THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF PRAISE

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In the practice of Medicine there are very few days which go by in which there is no bad news. A friend enters the hospital with a M.I. (myocardial infarct). Someone calls concerning a dear brother in Christ who has a carcinoma of the colon. There may be divorce, or separation, or financial crises. There also are severe storms, earthquakes, revolutions, and all manner of problems close to home and across the world. When I was a boy, my family was caught in a national convulsion called The Great Depression. I can remember my father coming home after losing his job and finding that there was no employment to be found in our town. In order that we children would not be alarmed, his tears were shed down in our basement where they would not be seen or heard. It was going to be different in our educated modern generation. However, the sorrow and the stress are quite similar even though the environment has changed.

The saving virtue then and now is the great solace and joy which come into our lives when we "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and enter His courts with praise." God will make a way where there seemingly is no way. He will provide for us a way of escape in our day of trial. (I Corinthians 10:13) In my own life when there was no possibility of going to college, He sent me a scholarship to a great university. It was the same when He made it possible for me to go to Medical School and later on to enter surgical training under a great surgeon's tutelage. God Himself founded Christian Medical Foundation and prospered it far beyond anyone's fondest dreams or aspirations. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

When Standish, my eldest son, was a small boy kneeling beside his bed saying his prayers, after praying for everyone seemingly in the whole world, he ended his prayer with a sigh, "And God bless God." David, in Psalm 103, sang "Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His Holy Name." We must bless the Lord, praise God, praise the Holy One of Israel. My little son, in his prayer, saw this, but so often caught in the throes of problems and trouble we forget to bless and praise our wonder-working God. We must sing His praises in our times of prosperity and in our times of trouble, filing into the Roman Coliseum, or filing to the auditorium stage to receive our diploma. It could be as we stand before a minister saying our wedding vows or standing before a magistrate at the time of divorce. It could be as we see our first born moments after birth or as we see him going from safety of home and family to the lethal jungles of Vietnam. It could be as great success greets our every effort in performing difficult and almost impossible surgeries, or it might be when the patient doesn't make it or has a complication or there is a lawsuit. Remember when you had the dream of the place of the spiritual in Medicine and Surgery, bringing prayer into the operating room not knowing that the dream conflicted with the world system, the scientific, the atheistic, the profane world of those who were the self deified and who long ago had ruled out God from life and practice. But the dream prevails and lives today in many hearts of surgeons and physicians across the whole world.

One day during the Judaic reign of King Jehoshaphat, Judah came under attack from the armies of Amman, Moab, and Mount Seir characterized in II Chronicles 20:12 as a "mighty army." The Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel who prophesied. "Don't be afraid. Don't be paralyzed by this mighty army! For the battle is not yours but God's!...Go out tomorrow, for the Lord is with you!" Jehoshaphat after a great time of praise and singing determined that there should be a choir leading the march, clothed in sanctified garments and singing the song, "His Loving Kindness Is Forever." The enemy then proceeded to destroy himself and Judah prevailed in what they then called The valley of blessings. How they praised the Lord!

In St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (10:13) he states, "So far you have faced no trial beyond which man can bear. God keeps faith and He will not allow you to be tested above your powers, but when the test comes He will at the same time provide a way out." (New English Bible) So no matter what comes, "keep on praising God." Never give up, keep on keeping on. "He will never leave you, nor forsake you." Learn to lean on Jesus. Holding us up are the everlasting arms. We are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, God's own...continued on page 2
purchased, special people." We are also sojourners, strangers, and exiles in this world." (I Peter 2:9,10) We "have approached unto Mount Zion, even to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless multitudes of angels in festal gathering, and to the church of the first-born who are registered in Heaven." (Hebrews 12:22-23)

Rise up O men of God! Begin to rejoice. His Parousia has begun. To experience victory and blessing there is the absolute necessity of praise. Call out the choir, the singing priests of God, clothed in sanctified garments. Then let us begin to sing the hymn, "His Loving-Kindness is Forever."

