THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

"And you shall lay your hands upon the sick and they shall recover."
Mark 16:18.

During the past several years there has been increasing interest in nursing circles in the work of Dr. Delores Krieger of New York University which she terms "Therapeutic Touch". As understood this is a method whereby nurses are taught to hold their hands over the patient (particularly over areas of pain or distress) and to meditate, visualizing their "energy" entering into the depleted energy state of the sick individual. This method of healing or helping the sick has received acceptance in nursing groups and has created very little opposition.

One wonders what might have occurred if Dr. Krieger had advocated the laying on of hands and prayer either audible or silent in the Name of Jesus Christ. In medicine it becomes increasingly apparent that we are willing to tolerate all kinds of aberrations in patient care while we are unwilling to consider traditional Christian principles. One needs only to reflect upon the methods advocated in holistic medicine to see what is being practiced and advocated. It is not my object to condemn these approaches and inroads into accepted medical practice but to indicate that all kinds of changes are being proposed and that most of these changes are in the psycho-physical realm. Many methods pose as spiritual (such as TM for example) but are only new types of soulish techniques further incarcerating man's spirit. If man believes what he is doing is spiritual when it is in reality psychic, he continues to live in the atrophy of the spirit. Atrophy of the spirit (man's failure to develop spirituality) may well be the root cause of disease - the ground substance in which all illness has its inception.

Aside from holistic medicine, the whole area of hospice might well be considered. While I believe there needs to be a re-thinking in general concerning the care of the medically hopeless, I feel that the creation of hospices for the dying with no consideration of Christian healing is a great mistake. To rely upon a chaplain in the local hospice who is acceptable to the political and religious community is to rely on someone who is likely to be neutral to Christian hope and healing. To create houses for the dying which excludes hope is a step backward in patient care.

Recently I requested that a terminal patient of mine be seen by the "supportive care" unit at a local hospital. I wrote in the orders that I did not want anyone to discuss death with the patient. Since I believe this should be the province of the physician himself who knows the patient better than anyone else (insofar as prognosis and the disease process is concerned). After the passage of a few days no one from the hospice unit had been in to see my patient. Upon inquiring about this I was told that "under my restrictions there was nothing that they had to offer the patient". Certainly the physician does not need anyone other than himself (other than perhaps the patient's minister) to prepare his patient for death. To this point I have found no necessity to refer my patients to the supportive care service. I prefer to care for my terminal patients at home with their family in attendance rather than to subject them to unchristian, brutally honest, peripheral care. The Canadian model is, I realize, far more compassionate and caring than what we are developing in the United States. Christian, spiritual, whole person care cannot be developed in a humanistic, often atheistic, chemotherapy oriented, "treat 'em till they die" death center. As with holistic medicine, hospice may well be a soporific to make the largely Christian populace of America believe that they are going to have a new medicine which will give them Christian hope and prayer oriented care. To this point neither holistic health centers nor hospice fulfill the criteria of Christian, Spiritual-Healing, Hope Centers such as was created by Dorothy Kerin in England at Burrswood.
Our hope must lie in the total conversion of the individual doctor and nurse to New Testament Christianity. When converted and filled with the Holy Spirit, the doctor and the nurse become carriers of divine healing and hope. Their textbook of healing is God's Word and their medicament is prayer. When perplexed they pray in the Spirit. When nothing can be done they can always pray. They live expectant that a miracle working God is always only a breath away. They believe as someone has said, "It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive". The spiritual doctor and nurse know that to practice without Jesus and without hope—-is to be in the midst of a system which can only produce death ("The carnal mind is death" Romans 8:6).

There was a time when patients simply would not enter the hospital because of the knowledge that hospitals were places where people went to die. This gradually has changed in this era of scientific enlightenment and now there is little fear associated with hospitalization. Sometimes—as a physician—I have the nagging belief that man should fear going into a hospital, particularly since there is increasingly so little God-orientation in our institutions and so much that is hazardous and worthy of concern. "Were I to be a-dying, I'd prefer that I might be in a little cottage by the sea with my wife and kids by me. With soft sea breezes— and songs of Jesus— and smell of sea air and fresh mown hay. To die in the hearing of God's precious Word — to go to glory in the midst of prayer. And if you bring to me a preacher on that day, may it be one who's full of God's love and the Holy Ghost—a man of joy and tears of anointing. And please do the laying on of hands— and anointing with oil and read to me the Holy Communion from the old Book of Common Prayer. And sons—and dear wife and daughters too—please love me as you always have and a little more beside—and sing to me as we part as we did for Grandpa not so long ago—The Nunc dimittis.

