



*The Order of St Luke the Physician  
in New Zealand*

**HEAL-LINK**

*April- May 2008*

**Dedicated to healing the whole person, spirit, soul and body,  
and to the healing of situations, of nations, and of God's creation.**



*Greetings to all from Warden Brian,*

**DEATH BY DROWNING: DOES GOD NOTICE?**

This is the sort of question a grieving unbeliever might ask. But I am asking the question quite seriously. And I am serious when I emphatically affirm that God not only notices but cares deeply. Natasha, Portia, Anthony, Tara, Tom, Floyd and Tony were engulfed by a flash wall of foaming brown water and were drowned. These were excited young Christians with a faith in God. But Mangatepopo Stream swallowed their young lives and had subsided to normal within an hour. You and I grieve with their loved ones. Yes, the media was impressed with how the Elim Christian College and its supporters reacted. A "Dominion Post" contributor who has admitted she has left her Christian faith nevertheless said (21.4.08) in her excellent article: "I have never seen any group of bereaved people behave with such generosity of spirit."

Drownings touch me. My father was rescued from drowning in the Kaipara Harbour by some Ngatiwhatua. He was hung by his heels in a teepee made of Manuka stakes to let the water drain out. A green Manuka fire was lit nearby to create smoke to cough him back to life. That was a century ago – so I owe my life to Northland Maori. My own son was saved from a thermal pool drowning by an alert bather. My wife lost a son by drowning.

God notices and he cares. I go back some years. Neil became a regular attendee to my evening Service. One night I invited those who wished to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour to come forward. Neil walked up the aisle. We prayed with him and one of my men gave a moving but strange prayer for Neil: ***"May the water of the Holy Spirit come upon you; may the water of the Holy Spirit engulf you; may the water of the Holy Spirit bear you up."*** My son Graeme hastily copied the prayer down.

The next day I called upon Neil at his optician's shop and ask how he felt after committing his life to Jesus Christ. He said, "I'm walking six inches off the ground." On Tuesday Neil took his catamaran out. The weather changed dramatically and you can guess the rest. But the Holy Spirit was with him.

Yes, God knew what was going to happen and cared much for Neil. The man who prayed the Sunday prayer was open to hearing the Lord's voice. He prayed a prophetic word that later became a comfort to Neil's mother and others who loved him. Yes, God is with us all the time. And we are the object of the Lord's deep caring love until we are in the heavenly arms.

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**Warden's Council and Conference 2008:**

Plans are well under way for the Conference to be held at El Rancho Waikanae Christian Holiday Park in the Elm Complex from 10am on **Friday 17 October** for Registration, followed by the Official Welcome at 11.45am, to 4pm on **Sunday 19 October 2008**. Information re the El Rancho complex can be found at their website [www.elrancho.co.nz](http://www.elrancho.co.nz)

We strongly encourage you to begin making plans to come to the conference. Each Chapter (including Postal Members) is entitled to have two voting members present but only one representative will have their travel costs subsidised by OSL over and above the first \$100 which may be paid by the Chapter. (The 2 representatives can of course share the subsidy between themselves but only 1 may make the claim). Other Chapter members may attend the conference as non-voting members. You are encouraged to book early and seek the most cost-effective travel arrangements to minimise the cost to the OSL and yourselves.

Registration forms are being sent to Chapters with this Heal-Link. Please:

- Pray for the Conference and the organisers
- Check who your Warden's Council Representatives are
- Ascertain whether they are likely to be able to attend the conference
- Encourage other members to attend
- Start raising money to assist your Chapter members to attend
- Book early to get the best fares.



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## **News Northern Area**

**Whangarei Chapter** reports having started evening meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month for Members and friends interested in the Healing Ministry, for those who are unable to attend the regular daytime Chapter meetings. The first evening meeting was held in March in a member's home and led by our Chaplain, Rev John Raggett, with seven attending. It is intended to have talks & discussion on healing based on the Scriptures.

We look forward to a visit from Missioner Rev Derek Lightbourne on Sunday, 18 May when he will lead a "Mini Seminar" on the theme "Holding on to Your Healing", followed by a (public) Healing Service. In June we look forward to our Warden Brian leading a seminar at our regular afternoon meeting on June 18, and continuing in the evening combining with the Evening Group for a "soup & rolls" tea. **Marcelle Chambers OSL**

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**Auckland Chapter** recently lost a valued member to Higher Service. We celebrated Joan Leach's 34 years ministry to OSL with thanksgiving for her example of a life filled with joy and hope. When carrying the pain of sickness Joan's sweet smile and quiet presence ministered to us all.

