



*The Order of St Luke the Physician  
in New Zealand*  
**HEAL-LINK**

*August - September 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,*

**JESUS DIDN'T ASK WHAT WAS WRONG**

When Jesus was about to heal someone he didn't ask what was wrong. "Of course," you tell me, "He didn't need to. He was God and knew what was wrong." So why do we sometimes ask a seeker? Or why does a seeker stand before us and tell us the problem? "Because we are not Jesus and it is helpful for us to have a focus for our prayers." Absolutely. Sometimes God gives us a 'word of knowledge' or some other spiritual gift that enables us to sense what is wrong or where the problem lies and we pray intelligently without the seeker telling us. But mostly a brief word of indication from the seeker is all we need to have. Sometimes a seeker gives us more than a brief indication and goes into detail. Why? Because we are complex and composite beings which the Bible calls 'spirit' 'soul' and 'body' (1 Thessalonians 5:23). In fact, our 'Preamble to the Order' says: *That wholeness of spirit, soul and body rather than physical healing alone is the goal of the Order.*

In the past we have focused on physical healing. And we must not let up on this. But we also need to recognise that we have other ills. Our Constitution says: *Affiliate Membership is for any individual, organisation, or group that is engaged in medical, paramedical, counselling, social service or other similar vocation and who agree with the objects of the Order.* I sense that we, as a ministry operating in the name of Jesus Christ the healer, have a wonderful future. We pray for physical healing, but we can pray for and be skilled in ministering to someone who confesses **adultery**; or is being **afflicted** in some way; or has an **alcohol** problem; or is exhibiting **anxiety**; or is lacking **assurance** of salvation. Then let me recommend my favourite counselling book. Did you notice that the emotional problems I just gave all start with 'A'? These are the first five topics dealt with in a book called **Quick Scripture Reference for Counselling** (by John G Kruis – Baker Books – ISBN number 0-8010-9102-0). It has 82 of the most common emotional problems and gives no

human opinion but states the topic and gathers together many appropriate Bible (NIV) verses that provide the answer. I highly recommend this book which may be bought from a Bible bookshop or any bookseller provided you quote the ISBN number. My copy cost \$33 about six years ago.

Remember my story last 'Heal-Link' of Tim and Benny Hinn? Benny prayed for Tim's depression --an emotional problem and, by the way, Tim was married last week.

Blessings,

**Warden Brian.**

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**From Co-General Secretaries:**

Dear Friends,

The next Heal-Link will come to you after Conference so as to promptly report on important decisions made there that affect our life in the Order.

We are looking to see a new vision of life in the Order. We were very impressed by Archbishop David's dedication to the Healing Ministry and the Order. There are now three OSL Healing Groups established and these will be listed in the new Directory to be distributed after Conference along with the new Constitution which is to be ratified at Warden's Council.

Our Resources Assistant, Betty Meyers, will have a range of resources (**books, studies and prayer and meditation cards**) available at Conference which will be an opportunity for those attending to purchase materials without postage costs. **Pendants and replacement badges** will also be available for **full members**. Members can arrange for their chapter representative to make purchases for them.

The **General Treasurer/Registrar** for Conference, Michael Bain, has advised that **registrations can continue to be sent** till the start of Conference but for planning purposes would appreciate them **as soon as is possible** please.

We are currently working on the **agenda for Warden's Council** so any **remits** are required by the end of September at the very latest.

Please continue to pray for the planning, safe travelling and success of Warden's Council and Conference.



Wishing you all every blessing

Your servants in Christ

**Brian and Shirley**

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### **A MOMENT IN OUR HISTORY**

On Sunday 24 August, at St Andrews Anglican Church, Cambridge, the Most Reverend David Moxon was admitted as a Full Member of the Order by the Warden, the Reverend Dr Brian Hooper and inducted as an Honorary Chaplain of the Order. About 45 members, including the Co-General Secretaries, Chaplains and visitors were welcomed by the Vicar, Canon Andrew Hedge and Area Chaplain Rev Barbara Maxted.

Members of the Hamilton South Chapter, which he joined as an Associate Member in 1993, presented Archbishop David to Warden Brian who then read The Rule of the Order and questioned Archbishop David in the manner traditional to the Order. Receiving affirmative answers Warden Brian, laying hands on Archbishop David, expressed the joy of the Order in admitting him into Full Membership. The service then continued with Warden Brian and the other OSL Chaplains laying hands on Archbishop David inducting him as an Honorary Chaplain and the Warden anointing the Archbishop on the forehead and palm of each hand. Presentation of the Chaplain's badge and blue stole and prayer for an empowered ministry of healing completed the induction.

