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### Taking Care of Business...

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# What is One to Think of the Lake and Revision

by Francis MacNutt

s you can imagine, the last weeks have been filled with phone calls and e-mails asking us what we think about what's been going on in Lakeland, Florida. Until last month (when personal problems required the main evangelist to drop out), the meetings in Lakeland were a major international attraction, with thousands of visitors from many countries - an extraordinary phenomenon. Many of our friends traveled to Lakeland, and their reaction was varied, all the way from being impressed and amazed by the life-changing spiritual phenomena, while others were being turned off by what they saw (mostly by what seemed to them to be exhibitionism). I decided not to go down to Lakeland, because it's hard to make any reasonable in-depth evaluation as just a visitor.

So I simply say that, like most spiritual outpourings historically, the Lakeland Revival seems to be a mixture of wonderful divine blessings combined with obvious human failings. Since so many have asked us what's going on, I decided to call someone who is very close to the pastoral leadership in Lakeland to ask for his understanding of what's going on. Here is what he had to say.

First, he said that he believes the happenings are extraordinary and genuine, in spite of any human failings mixed in. The church background of the leaders is Pentecostal (Assemblies of God) which means that the dramatic style of ministry

undoubtedly turns off some traditional charismatic Christians. He said that this outpouring powerfully touched young people—just the kind of people that the church is trying to reach today—and the music ministry leaders were dedicated, holy and enthusiastic. He was pained to read and hear all the criticisms, because at its heart, the Lakeland Revival has led to many conversions. Thousands were attracted from all around the world by the "signs and wonders." (He told me that a parking attendant he knows received a gold tooth through prayer.)

He also told me that although the numbers have now gone down, the revival is still continuing. About 150 come every night from an average of six nations and another 4000 take part in internet meetings. They experience the same manifestations as took place in the famous "Cane Ridge Revival" (in Tennessee around 1800).

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He mentioned, too, what we are so aware of, that *most* of the great outpourings of the Spirit historically were dimmed by the human flaws of the leaders, and that he personally knew (or had seen) many of them, such as William Branham and Jim Bakker. He decried the fact that people are so judgmental about the flaws of our gifted leaders, that they destroy the body of Christ by their excessive criticism.

I certainly sympathize with his view, but what can we do about the history of revival in which we see, over and over again, that a "revival" typically lasts only two years and is gone. The famous "Azusa Street" revival, whose centennial we celebrated two years ago in Los Angeles, only lasted about three years. In this case, the pastor's secretary stole the mailing list to start her own ministry, and

A Partial Solution

the church floundered financially.

One remedy that I think would help is if everybody became aware of an ancient church teaching that emphasizes that there are *two* categories of gifts given by the Holy Spirit and not just one.

In the first category are the charisms mentioned by Paul in I Cor. 12. As you know, the gifts of healing (as well as prophecy, and preaching, and tongues) are included in this famous list which is at the heart of the Pentecostal revival. This category contains gifts that are all meant *to help other people*. Healing, for example is a gift to help the sick. The sad fact (and this has been recognized in the ancient Christian tradition) is that the person who is gifted with these charisms may also display huge character flaws. Jesus himself called attention to this when he said that

some Christians will be condemned even though they have cast out demons in his name! "Many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, cast out demons in your name, work many miracles in your name?' Then I shall tell them to their faces: 'I have never known you; away from me, you evil men'" (Mt. 7:22-23). Presumably, these were all real signs and wonders, but God used unworthy ministers to help God's suffering people.

Since these ministry gifts can be showy; we can easily seek them for unworthy motives: such as to make a profit or to become famous. Our motivation is all-important. Even before the Lakeland Revival, many people have come to us and asked us to pray for them to receive the gift of healing. On a large

scale, this was happening in Lakeland when large numbers of people were prayed for to receive "the *impartation* of gifts."

The ancient Christian tradition is that supernatural gifts are built on

nature (grace builds on nature). In other words, God gifts everyone in the order of nature, and then these natural gifts can be strengthened and used by Jesus in a higher way. For example, a naturally compassionate Christian is often given a gift of successfully praying for inner healing. Or a naturally gifted speaker can develop into an inspired teacher or preacher.