Another of our long serving members, Lillian Gnanasunderam, had a bad fall last year and is patiently recovering and looking forward to moving into a granny-flat at her daughter's home.

On May 11 at 2pm in Holy Sepulchre we look forward to a Teaching and Healing Service led by our Missioner, Rev Derek Lightbourne. This is very special for our Chapter because we are reaching out into the wider Auckland community, and especially the Maori people who worship at Holy Sepulchre. Please pray for us and our wonderful shepherd and chaplain, Rev Jenny Quince, priest of Tikanga Maori. **Rhoda Porterfield, Secretary**

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### **RESOURCES: New Study and Reading Material**

A new study book is "In search of Wholeness – a Christian Perspective" This can be a companion book to 'Searching Questions' and 'Channels of Healing' All books now cost \$12 each plus postage. The new edition of "Sent to Heal" now costs \$38 plus postage.

The full range of 17 "Prayer and Meditation" cards will be available mid-May at **60c each**, printed & laminated on 160gm coloured card, well presented and lasting well. See article on Summary of decisions from April 2008 Executive Meeting (page 6) for introductory special price.

Please do not send money when ordering OSL resources. Instead please pay on receipt of your Invoice which is enclosed with your order. Order from:

Mrs Betty Meyers, our Resource Assistant, 34a Halswater Drive, Churton Park, Wellington 6037 or email [ecmeyers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ecmeyers@xtra.co.nz) [Note! new email address]

## **Obituary Mrs Grace Mulcock OSL:**

Grace really was one of those gems in our lives who was always there for people and available. And the wonderful things she did for Bill. She had a special gift for disabled people and made them feel fulfilled to their full potential. **Shirley Ronson, former Wholeness team member**

Grace was always there for Laurie too and she wholeheartedly supported him in so many practical ways. Wholeness magazine came into being in 1958 and for the next 16 years became their passion simply because they wanted to share God's message of healing and hope with as many people as possible. There was never any thought of gain and everything was done in faith this is why everyone loved Wholeness and circulation during this time grew to 41,000 world wide. These were the foundations they both laid. Others caught the vision and carried on. Bless them both for a wonderful legacy. **Joan Benge OSL former Wholeness team member**

Initially Laurie and Grace produced Wholeness on their own. It took three weeks to produce, print and distribute each issue. They established a lending library of books on healing, later presented to Titoki Healing Home in Whakatane and they also had books for sale. Grace and Laurie both became members of OSL on 12 Sep 1964 and on 12 Sep 1975 were made Hon Life Members of the Order. We met them in 1966 when living in Hawera and as a result became members of the Order ourselves, establishing a chapter there and as we moved on to Kaitia they gave us the name of a Wholeness subscriber there which resulted in a new Chapter being formed. We have valued our link with Grace since Laurie's death on 23 October 1977. We were privileged to attend Grace's funeral in Stratford on our way home from the Executive meeting and Brian was able to pay tribute to her on the Order's behalf. **Brian and Shirley Flower OSL**

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### **An OSL Outreach:**

Handclapping, some dancing and singing featured in a recent concert in Kapiti Anglican Church, by the City Jazz Band. OSL sponsored this fundraiser concert for **L'Arche Community**. With Michael Bain on clarinet and saxophone, and seven other musicians this was a very enjoyable afternoon of Dixieland and Swing Jazz. L'Arche was founded in 1964 by Jean Vanier. It comprises small 'communities' of intellectually or physically disabled people, living in the spirit of the Gospel along with loving and caring assistants. While there are 130 communities world-wide, the Kapiti community is the only one in New Zealand. Their aims very much parallel the intent of the Order of St Luke. After costs were met the proceeds of \$617 was given to L'Arche. Such was the enthusiasm there are plans for another concert next year. **Rev Derek Lightbourne**

## ***From Co-General Secretaries***

Dear Friends,

We travelled to Paraparaumu for the Executive Meeting with an agenda including the draft revised constitution with no certainty that the full agenda would be covered in the time allowed and were pleasantly surprised when we finished with the benediction one hour ahead of schedule having completely covered all of the agenda.