In his address, Archbishop David spoke to the Gospel reading (the healing of the man born blind - John 9:1-12). He began by referring to the anointing oil made by a local pharmacy in Cambridge which is the oil traditionally blessed by the bishop on Maundy Thursday for use throughout the Waikato Diocese. Archbishop David explained the recipe used locally is as close as practical to the Biblical recipe in Exodus 30. Olive oil is mixed into a mixture of sweet smelling and strong herbs to give the anointing oil an aroma which reminds the anointed person of the painful death of Christ and the sweetness of healing our Lord brings. The herbs used—myrrh, cinnamon, fragrant cane and cassia—and the oil were commonly used ingredients in everyday activities. When the disciples brought the blind man to Jesus, it was not anyone's sin that mattered but that God's healing love should be seen. This healing began with an anointing, not of spices and oil but of clay dust, symbolising creation, and then continued with washing in the Pool of Siloam – reminding us of Baptism. Anointing is seen as an outward sign of an inward and spiritual grace, a sacrament, through which physical healing is received.

Archbishop David expressed his appreciation of being welcomed into full membership of the Order of St Luke and looked forward to his own ministry of healing being strengthened by the Order's traditions and practice. In turn the Order in New Zealand is very honoured that the senior Bishop of the Anglican Church in New Zealand had joined the Order and thanks Archbishop David for his leadership, time, energy and the emphasis he gives to the ministry of healing in the Church. This is truly a significant point in our history.



**Editor**

### **Reflection on the woman at the well.**

**From Sue McCafferty, Southern Area Chaplain**

The story of the woman at the well (**John 4:5-42**) is about a wounded person who is healed. It is also about how divisions can be united and people with long standing pain can be healed.

Imagine, the woman is walking down a hot dusty road towards the well. It is at the hottest time of the day. She is going to the well at this time because she has something to hide and she knows there won't be anyone there or that's what she thinks. As she goes along she says the words, so familiar to her, she has heard them many times, from Psalm 42:

***“As the deer pants for the water***

***so my soul longs after you, O God. . . . .”***

She walks along this dusty road with the heavy jar on her shoulder, ready to heave it up again once she collects the water. She reaches the well and sees a man, sitting on the side of the well. He's a Jew and she a Samaritan. There is an aura about him. She keeps quiet and keeps her distance because there are too many barriers here. She gets a bit of a shock when he speaks out and says. “Give me a drink”.

Jesus knows that she needs healing. He knows that she is cut off from society because of broken relationships that have not been resolved, because of past hurts that are not healed, so he offers her all that her heart could desire, a right relationship with God, forgiveness for past wrongs and healing of those wounds that are so deep that nothing has been able to touch them. Jesus says:

***“Those who drink of the water that I give them will never be thirsty. The water I give becomes in them a spring of water, gushing up to eternal life.”***

The woman knew this man was offering forgiveness and hope; she found that he could heal her and she wanted to tell everybody.

The story tells how Jesus healed not just one person but a whole community; healing old wounds and old divisions, broken relationships between God and people and between peoples who normally hated each other; people who had somehow lost their way. In a sense they too had lost their soul just as the woman at the well had done. She was alone, unable to associate with others; it is a very lonely place to be. We can pray with one another for healing in this situation and Jesus gives us the opportunity to be healed. Jesus is able to cut through layers of “protection” that the years have given us when we are wounded and have not healed. Jesus gives us peace; that peace that only comes from God. It can take time, but now we can pray, and be prayed with, through hurts and wounded souls, then we can finally say: ***“My soul belongs to you O God. I had lost my soul but now I have found you once again.”*** *Abridged -- Editor*

### **News from Southern Area**

During autumn we enjoyed a visit from our roving Missioners, Rev'd Frank and Gwen Rigg to Central Otago, Invercargill, Gore, Taieri, and Oamaru. Invercargill is anticipating a brief visit by Rev'd Derek Lightbourne on the 7th September giving a teaching on "living with Depression".

The Taieri Chapter and St Lukes Anglican Church have decided to hold monthly Healing services on the 1st Sunday of the month, at 4pm. These have been well received and in August we heard the Rev'd Mark Farmer from Warkworth preach. The Lord was present to heal -- so indeed several people were Healed.

**Alison S. Latton, Area Convenor**

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#### **"A Miracle in our Midst"**

Joy, from our parish, was recently transferred from Te Kuiti Hospital to Hamilton Hospital after having a stroke. I was called to her bedside and told that Joy would not see the night through. Joy was unable to talk, had lost her movement in her left side, and drifted in and out of consciousness during the night. My prayer was, "Lord if you're going to heal her physically may she recover fully, and if not get on with it and take her to be with you."

Next morning Joy's breathing changed and I heard the nurse say, "it wouldn't be long." I anointed Joy with oil and prayed for her again, not really knowing what to pray except "God do your stuff."

First to call was the Physiotherapist; she asked Joy to talk? Joy mumbled "I'll try!" I've never been so overjoyed to hear Joy speak! Joy was then asked to move her left leg. To our surprise she moved a toe slightly, then slowly, her left arm. The physiotherapist left and a team of doctors arrived. Joy was able to remember her name and address by this stage and when asked to lift her left leg, she raised it three feet off the bed. They decided Joy needed to be sat up. She was no longer dying.