These words— penned not long after the death of my father still hold true today. In Hospice—in the care of the medically hopeless—one concludes that there are great, great values in life that today are being missed. And soon life is gone—and we have not found that which is precious and eternal. How sad, how very sad to be a doctor or a priest achieving everything in the world of success and finance only to discover too late that what they found as a small lad beside a swollen spring stream with the hearing of the song sparrows and the breath of apple blossoms nearby, was more than all the honorary degrees or the acolades of many men. Let us resolve to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in medicine to the fullest in all the days to come. Then we can achieve to the great joy of all mankind a truly New—and Compassionate Medicine.

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The following is an excerpt from a physician's letter to his mother after reading "Healing the Whole Man" by William Standish Reed, M. D.:—

"Many thanks for the book by Dr. Reed, which I am finding very interesting and helpful. It is strange, how often one is confronted with problems which one as a physician cannot master, when patients do not react to the usual somatic measures and many, many spiritual approaches must be considered, for the expectations of each patient are different, as are their backgrounds and their intelligence. We internists have many disappointments in this respect, too, for there are so many people who cannot be reached by any means available. I often feel that modern ideas and technology, which are read widely and often over-represented in all their healing capacities, are responsible to a great part of the spiritual failures, for the patients (and the colleagues) hang themselves so hard on these mechanical principles that they forget to respect other important measures. (On the other hand, it is just as important to remain objective toward a patient in order to recognize symptoms and interpret them correctly.)"

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"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting. In the slums we are the light of God's kindness to the poor. To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, give always a happy smile. Give them not only your care, but also your heart."

—Mother Teresa of Calcutta
FINANCES OF CMF INTERNATIONAL

The January/February newsletter cost approximately $900 to print. The postage (which is bulk rate) came to $1,182. This is a postal increase of $452 over the previous months' newsletters. It now costs approximately $2,082 to mail out the Christian Medical Foundation newsletter to a mailing list of approximately 21,000. As a result of these increases, we must inform you that the newsletter will now be printed bi-monthly.

Please prayerfully consider making a regular tax deductible gift of $5 to $10 per month to CMF. Lately the financial pressures at the international office have been increasingly great. We are so appreciative to all who have been helping! God bless you!

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CHRISTIAN PHYSICIANS WANTED

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PEDiatrician desiring Christian partner in West Central Florida. Private practice.

Third year PEDIATRICS RESIDENT looking for Christian pediatrics practice to join upon completion of residency training in June 1982.

Practice open to interested GENERAL PRACTITIONER. Small, busy town in need of doctor now.

Non-profit organization wishes to lease office to CHRISTIAN PSYCHIATRIST in private practice. Available to His Love Christian Services for referrals, fee for service basis. Texas Gulf Coast area.

60 yr. old diagnostic RADIOLOGIST desires to relocate in Midwest or Mid-south area due to wife's health. Full or part time.

Christian WHOLISTIC M.D., SURGEON, INTERNIST, G.P., or OB/GYN for long or short-term service in Mission Hospital.

Two Christian FAMILY PHYSICIANS in the Kansas City area desire Board Certified FAMILY PHYSICIAN to join practice.

FAMILY PHYSICIAN, strong in the Lord, to disciple Family Practice residents and serve as Asst. Dir. of a Family Practice Residency Program.

Christian physician from Egypt with MN license, immigrant status, and 1 yr. U.S. training in Ortho seeks ORTHOPEDICS RESIDENCY, beginning at G-1 or G-2 level. Available any time.

Work in NUCLEAR MEDICINE. 20 yrs. experience in state-of-the-art imaging and dynamic studies, teaching, ABNM certified.

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DAILY PRAYERS AT 1 PM IN THE CMF CHAPEL. EVERYONE WELCOME!

APRIL 1982

EVERY TUESDAY--10 AM, Ladies' Bible Study and Sandwich Luncheon. (PLEASE BRING A SANDWICH IF YOU PLAN TO STAY FOR LUNCH. Only beverages will be served). Kay speaks at 10:30 AM, Dr. Reed at 1 PM, healing service at 2 PM.

APR. 15--Dr. Reed, Prayer Breakfast, 9:30 AM, Sun City Women's Club. Contact Mrs. Carl Kietzman, Program Chairman, 309 Green Manor Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33570, 634-2596.

APR. 16-18--Dr. & Kay, Healing Mission, Westside United Methodist Church, 104 N. Morris St., Geneva, AL, 36340. Contact Rev. Filligim or church office at same address.

