (248) 552-8960 or email: rhonda.gaiters@zurichna.com.

Washington, DC—Hyatt Dulles Hotel

May 5–7

Francis and Judith MacNutt: "Together 2003" is the special relational meeting for Pentecostal and Charismatic Leaders — hosted by the Center for Spiritual Renewal (invitation only).

Deland, Florida—St. Barnabas

May 9–10

Speaker: J. Rutledge and Elizabeth Coleman: "Healing the Spirit, Soul, and Body" J. Rutledge Coleman, D.M.D. is the *Chairman of the Board* and Elizabeth Coleman is the *Associate Director of Ministry* of CHM and will be speaking and ministering on various topics in healing. For registration or more information contact Patricia Hatfield at (386) 734-6732 or email: thatpat2@prodigy.net.

Rutland, Vermont—Holiday Inn

June 25–29

Speakers: Francis and Judith MacNutt, with Dr. Grant Mullen: 21th Annual Fishnet Conference, Holiday Inn, Rutland, VT. For more information call: (802) 773-7210 or email: fishnet@sover.net.

Annahelm, California—Annahelm Vineyard

August 7–9

Speakers: Francis and Judith MacNutt: Desert Streams Ministry—International Leaders Meeting. Email: cmorrill@DesertStream.org.

Jacksonville, Florida—Times-Union Performing Arts Center

September 26–27

Speakers: Francis and Judith MacNutt & John and Paula Sandford: Deepening Marriage Relationships. See our ad on page six for more information.

For any other conference information please contact Nancy Kelley by email: nak@christianhealingmin.org.

Francis and Judith MacNutt Training Center

The next course offered through the *Francis and Judith MacNutt Training Center* is the School of Healing Prayer Level™ III, May 13-16, 2003. Level III was created to address issues that very experienced prayer ministers may encounter, such as abuse, addictions, homosexuality and deliverance. Level III should be studied after SHP Levels I and II since much of what it teaches refers back to lessons taught in those levels.

Each level taught on the CHM campus includes Francis and Judith MacNutt as featured speakers, as well as evening practice prayer sessions with CHM volunteers. The cost of the school is \$325.00 per person. Each student is responsible for his/her lodgings, transportation and meals in addition to the prices below. If you are interested in attending the school or have any questions, contact Nancy Kelley: (904)765-3332 ext. 23 or nak@christianhealingmin.org.

SCHOOL OF HEALING PRAYER™ FOR THE 2003 YEAR

- ❖ SHP™ Level I February 4–7, 2003
- ❖ SHP™ Level II March 18–21, 2003
- ❖ SHP™ Level III May 13–16, 2003
- ❖ SHP™ Level I July 22–25, 2003
- ❖ SHP™ Level II September 16–19, 2003
- ❖ SHP™ Level III October 21–24, 2003

SCHOOL OF HEALING PRAYER™ INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

- ❖ Please call Elizabeth Coleman, Associate Director of Ministry, for any information you may require for the enrollment of the Internship Program for 2003 year.

SCHOOL OF HEALING PRAYER™ TRAINING MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS PRICE LIST

- ❖ SHP™ Level I video set (includes 12 videos, 12 audios, 1 facilitator's & 1 student's manual) is \$425.00.
- ❖ SHP™ Level I audiotope 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 audiotope set (audiotapes only) is \$60.00.
- ❖ SHP™ Level III video set (includes 11 videos, 11 audios, 1 facilitator's & 1 student's manual) is \$455.00.
- ❖ SHP™ Level III audiotope set (audiotapes only) is \$60.00.
- ❖ SHP™ Levels I, II, & III that are taught on campus each year is \$325.00 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.

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Jacksonville, Florida**

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

Francis MacNutt, Ph.D.

Together, Francis & Judith founded *Christian Healing Ministries, Inc.* Francis wrote *Healing*, which has become a classic and sold nearly a million copies in the United States alone. He also has written *Power to Heal*, *The Prayer That Heals*, *Overcome by The Spirit* and *Deliverance from Evil Spirits*. He and Judith coauthored *Praying For Your Unborn Child*. Francis continues speaking, teaching and writing, and he and Judith serve as founding directors of Christian Healing Ministries.