It was very satisfying to find that while not all may have been in agreement with all issues prior to the meeting a consensus was reached on all matters and it was felt that the Holy Spirit was really moving in the meeting.

Included in this Heal-Link (following this) is a summary of the decisions reached there. We have come away inspired by the progress made and the appearance of new ventures and goals and a freshness of spirit within the Executive members.

We look forward to that same freshness of spirit and the moving of the Holy Spirit at Warden's Council and Conference in October. We pray for inspiration and renewal being evident there.

Your servants in Christ  
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### **Summary of decisions from April 2008 Executive Meeting:**

In response to a remit a report of **decisions made at Executive meetings** is to be published in the following HEAL-LINK so that the wider membership of OSL NZ is kept informed of changes and events.

Heal-Link will now be published five times a year which will be every two months omitting December/January, with one Area being responsible for the input for each issue.

(Next issue June-July Tararua Area – Editor's note.)

Any person who has the **authority to consecrate communion** in their own particular church denomination can do so at an OSL service subject to the permission of the host church's minister.

There are now four **membership application forms**, two each for Postal and Chapter. This simplifies the filling in of the forms. Associate Membership Application forms now include provision for the supply of the OSL International studies free of charge. All are available, dated May 08, from the Co-General Secretaries and will shortly be available on the website. Please use only the new forms, discarding all others.

Future development of the **OSL House property** was discussed including a suggestion that a unit be added for "time out refreshment" as the beginnings of a **healing home** being established and a committee was appointed consisting of Warden Brian as convenor, Jim Bentall, Michael Bain and Alexis Hooper, with power to co-opt, to consider the future development of the OSL House property and to report to Warden's Council.

The word "**emblem**" should be substituted for "**insignia**" in future.

Chapters are to be offered an initial set of **17 prayer and meditation cards** at a special price of \$10 plus postage via the Resource Assistant Betty. This set will include a new card entitled "A Prayer Meditation" by Marilyn Westman, an OSL Member from Illinois, USA. Further cards are to be available at a cost of 60c each plus postage.

As a consequence of the revised Constitution the **revision of the handbook** is to be an agenda item for the new Executive.

**Sharing Magazine** is now available to chapters or individual members through the Co-General Secretaries by annual subscription at a cost of \$30 per year.

**The website** is to have a new page for testimonies. Some testimonies are too long to be included in Heal-Link in full so an abridged form will be included there with a reference to the website for the full article.

The **General Treasurer** has reported that he is having considerable difficulty in collecting **outstanding subscriptions** some of which are outstanding by several years. Subscriptions are due and payable by 31 August for the year ended the following June. A pastoral contact by the Area or Chapter Chaplain, as appropriate, is to be made with members whose subscriptions are outstanding, expressing concern and seeking resolution in some way.

The **2008 Conference registration form** was approved for distribution with the Heal-Link mailing early May.

Invitations are to be sought from Chapters with support from their Area for hosting the **2011 Warden's Council and Conference** for consideration by the 2008 Warden's Council. Questions were raised whether it should be held in the North (Auckland?) or South (Blenheim?) Island keeping transport costs in mind.

#### **New Constitution:**

A copy of the new draft constitution is to be lodged with the **Charities Commission** so that the Order's charitable status can be maintained giving members the opportunity to continue claiming their receipts as a tax rebate.

A great proportion of the time of the Executive Meeting was spent in reviewing and editing the **draft of the new constitution** which had been prepared by a subcommittee of the Executive. It is now in a much simpler format and is very user friendly.

As a result of having completed the revision at the Executive meeting a copy of the draft revised Constitution is to be sent, with a covering letter explaining major changes that have been included, to each Warden's Council representative. After studying and discussion at Chapter annual meetings any remits for amendments can be sent to the Co-General Secretaries.

These remits would then be circulated by email etc to the Executive for consideration ahead of the Executive Meeting that is held the day before the Warden's Council.

This preparation is needed so that by the time the Warden's Council meets in October most of the discussion and debating will have taken place. Therefore minimum time will be taken up before it is approved there as our new constitution.

#### **Term of service of Chapter and Area Office Holders:**

The revised constitution provides for two three year terms of office with a third term (if necessary) subject to Executive Committee approval.

#### **Healing Groups:**

Discussion took place on a new concept, that of Healing Groups.

A Healing Group could be formed to meet the needs of postal members.