Things go wrong when a person says to his pastor, "Kathryn Kulmann prayed for me to receive the gift of healing, and so I want you to make me the head of the healing ministry in our church." Usually there is much more than a desire to be a healer joined to one prayer, to make a Christian into a

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"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan..."

(Abraham Lincoln, in his second Inaugural Address—March 4, 1865. A month later he was assassinated)

to go. Stunned, and with full comprehension of what he had just been told, the old slave fell to the ground and wept. After a few moments the slave composed himself, stood up, faced Mr. Lincoln and with tears in his eyes said, "Because you have bought my freedom, I choose to go with you!"

I love this story. A price was paid by a person who did not owe it, at a cost the one who owed it could not afford to pay. This reminds me of another story that happened

by Linda Strickland

# Abraham Lincoln lived. Only this time the price

1800 years before

A story is told about Abraham Lincoln that reflects why he was one of our nation's greatest presidents. One day, Mr. Lincoln was in a town square where slaves were being sold. As he drew closer, he saw a very old and sad looking slave standing on the block while an auctioneer shouted a price to the crowd that represented what his life was worth. It became obvious that no one was going to bid, so with a heart full of compassion, he decided to buy the slave himself. After the transaction was made, the slave stood before him with all of his worldly possessions tied together on his back. With a defeated and weary voice, the slave asked him where they were going. Mr. Lincoln smiled and told him that he could go anywhere he wanted because he was now free. After a lifetime of belonging to others, the old slave could not grasp what had been said to him and once again asked where they were going. With understanding, Mr. Lincoln told him that his only reason in purchasing him was to buy his freedom, and that he could now choose anywhere he wanted

was paid on a cross, and the cost was so high that it bought freedom for everyone willing to accept it.

I once saw a bumper sticker that read "If you had been the only one, Jesus still would have died for you." That kind of love overwhelms me. It starts at the top of my head and floods my whole being. It's truly hard to imagine. The only thing that comes close to helping me understand this kind of love is, as a parent, the love I have for my child.

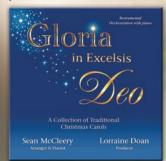
Recently my husband gave a sermon where he used, as an example, an incident that happened in our family when our three year old son almost choked to death. Thank God, and because of the heroic efforts of my husband, his life was spared; but we came very close to losing NO GREATER our child that day. As I listened, the whole story came flooding back to me as if it had just happened. My eyes stung with tears as I remembered every detail, and felt each

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#### Fruits of the Spirit

The second category of gifts given us by the Spirit includes the fruits of the Holy Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal. 6:22). (Read also Col. 3:12-15). This second category, fruits of the Spirit, are meant to help *you become holy* and to become like Jesus himself so that eventually you can say, "I live, not I, but Christ lives in me."

They are called "fruits" because they are not like the blossoms of spring, but they appear in the fall after a season of growth. They are not ordinarily instant, nor do we expect young people to immediately manifest them ("patience," for instance). A life of perseverance leads eventually to these strong, steady gifts.

Notice also that these are not *showy* gifts that you stand up and give a testimony to: "I am loving" or "I am patient." It's much more like "I'm more patient than I used to be." I'm always aware of how much further along the road I need to be. It's sobering to read what Jesus says to Peter, whose great gift in early life was being bold:

I tell you most solemnly,
when you were young
you put on your own belt
and walked where you liked;
but when you grow old
you will stretch out your hands,
and somebody else will put a belt round you
and take you where you would rather not go.

John 21:18

And yet when he was young, Peter ran to the tomb first and jumped into the sea to be the first to get ashore to greet the Lord.

These fruits of the Spirit bear a cost to achieve, and it's hard to give a testimony about them because we cannot judge really how loving we are, especially in relation to others. If I am imprisoned, or even tortured for doing what's right, how do I endure joyfully? And yet these virtues are far more valuable than healing the sick —as wonderful as the gift of healing is. Our desire should be to have St. Paul's attitude: I just want to be like Jesus — not just in the things I *do*, but in who I *am*.