Judith MacNutt, M.A.

A native of Kentucky, Judith worked as a missionary for three years. Moving to Clearwater, Florida in 1977 she founded a counseling service that gave her the opportunity to combine her work as a psychotherapist together with praying for the healing of her clients. In 1980, Judith and Francis married, and they have traveled widely, speaking and ministering.

John Sandford, M.A. and Paula Sandford

Co-founders of Elijah House, an international Ministry established in 1974 in response to the Lord's calling in Malachi 4:5,6 and Matthew 17:11.

John and Paula travel extensively to conduct seminars on marriage and the family, inner healing and transformation, prayer, the gifts of the Spirit, burden bearing and intercession, small group ministry and leadership training, and other related subjects in Protestant and Roman Catholic sponsored gatherings all over the world. They are active in the renewal and reconciliation movements.

John and Paula have made numerous radio and television appearances in the U.S., Canada and New Zealand. Several of their books are required reading in a number of colleges throughout the U.S.



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Nancy Kelley, Director of Conferences, at (904) 799-1234

To see the conference schedule, review any workshop information,

WORKSHOPS

3:00-3:50 **Why God Made Us Sexual Beings**

The Rev. Dr. David Kyle Foster—*Mastering Life Ministries*

Have you ever wondered why God created such a complicated thing as sex? This workshop will uncover the glory of His plan in making us male and female and clarify why that sexuality is only to be expressed in faithful, heterosexual, and covenantal marriage relationships.

4:00-5:00 **Eros Defiled**

The Rev. Dr. David Kyle Foster—*Mastering Life Ministries*

This workshop will explain why so many people misuse the gift of human sexuality and how God can remedy the mess they have created. No matter what the problem, God has made a way of escape.

3:00-3:50 & 4:00-5:00 **Financial Advice for Married Couples:**

Yours, Mine and Ours!

Marshall Gunn, CPA/PFS, CFP—*Gunn & Co. (Financial)*

Couples list money as the number one cause of disagreement! Understand methods to get control of your tithing, saving and spending. Learn practical tips to take charge of your financial life while bringing harmony to your relationship. Find out how family finances for education, investing and saving for retirement really can be humorous.

3:00-3:50 & 4:00-5:00 **The Dialogue Guide: Communication Skills for Healthy Complaining**

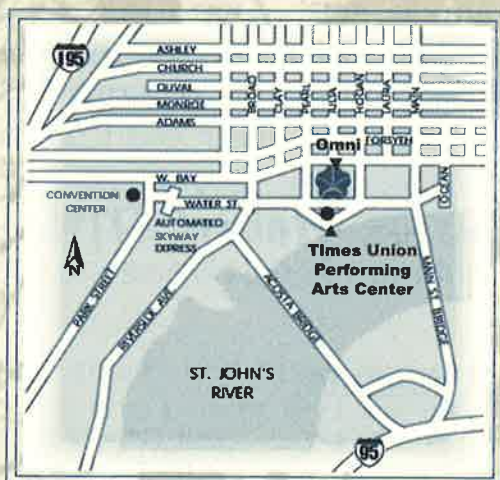
Richard Marks, Ph.D.—*First Baptist Youth & Family Life*

This lively, humorous, and important session teaches couples about four destructive styles of communication and teaches them skills for making healthy criticisms that lead to intimacy and understanding, rather than misunderstanding and pain.

3:00-3:50 & 4:00-5:00 **Surviving, Striving, and Thriving, as Parents of Teenagers**

Pam Mullarkey, Ph.D.—*S.O.S. (Youth)*

This workshop will help parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to not only know the youth culture's challenges, but what works with teens to help them avoid sex, drugs alcohol, suicide, and other risk behaviors.



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Christian Healing Ministries, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to praying for healing, encouraging and teaching people to pray for healing.