There would need to be a committed OSL member to act as convenor, who has email facility, and is prepared to receive (electronically) and distribute Heal Link to the other group members, some of whom may not be OSL members.

The Area Chaplain and Area Convenor would exercise oversight of Healing Groups in their Area.

Where there are Postal Members having difficulty gaining sufficient numbers to form a Chapter, the Healing Group concept could be considered as a way forward.

A Healing Group including OSL members could initiate or sponsor larger meetings of people interested in promoting the Church's healing ministry. Such meetings should include worship, teaching, and practice of the healing ministry of Jesus.

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*Any member or chapter desiring a copy of the full minutes or of the financial report is welcome to request a copy from the Co-General Secretaries.*

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*This is a prayer given  
to me some years ago  
that I have pinned up  
on my bedroom wall.  
It helped me to keep  
my eyes on Jesus  
through a deeply  
hurting and emotional  
time.*

"Jesus  
Thank you for teaching me over and over  
That dwelling on the hurt does not bring wholeness  
That dwelling on the healing does not bring health  
But that dwelling on You  
Your Perfection  
Your Holiness Your Goodness  
Your ability to handle even me  
Yields health  
Wrapped in wholeness  
Ribbioned in Joy"

Anne Wesney  
Area Convenor

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#### **Remember !**

Please continue to pray for the 2008 Warden's Council and Conference. Remember to plan your October holidays around these dates; come and enjoy the healing fellowship with other OSL members at Waikanae from 17 to 19 October, 2008. Full details and Registration form with this **HEAL-LINK!**



***Missioners on Tour -- Frank & Gwen Rigg OSL write:***

We wish to thank all those who have shown us such warm hospitality on our tour by campervan of the Wairarapa and the South Island. It has been a most exhilarating experience for Gwen and I to have been conducting healing seminars, services and other meetings around the country. We have been most encouraged by reports filtering back from people for whom we have prayed. A lady in Ashburton who was bent over and weighed down with problems and abuse visibly straightened up as we prayed for her and she began praising the Lord: He is always a God of surprises! We are most grateful for your prayers all round.

In Rangiora we 'tried out' a new topic: ***The Overcoming Power of God's Love*** and there were some powerful manifestations of His healing Presence.

We also thank the many churches who opened their doors to us to preach and minister. It has been a great joy and privilege to be able to represent the Order in this way. All praise and glory be to His wonderful Name! Our love and His blessings to you all, ***Frank and Gwen***

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***News Blenheim-Tasman Area***

Many members have been encouraged, helped and healed through the ministry of Frank and Gwen Rigg during their recent tour of the South Island. A typical response is that from Anne Wesley, whose letter (greatly abridged) follows:-

Here in Nelson, we have appreciated Rev Frank and Gwen Rigg for their encouragement and gentle and effective ministry they bring to many people who have come to their Seminars and Healing Services. We listened to Frank and Gwen speaking on Inner Healing in the morning, following a Spirit filled time of worship. People able to stayed for the afternoon and received "hands on" ministry. Those who joined the Motueka Chapter were very blessed in a day graced by the Holy Spirit's Presence and many received a fresh touch from our Lord. "Thank you Heavenly Father for your incomprehensible Love towards us."

Something to encourage people who are asked to pray for the healing of premature babies who need heart/lung surgery, not to give up. For the past 18 months the Nelson Chapter have been praying for a baby boy whose operation kept on being put off. Finally after many delays and close calls, the operation has been successfully carried out by four cardiac surgeons as it was a complicated operation and the little fellow is now safely home. We continue to pray for his on-going healing and protection against infection. All praise and thanks to our Mighty God.

***Anne Wesley, Area Convenor***

From Marlborough, come two testimonies (names have been changed):

(i) Sally had a major operation for bowel cancer six years ago. After one year of treatment she was 'cleared.' Late last year, while having a chest x-ray for pneumonia, the surgeon noticed that her cancer had come back with secondaries throughout her body. She was very philosophical about it all and simply said, 'If it wasn't for modern technology I'd be none the wiser. I have had five good years for which I'm very grateful and I'm in my mid seventies.' After prayer and consultation with her family and medical staff, she agreed to undergo a course of chemotherapy. After three courses and a lot of prayer, a recent scan showed that the tumours are shrinking. Praise the Lord. In view of this encouragement, Sally has agreed to undergo a third course of chemotherapy. Please keep praying that Jesus will completely heal this lovely Christian lady of all her cancer.