We should desire both kinds of gifts: the charisms that help others, but most especially the gifts that help us become holy. If more Christians prayed to grow in the fruits of the Spirit, then perhaps we might see a day when revivals would last for more than two years.

Francis MacNutt is a Founding Director and Executive Committee member of CHM.



## CHM News

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#### Journey to Healing

A retreat for anyone in need of ministry
"Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give
you rest (Matthew 11:28)."

#### January 22-24, 2009

Christian Healing Ministries is delighted to introduce "Journey to Healing." This new 2½ day retreat will include ministry talks by Francis and Judith MacNutt (and team), along with opportunities for personal ministry. For registration please call **904-765-3332** or visit our website at www.christianhealingmin.org. (Registration availability will be limited.)

#### **CHM Internship Program**

Finally....an answer to the question: "What comes after SHP Level III?"

January 20-24, 2009

If you have completed all three levels of CHM's School of Healing Prayer, and would like to experience a deeper level of training, we would like to encourage you to apply for our Internship Program. During this week-long internship, you will be a guest member of the CHM team for the "Journey to Healing" retreat. The week begins with 3 days of advanced training, followed by the 2½ day retreat, where all interns will have the opportunity to facilitate workshops and do ministry. For more information please call **904-765-3332 ext. 216.** (Internship availability will be limited.)

#### Christian Healing Ministries in

New England
June 24-27, 2009

Formerly the
Fishnet Conference

With the encouragement of so many who attended the wonderful Fishnet conferences that were held for 25 years in Rutland, Vermont, we have decided to carry on with the legacy that grew out of the kind of loving community that developed during those years. So many want to be part of a new venture bringing New England's charismatic groups together to continue to learn and to support one another in prayer. Many details will need to be worked out, but the main decision has been made, so please set aside the dates of June 24-27, 2009. We don't know, of course, how many will come – 200 or 1000 – but we are excited about seeing you again.

Love, Francis and Judith

"I have come to see the world on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49)

#### Calling All Intercessors

As Intercessory Prayer Coordinator, Neona sees hundreds of prayer requests and praise reports cross her desk on a monthly basis. We need more intercessors to commit to praying for the hurting who call in. If you are interested in becoming a part of this powerful ministry of CHM, please call Neona Daugherty at 904-765-3332, ext. 221.

#### **Exciting New Translation**

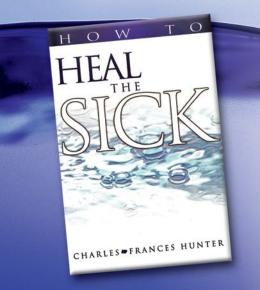


Joy Lamb's powerful book, *The Sword of the Spirit, The Word of God*, has been a wonderful tool in the hands of our prayer ministers here at CHM, and in prayer and intercessory ministry around the world. We are excited to let you know that it is now available in Spanish!

You may order it online at www.christianhealingmin.org, or call our bookstore at 904-765-3332.

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## Featured Classic



#### How to Heal the Sick

by Charles & Frances Hunter

Have you ever desperately longed to reach out your hand and bring healing to someone's needs? At times our hearts ache with the desire to help, but either we don't know how, or we are afraid and stop short. The truth is, the Holy Spirit within you is ready to heal the sick! Charles and Frances Hunter present solid, biblically-based methods of healing that can bring not only physical health, but also spiritual health and the abundant life to you, your family, and everyone around you.

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emotion all over again. I even remembered standing there watching the life disappear from my son, ready to make deals with God....offering to trade places with him.

It rocks me to my core to realize that this is how Jesus feels about me...and how He willingly chose to be nailed to that cross. Just for me – to purchase my freedom.

Galatians 5:1 tells us that "Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you." (The Message)

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners...to release the oppressed..."

(Jesus Christ, in a synagogue in Nazareth—Luke 4:18. Two years later he was crucified.)

What struck me about the slave in the Abraham Lincoln story was his response to freedom. You would think that he would have run away as fast as he could; never looking back. Instead, he bound himself to the one who bought his freedom. What makes someone react like that?