Praise Reports from Prisons

Freeing a Prisoner

We want to share exciting news coming from a member of our CHM Board who has just visited her brother who is in prison. She shared with him what she has learned about healing and deliverance and he was open to asking her to pray with him. Apparently, a lot happened and he has written to her twice since then and here are some excerpts from his enthusiastic letters:

"I'm doing great after visiting with you yesterday. Thank you for praying with me; some interesting things happened ... the praying had an immediate impact ... I feel like I've been released from something I did not realize was there. I almost felt giddy all afternoon. Then this morning I was praying again for guidance ... and what must be my spirit began praying in tongues! I couldn't believe it. As I continued praying I would get to a certain point where it would abruptly stop and then it would take over for a while ... I would just continue on like the prayer was scripted. It felt so right and natural at the time. ... I don't know what it all means, but I feel different. ... I would like the reading material on what your group is doing. ..."

From Letter #2

"I am reading the books you sent me. The first book is *Deliverance from Evil Spirits*. Fantastic! I have read 200 pages in two days. I now understand a lot better the prayers you said for me when you visited. I also better understand the roots of being oppressed by evil spirits and how to rid myself of them. ... I have completed a personal house cleaning. I feel rejuvenated after asking for forgiveness for every sin I can possibly remember. I have always felt that I did the things that I did not want to do and was at a total loss to explain my behavior. It gives you a sense that at some level you are insane, but now I know where all this was coming from, and I am relieved of my past in the name of Jesus Christ."

This is all very reminiscent of Paul's lament in Romans 7 that he doesn't understand his own behavior but does the very things he hates. And then he cries out to Jesus Christ to rescue him. This whole wonderful freeing process is still going on 2000 years later!

Francis M. Ruff

From an inmate at Baker Correctional Institute:

I am an inmate at Baker C.I. and I found a copy of your newsletter and what a blessing it was to me—a prayer come true. I am an ex-homosexual and have been saved by his grace. I fight with Satan everyday and God has been there for me. I want to stay free and be a witness for Christ. Satan isn't going to win over me—I read my Bible everyday and am in a Bible study. ...God shows me, he really loves me.

From a State Prison, Chaplaincy Services Department:

I want to share a Spiritual Healing/Binding story with you that I was a part of this week.

On Monday, a Psychological Specialist who works here at the prison with counseling and developing treatment plans for inmates came to see me at the request of a co-worker. She stated that she might have to quit her job here because of the continuing terrible headaches that she has every time that she enters the prison. She said she really likes her job but the pain in her head was so bad that she couldn't even run a brush through her hair. She also mentioned she was afraid the Lord was punishing her for some unconfessed sin but as far as she knew, she didn't have any. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord many years ago and tries to keep Him in the driver's seat of the car of her life!

I shared with her that the Holy Spirit was telling me that this was a spiritual attack from Satan (not unconfessed sin) and that we needed to pray for healing of the physical illness that was manifesting itself in the form of debilitating headaches and pain. We had a blessed prayer time as I prayed to bind up those evil spirits from returning as well as praying for her physical healing.

She left the Chapel encouraged but still not sure what would happen the next day when she came back to work. I talked to her today and praise God, she came into the institution with no headaches and the evil, awful smell was replaced with the smell of sweet roses (that no one else could smell)!

I am so thankful that the Lord led me to CHM so that I might learn and grow as I watch the Lord answer healing prayer!

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Chaplain B.

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Hebrews 13:1-3

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My incarceration has brought a genuine faith and confidence in God through Christ Jesus with the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. I'm expecting God to miraculously deliver me. Amen.

God bless you all continually in every way. We love you, God loves you, and we love each other.

In Christ, Brother J.

Keep on loving each other
as brothers [and sisters].

Do not forget to entertain
strangers, for by so doing
some people have
entertained angels without
knowing it. Remember
those in prison as if you
were their fellow prisoners,
and those who are
mistreated as if you
yourselves were suffering.