APR. 23-25--Dr. & Kay, United Methodist Couples' Retreat, Leesburg, FL. Contact Rev. Vernon Mayer, 8701 15th Lane No., St. Petersburg, FL 33702, 813/577-3772.

NO DAYTONA STATION MEETING IN MARCH OR APRIL.

MAY 1982

EVERY TUESDAY--Same as above.

May 14-16--Medical Doctors regional CMF Meeting. Fort Worth area. For doctors and spouses only. Contact Dr. Raphael D'Angelo, 4101 Middlebrook Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76116, or Dr. Gerry Landry, Rt. 1, Box 156B, Lindale, TX 75771.

May 15--Dr. Reed, Fort Worth FGBMFI. Contact Guy Witherspoon, Pres., FGBMFI Chapter, 308 Hazlewood Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76107, 817/738-3734.

May 22--Daytona CMF Station Meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 620 S. Grandview Ave., Daytona Bch., FL, 7:30 PM.

May 27--Zephyrhills Aglow, 7:00 PM. Contact Lillian Anderson, P.O. Box 277, Dade City, FL 33525, 904/567-6464.


NOTICE: ALL PHYSICIANS AND THEIR SPOUSES

THE TENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
LOGO-PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE

will be held

OCTOBER 6-10, 1982.

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

HEALING THE WHOLE MAN--MIND, BODY, SPIRIT, by William Standish Reed, M.D. Published by Fleming Revell Power Books, the book is available through CMF or your local book store. If you contact CMF for a copy, please send $3.95 a copy plus postage and handling of $2.00 (U.S.) or $4.95 a copy plus $2.00 (Canada).
THE LITTLEST ANGEL

Dear Friends of CMF,

The Littlest Angel is really, really busy! We have new volunteers who keep the shop open on weekdays. During their un-busy moments they help do filing, etc., for CMF. WHAT A BLESSING!

Our new consignment system is a real success. We've had a lot of new people participating and everyone seems to enjoy their crafts.

We'll be holding our giant Yard Sale March 27th. Any of you who have things that you'd like to donate, bring 'em on in!!! Plus, mark this date on your calendar.

The second issue of the new L.A. catalog is in the works! Those of you who wish to receive one, please send us a note! If you have sent in for one, we haven't forgotten you! It'll take a couple more weeks to finish the new edition but we'll send it hot off the press!

Bags! Boxes! And lots of new merchandise - are just a few of our new goodies. Our newly designed Logo will be featured on our new bags and personalized gold L.A. labels will decorate our new pink and white flowered boxes!

Our new merchandise from market is pouring in. We have gotten some spectacular gifts. I wish you all could see them!

We hope that you keep us in your prayers.

May God bless and keep you, His little child, in His arms.

Much Love,
Jennifer

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"I Didn't Have Time" (Author Unknown)

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day.

I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task.

"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered, "You didn't ask!"

I tried to come into God's presence, I used all my keys at the lock.

God gently and lovingly chided, "Why, child, you didn't knock."

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak.

I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, "But you didn't seek."

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day,

I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

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CHRISTIAN PHYSICIANS WANTED (continued)

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RADIOLOGIST. Must be knowledgeable in CP and/or arteriography. Excellent salary to start, then become member of corporation. 450 bed. Steubenville, OH. New department.


Christian Masters Graduate in Health Administration with emphasis in Hospital Administration seeking entry level position in Hospital or Consulting firm. 1 year hospital experience.

ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON desiring Christian partner in Florence, AL. Private practice.

Christian PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT desires position with Christian physician or hospital. Excellent references.

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Mayo D. Gilson, M.D., 8277 S. Walker, Oklahoma City, OK 73139, 405/631-9623.

Alfred S. Holbrook III, 614 Hilton St., Columbia, SC 29205, 803/771-7196 after 6 pm, 803/783-4773 at work.

Wyatt C. Simpson, Jr., M.D., Colonial Manor Professional Bldg., 2111 Cloyd Blvd., Florence, AL 35630, 205/767-1600.

Charles E. Shaffer, Rt. 1, Concord Rd., Belington, WV 26250.

FOR SALE

Ultra sonic breast tumor detection device available. Unused. (Was to be part of ORU Medical Center). Must be sold.

D. Lewis Moore, M.D., Dept. of Surgery, ORU Medical School, 7777 Lewis, Tulsa, OK 74171, 918/492-6161.

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"Who, then, can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution, or hunger or or poverty or danger or death? No, in all these things we have complete victory through Him Who loved us." ---Romans 8:35

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