One definition of freedom is: having personal liberty, being able to choose for yourself. I think that this slave knew the value of the gift he had been given, and was naturally drawn to the giver because of it. So his first act of freedom was to make a choice.....a choice that would keep him close to his savior.

I feel that way as well. I am so captivated by my Savior and what He has done for me that I can't bear to live without Him! "Lord Jesus, thank you for the price you paid for me on the cross. And because you have bought my freedom, I *choose* to go with you!"



Linda Strickland is the Associate Director of Ministry and Assistant to Judith MacNutt.

#### 2008 Calendar

October 10-12 ~ Ecumenical Weekend of Renewal - Vail, Colorado

Speakers: Judith MacNutt and Russ Parker

Registration: Christiana Lodge: call 970-476-5641 or email chrlodge@vail.net.

October 20-25 ~ The Francis and Judith MacNutt School of Healing Prayer for Leaders: 2nd Edition - Jacksonville, Florida

Co-sponsored by the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service and the National Service Committee

Speakers: Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt, Don Williams, Mike Evans Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org or call 904-765-3332.

November 10 ~ Day of Healing Prayer - Jacksonville, Florida Registration: call Patsy Barr, Receptionist, at 904-765-3332.

November 14-16 ~ Episcopal Diocese of Albany Deacons Retreat - Greenwich, New York

Speaker: Judith MacNutt Please pray for this conference

**December 1-5** ~ School of Healing Prayer Level I

Speakers: Francis MacNutt and Judith MacNutt and team

Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org or call 904-765-3332.

### 2009 Calandar

#### CHM Schools. Conferences and Retreats

#### Schools of Healing Prayer®

CHM Campus, Jacksonville, Florida

Speakers: Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt, and team Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org or call 904-765-3332.

February 9-13 — Level II May 18-22 — Level III

June 8-12 — Level I July 20-25 — Level II

November 2-6 — Level III

November 30-December 4 — Level I

#### Emerging Leaders in Healing Conferences

Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida Speakers: Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt, and team Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org or call 904-765-3332.

March 9-13 October 5-9

#### Journey to Healing Retreat

Holiday Inn Airport, Jacksonville, Florida Speakers: Francis MacNutt, Judith MacNutt, and team Registration: online at www.christianhealingmin.org or call 904-765-3332.

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June 24-27

#### Other Conferences

February 20-22 ~ St. Andrew's Women's Retreat

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Speaker: Judith MacNutt

Registration: online at www.samp.cc (click on women's

ministry).

April 17-18 ~ Lutheran Renewal Women's Conference

Arden Hills, Minnesota Speaker: Judith MacNutt

Registration Information to come

April 30-May 3 ~ Alaska Healing Conference

Eagle River, Alaska Speaker: Judith MacNutt

Registration Information to come

August 21-23 ~ Holy Spirit Conference

Honolulu, Hawaii

Speakers: Judith MacNutt, among others

Registration: Information to come

**September 17-19** ~ Association of Christian Therapists (ACT) Conference

Jacksonville, Florida

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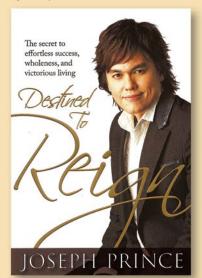
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## CHM BOOKSTORE

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It is not about using your will power to effect change, but His power changing you.

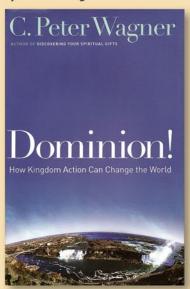
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by C. Peter Wagner



As noted spiritual warfare and church growth authority Dr. C. Peter Wagner explains, the Holy Spirit is calling for a paradign shift in the Church's approach to salvation and societal change. While examining the growing momentum of today's Second Apostolic Age, Dr. Wagner answers questions about the powerful strategies being revealed, including: how is dominion theology operating in the world; does God really allow us to make some decisions about the future; and how do today's "workplace apostles" lead in spiritual battle.