CONCERNING CMF FINANCES

Back in the early 1930's, my father who was the manager of an A & P store in Port Huron, Michigan, was the proud possessor of a large, behemoth of a car, a Willys Knight! I remember it as being the most beautiful, and also the largest and most comfortable car which we ever owned. In those days my father and mother would load the four of us children (Rita was a baby at the time) into the car and we would usually stop at an ice cream parlor, get a double dip, which I think cost 10 cents and "go for a ride." Going for a ride was always a family affair and was always one of the most happy occasions that I can reflect back on in those wonderful days. When we got home we'd all be asleep and my father would pick us up, as big as we were getting to be, and take us up and put us to bed, tucking us in with kisses and love and prayer and admonitions to be good boys. One time when we were out on one of our evening excursions, my father stopped outside a large tent where a revival was going on. We sat there and listened to the preaching, which was quite wonderful, and for the first time, I felt the anointing of Jesus touch my heart. When the offering was being taken, I remember asking my father for some money and as I entered the tent it was necessary for me to carry my dollar all the way down to the front of the tent in order to catch up with the collection plate! What I was thinking about in remembering this incident, is that the preaching of the Gospel always brings with it the desire on the part even of children to be generous toward the cause of Christ. Christian Medical Foundation has always proclaimed the unsearchable riches of Christ. Our own projects have been secondary. If our newsletter and its messages and the messages which you hear proclaimed by us, here at the Foundation-at our Chapel meetings, or at churches, or wherever we happen to be, touch your heart, please remember to allow the generosity which flows out from the message and the anointing of Christ to be part of your desire to give. Give to the cause of Christ wherever you may find that cause proclaimed and remember that CMF is truly part of that wonderful cause, the greatest cause in this confused and confusing world. WSR

"I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." Psalm 118:17 (King James Version)

For twenty-seven years I Daily quoted this passage of Scripture to myself. I used my own words, "I shall live and not die so that I can declare the Works of the Lord."

Today I am alive and well as a result of doing this.

Frances Priebe Lewis

SPACE MEDICINE

Recently, it was my privilege to meet two very interesting people who have a vision for bringing some of the massive technology of the National Space Agency into the domain of medical practice. One of these men, Bob Butterfield, is a scientist working at NASA. John Schoppman who is Business Manager of the University of South Florida College of Medicine, Department of OB/GYN, is president of the Space Medicine Institute. What this institute hopes to do as a Christian organization is to correlate much of the technology acquired by NASA - which has to do with health - during the past twenty years, the medical, surgical, and basic health needs of the people of the United States. You may be aware that the peacemaker technology is a direct spin off of NASA technology. NASA support for the Space Medical Institute will be primarily in the transfer of technologic information. The way in which CMF physicians can be of help in the early phases of the institute is to send to John Schoppman via CMF in Tampa, any kind of statement having to do with a problem which you have come across in your practice which could conceivably be solved through some of the investigations already carried out through space technology. An example could be such a question, "What can be done through the investigations of weightlessness to help patients who are experiencing severe muscular, skeletal problems in ALS or Multiple Sclerosis?" Another example might be, "Is there anything in NASA research which could help us with reference to better oxygen delivery to the circulation of the COPD terminal patient?" You may be interested in becoming a consultant to the Space Medicine Institute. As you prayerfully consider the above and if you get the impulse to join in this new endeavor, please write John Schoppman in care of CMF.
DEAR FRIENDS OF THE LITTLEST ANGEL

Thank you, thank you, for the many letters and calls to me regarding angels in the shop, available merchandise, donations toward our new computer; information and requests for gift wrapping and mailing of gifts to friends and loved ones etc., etc. It has been great fun for me to share the angel of the month with you all. We have recently taken photographs of many of the angels in the shop and hope to create a brochure to share the beautiful selection of angels from all over the world with you. We will be so happy to select an angel for you to send to that special someone in your life.

The shop is in the process of being recreated into a wonderland for the 18th Annual Doctors Conference to be held October 3-7, 1990. I am delighted to say our selection of Christian books and Bibles, beautiful handmade linens from Hungary, Claire Burke potpourri, James Avery Jewelry, and Seagull pewter are just a few of the selections of gifts available.

While in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Bill and I visited the glass foundry where the Blue Birds of Happiness were originally created. We now carry the beautiful little birds. They make lovely inexpensive gifts for that special someone. We have our own preserves and jellies, chutneys and amaretto and mango toppings for your favorite desserts; Pelican dip mixes and teas...and so much more I would like to share with you. Please drop in if and when you can.

The doctors and their wives will be here at the Foundation on Saturday, October 6th, for the annual All-American Barbecue. We will have a Pennsylvania quilt auction and everyone comes prepared to do their Christmas shopping with us. We really have a great time. It is the highlight of our year and we wish you could all be with us. Come if you can.