(ii) Jane writes: "about two years ago I started to get cloudy vision in my right eye and I was advised to see an eye specialist immediately. He said I had acute glaucoma - the pressure in my eye was very high. Eye drops helped but in the end I had to have an operation (trabeculectomy). There was no guarantee I would get back my sight. In fact I didn't get my sight back. I couldn't see at all. Then a year later (December 2007) I went back to the eye doctor, who diagnosed a cataract. The operation took much, much longer than normal and throughout I kept asking the Lord to help me to stay still and prayed so many times. When the bandage came off, I was asked to read the chart. With my left eye covered I could read down to the last two lines. I said rather loudly, "Thank you, Lord. Thank you." I shook the surgeon's hand saying, "Bless you" and thanked him. He even blushed. I thank our Lord for giving the eye surgeon his gift of healing people with eye problems. Amen. Also, thank you to all my church friends.

***Thank you to Alan Cummins, Area Chaplain for sending these in. Ed***

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***Picton Chapter*** is enjoying a time of growth, with much interest being shown. So far this year we have had a study on one of the chapters in Rev Stephen Brooker's book ***"At the Foot of the Cross"***. This was led by our Area Chaplain Alan Cummins. At the March Meeting we welcomed Sister Eleanor Corston who spoke about Easter and the Women at the Cross. She lent us a book to read called ***"Behind the Visor--my life in war torn Vietnam"*** by Sister Sheila O'Toole. We meet every month, encouraging one another.

***Mary Pook, Secretary***

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***Motueka Chapter*** hosted a Seminar led by Missioners Frank and Gwen Rigg last February with the title "The Role of the Holy Spirit in Healing". Members came from Nelson & Takaka Chapters to join with us.

Frank spoke of the Holy Spirit's role as being central and vital in our ministries and this may not always be apparent. He emphasised how we need to spend quality time in the Word getting to know Jesus, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us. He explained the power and work of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Godhead, is fully personal. He is our teacher, counsellor, comforter, helper and friend. Today, Almighty God continues to work by his Holy Spirit in and through those who are devoted to Him. Frank also talked on the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit and how we are made in the image and likeness of the triune God, being made of spirit, soul and body. Only by the Holy Spirit can we be born again into the fullness of God's eternal kingdom.

**Bob Thomson, Secretary Motueka Chapter.**  
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**Warden-elect Lionel writes:**

At our last meeting when Frank and Gwen were present one of our members asked for prayer for her granddaughter who was at University in Melbourne and was most unwell and feeling really depressed. Her parents were flying to Melbourne the next day and when they arrived their daughter's temperature was down to normal and she was bright and well. As grandmother says, "It was truly a miracle."  
**Yours in his service, Lionel**

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**A Testimony from Ashburton Chapter:** Trish, Lois and myself meet Friday afternoons for prayer. This Friday Trish came in with brand new shoes and paraded them before us. Lois said, "I will never be able to wear such nice shoes." I asked "Why?" She said "I have a partial club foot." I said, "Let me hold it and pray." I put her foot on my lap and prayed. Under the skin of her instep I saw the bones moving. I said, "Lois, keep your foot still!" She said, "But I'm not moving it; God did it." Next day I rang her and she was utterly delighted. Where her foot was turned in before, she could now point it anywhere she liked. Now, it's still the same after three months. Our God gets all the glory, Praise the LORD.  
**Althea Grieve**

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**Help to further Christ's Healing Ministry in NZ by making a**  
**Bequest to "The Order of St.Luke the Physician in NZ"**

**NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

We warmly welcome into the Order the following:

- Kaitia:** Mrs Janet Glover
- Tararua Postal:** Mr Murray Wills
- Christchurch East:** Mrs Rose MacFarlane



**NEW FULL MEMBERS:**

Congratulations and a warm welcome to:-

- Stratford/Inglewood:** Mrs Barbara Hopkins, Mrs Jean Hurlstone, Mrs Carol Shepherd
- Tararua Postal:** Mr Robin Whitehead
- Canterbury Postal:** Rev Judith Brookfield, Mr Gavin Dalzell, Rev June Dalziel, Mr Peter Hope, Mrs Winifred McKay, Rev Margaret Retallick, Mrs Agnisa Scott



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- Northern Postal:** Mrs Isabel Skellon
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