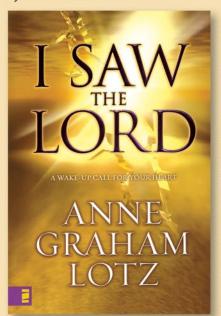
This groundbreaking study lays a biblical, theological and

inspirational foundation for the mandate God is giving His people. You can be part of this astonishing modern-day work of the Spirit. As you learn to move in authority—to take dominion—you will see with new eyes what it really means to "make disciples of all nations."

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by Anne Graham Lotz



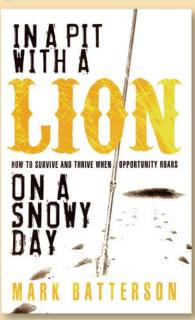
From personal experience, Anne Graham Lotz knows that as Christians we can do all the right things-study the Bible, pray regularly, serve at church, witness whenever we get the chance—yet miss something tremendously important that God wants to give us. When our spiritual eyes are opened, we gain a fresh, transforming vision of Him. This ignites a fire of authentic, personal revival within us, empowering us to live our lives in a way that can change the lives of others.

In this book she shares the passionate, soul-stirring

message, drawn from the experiences of the Old Testament prophet Isaiah, that has inspired Christians worldwide to hear God's wake-up call and experience true personal revival for themselves so that, like Isaiah, they can exclaim, "I saw the LORD!"

#### In A Pit With A Lion On A Snowy Day

by Mark Batterson



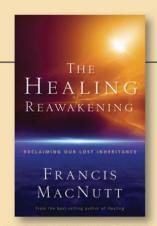
What if the life you really want, and the future God wants for you, is hiding right now in your biggest problem, your worst failure...your greatest fear?

"God is always using past experiences to prepare us for future opportunites. But those God-given opportunites often come disquised as man-eating lions. And how we react when we encounter those lions will determine our destiny. We can cower in fear and run away from our greatest challenges. Or we can chase our God-ordained destiny by seizing the Godordained opportunity."

-Mark Batterson, excerpt from In A Pit With A Lion On A Snowy Day

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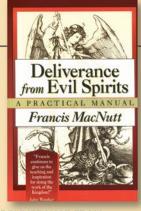
#### THE HEALING REAWAKENING

by Francis MacNutt

Although the main method leading to the conversion of the Roman Empire during the early years of Christianity lay in dramatically healing the sick and casting out evil spirits, the belief in supernatural healing nearly disappeared from mainline churches during the following centuries.

How did something so central to Jesus' own heart, something so essential to the spreading of the Gospel, nearly disappear? Join Francis as he explores this fascinating question.

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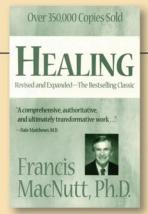


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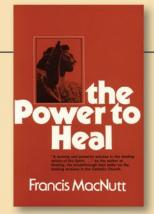


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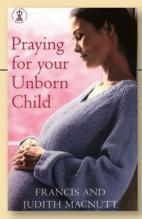


#### OVERCOME BY THE SPIRIT

by Francis MacNutt

In the 1960's and '70's, when Dr. MacNutt first witnessed being "slain in the Spirit," he did not know what to think. Through extensive research, he learned that this phenomenon was not new; it had occurred throughout Church history. With Biblically informed wisdom, Dr. MacNutt tackles every question and concern about this controversial issue, including: Isn't it just the power of suggestion? What are the spiritual benefits? How good can something be that causes division and controversy?

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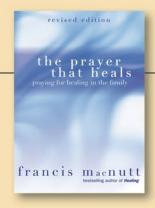


#### PRAYING FOR YOUR UNBORN CHILD

by Francis and Judith MacNutt

What might happen if expectant mothers and fathers learned to pray for their babies even before birth? Sharing their conviction that "Jesus really wants to consecrate your child, to fill him with love and bring him into His Father's family." the MacNutts give examples of the wondrous difference that prayer makes. Also available on audio cassette or cd.

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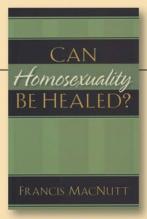


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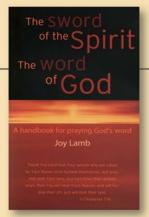


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