We often don't know why God physically heals some and not others. We don't know why God seems to not answer our prayers the way we think they should be answered. I do know that I didn't have the faith to believe that God was going to physically heal Joy that morning. I was just there trying to trust God with the situation and be open to his leading.

Just as well God doesn't need my faith to move. Sometimes we hear people say that our prayers weren't answered because we didn't have enough faith. God moves when and how He chooses, not because of us but in spite of us, **Thanks be to God!**

**Peter, Piopio Abridged - Ed**

### **A Testimony**

The young son of one of our church families suddenly started having convulsions. The parents rushed him to hospital. When he recovered they took him home, and sometime later he had another episode of convulsions. He was again admitted to hospital and as it appeared that the medical staff could not prevent the convulsions, our Pastor asked us to go and pray with him. So we gathered around the boy, laying hands on him and prayed asking the Lord to heal him. He has never had another convulsion since.

Some months later, the same young boy came to church and he was unwell from some other cause. He was "as white as a sheet". Once again we laid hands on him and prayed for him. As we did so we could see the colour coming back into his cheeks. Praise to God; The Lord is truly awesome."

**Pat and Anne - Tararua Postal.**

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#### **IN REMEMBRANCE:**

**The Right Reverend Owen Dowling** passed to higher service last May in Canberra. He gave outstanding service to the healing ministry of our Lord, particularly through the Order of St Luke in Australia, which he joined in April 1969. NZ members would know of Bishop Owen through his writing of Bible studies – two of which are in our OSL resources (see next page).

Also Bishop Owen, as the then recently appointed Warden of OSL Australia, was the guest speaker at the OSL Conference at Hamilton in 1987 where he displayed his gifts and talents in the healing ministry, in his teaching, in his ministry and in his musical leadership, being a gifted musician. On that visit he also held healing seminars in Auckland, Levin, Wanganui and Wellington.

Bishop Owen held a deep and perceptive understanding of Christian healing and gave wonderful leadership by teaching, preaching and musically. He was instrumental in the collating of a modern hymnbook widely used in Australian churches, "Together in Song" and used this music in leading worship at the 2002 International Conference in Melbourne. He will be especially remembered for his prayers – of concern, ministry and blessing and the natural way he turned to God immediately in every situation.

*"Well done good and faithful servant!!"*

**Brian and Shirley & Editor**

## RESOURCES: New Reading Material and Studies

Coming from the USA in time for Conference the newly revised edition of 'Healing Everywhere' by John Gayner Banks, DST, founder of OSL - this is a must have for anyone who is interested in Christ the Healer. It is a most enjoyable and informative read with powerful teachings. Pray for wisdom as you hear "the word" and allow the teaching to fill you like a dry sponge, thirsty for faith. Limited number coming – Order now and have your copy reserved for you. Price \$25 + postage unless picked up at Conference.

**Study books** costing \$12 each plus postage:

'In Search of Wholeness - a Christian Perspective' by Dr Peter Wellock, the new National Chaplain of Australia, who will be at Conference.

Peter Wellock's book can be a companion book to 'Searching Questions' and 'Channels of Healing' both by Owen Dowling.

The new edition of 'Sent to Heal' by Harold Taylor now costs \$38 plus postage.

These 4 study books are all by Australian OSL authors and are highly recommended.

Betty will have all resources at Conference – buy there and save postage. Pre-order if you wish and uplift at Conference.

**Order from: Mrs Betty Meyers, our Resource Assistant,**  
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**Very Urgent Reminder !!**

**Warden's Council and Conference**

**Friday 17 October to Sunday 19 October 2008.**

Have you sent your registration form in yet?????

The deadline is **extended so you still have time**

Keynote speakers are the well known New Zealand evangelists

**Bill Subritzky and Weston Carryer.**

Register with payment of **\$150** per person **as soon as possible.**

Registration Forms available from your Chapter Secretary, Area Convenor or the **website [www.oslnz.org](http://www.oslnz.org)** on the **events** page.

Further information in your copy of the April-May 2008 **HEAL-LINK.**

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## NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

We warmly welcome into the Order:

**Taieri:** Mrs Fay Richardson



## NEW FULL MEMBERS:

Congratulations and a warm welcome to

**Hamilton Sth:** The Most Reverend David Moxon



## ROLL OF HONOUR: Members Called to Higher Service

**Bayswater:** Mrs Mayvene Sherratt

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Our website is managed and operated for OSL by Brian & Shirley Flower.

**HEAL-LINK** can be downloaded and reproduced from the website.



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Help to further Christ's Healing Ministry in NZ by making a  
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**Reminder: Dead-line for next HEAL-LINK is 1 October 2008.**

It is the turn of the **Northern Area** to send in contributions but **all members** are invited to contribute to **HEAL-LINK**; it is your newsletter! We look forward to receiving your stories, letters, testimonies, or any suitable contribution.

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