A very special thank you to all those who sent donations toward our new computer at the Littlest Angel. I trust that your beautiful angel has arrived and you were pleased with her. We so appreciate your thoughtfulness and help with our project. It is not too late to be a part of the computer project if you have not already done so. For a $100.00 donation, we will send one of our Sun Ray stained glass angels to you or to someone else. This would make a lovely Christmas gift and also help the Littlest Angel.

Our computer is an amazing "gadget" and does the most "interesting" things. I can not believe this Grandmother has conquered it and I could not have come this far without our daughter Lyn prodding me. It has been an interesting year to say the least. Please accept my sincere thank you for being a part.

The Littlest Angel continues to minister to many as they drop in to browse. In the quiet and beauty of the shop the Lord speaks to needs.

One day soon I hope to write my book "The Littlest Angel." Life's experiences will be felt in this book.

Have a beautiful fall and keep in touch.

Love,
Kay

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ANGEL OF THE MONTH

Please send me:

___ Rec."Adoration" Angel(s) at $29.95 ea. (Height 9¼")

Enclosed please find my:
[ ] Check [ ] Money Order for ___________

Mail Angel to:

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
City, State _______________________
Zip, Phone _______________________

Make checks payable to:

The Littlest Angel
7522 North Himes Avenue
Tampa, FL 33614-3205

BOOK OFFER

This month we are offering the rest of the series of biblical novels by Lois T. Henderson. These books are Hagar, Lydia, and Priscilla and Aquila.

Please send me:

___ copy(ies) of Hagar at $9.95 ea.
___ copy(ies) of Lydia at $9.95 ea.
___ copy(ies) of Priscilla and Aquila at $10.95 ea.

Books for a total of $__________

Price includes postage and handling fee. Florida residents must add 6% sales tax.
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DERMATOLOGIST SEeks FULL-TIME or PART-TIME ASSOCIATE to join him in private practice. Send CV’s to Tom Hudson, M.D., 601 N. University, Little Rock, AR 72205.

CHAPLAIN SEeks POSITION in either a clinic or an acute care setting. Specialties include Oncology and Cardiology. Licenses include Licensed Professional Counselor (state of Ohio) and Fellow, College of Chaplains (pending). CONTACT: Henry W. Bruner, 222 Colgate Avenue, Elyria, Ohio 44035, (216) 322-9749.

WANTED CARDIOLOGIST to join one other in thriving practice in Pittsburgh, PA. CONTACT: Dr. David Cheng, 3105 Antheo Drive, Murrysville, PA 15668, (412) 373-9491.

WANTED: BOARD-CERTIFIED ANESTHESIOLOGIST to join established group in south Georgia. CONTACT: S.D. Register, M.D., (912) 245-7950 or (912) 333-1313.

CALENDAR

September 1-6 Hendersonville, North Carolina
Dr. and Kay - leaders at the Kanuga CFO
CONTACT: Edith Waldrop (804) 795-2535.

20-22 Belleville, Ontario CANADA
CMF Conference with Dr. and Mrs. William Reed, Dr. Robert Aikman, Dr. Bruce Cronk, Dr. George Kaufman, Dr. Hal Wilson, William Lamb. CONTACT: Mrs. Elaine McIntock c/o The Anchorage, 2 South Front Street, Suite 207, Belleville Ontario K8N 5K7; or Mrs. Lyn Thornton at CMF Tampa (813) 932-3688.

28 Toronto, Ontario CANADA
Speaker - Dr. Reed 7:00 p.m., The Church of St. Clement, Eglington, 59 Briar Hill Avenue
CONTACT: Church office (416) 483-6664.

October 3-7 CMF’s 18th Annual Physicians’ Conference.
The Adam’s Mark Caribbean Golf Resort
Clearwater Beach, Florida
CONTACT: Mrs. Lyn Thornton at CMF
(813) 932-3688

November 4 Indian Rocks Beach, Florida
Speaker - Dr. Reed, Order of St. Luke meeting at Calvary Episcopal Church.

14 Clearwater, Florida
Speaker - Dr. Reed, Women’s Organization of Heritage United Methodist Church,
2680 Landmark Drive.
CONTACT: Ms. Pauline Craig, (813) 786-7053.