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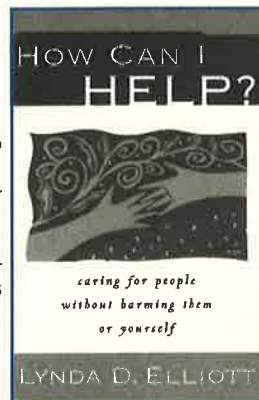
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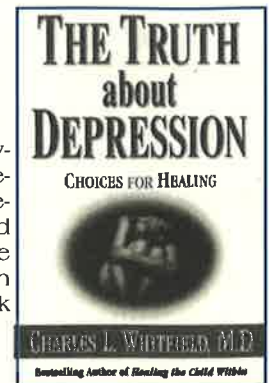


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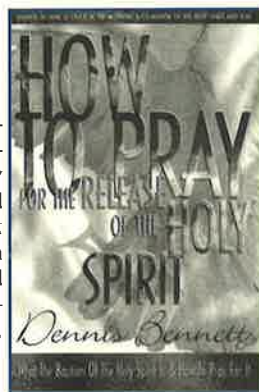


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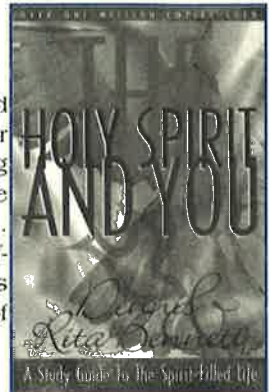


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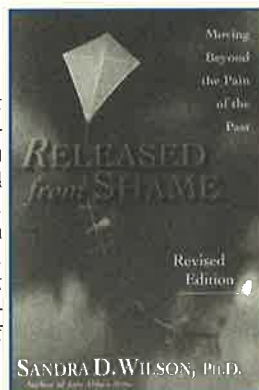


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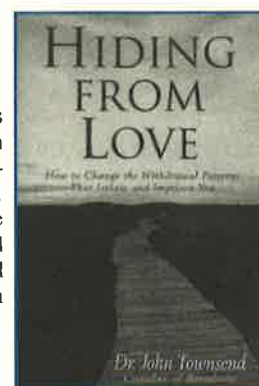


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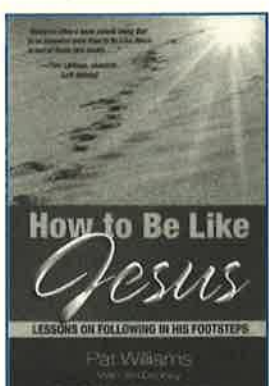


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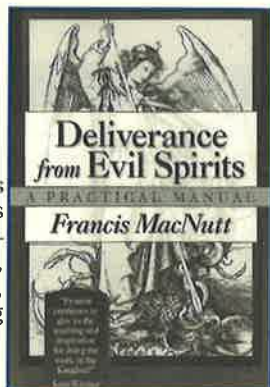
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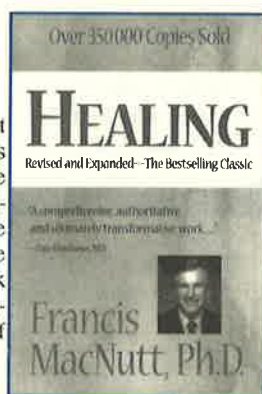


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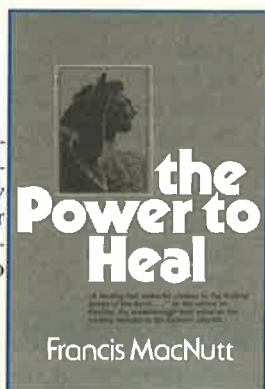


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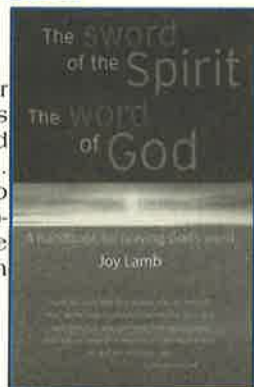
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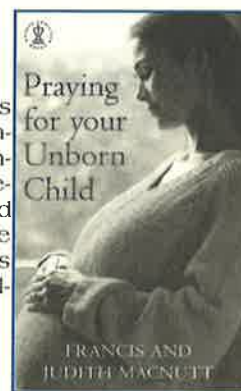


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