



*The Order of St Luke the Physician
in New Zealand*
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*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 you all,
from Warden Brian,*

DO YOU NEED A 'JOPPA'?

Greetings everyone.

As I write this I am attending a reunion in Auckland of students celebrating their training at Bible College of New Zealand 50 years ago. The seventy plus ex-students attending are all over the age of 70. My! What a lot has happened as we listen to each others stories. Some have been martyred on the mission field, some have died and their spouses are here, one has built up a multi-million-dollar business and lost the lot through a crooked church elder/lawyer. Another has become a bishop and an MP. A few have seen their spouses go off with another man or woman. I have sat in the audience and laughed with those who tell funny stories of student and later life. Together we have rejoiced to hear how God has blessed lives. I, and others, have wept as some have stood at the microphone to tell of the deep waters they have passed through.

Jesus once asked his disciples (Matthew 16:15): "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the son of the living God." Then Jesus added something strange. Just as Peter had affirmed that Jesus was the son (descendent) of the living God, Jesus told Peter that he was the son (descendent) of Jonah (Jonas). Now – you will remember that Jonah went to the seaside town of Joppa from which he caught a boat, then a great fish before God got through to him to return and do what God had told him to do. Why did Jesus refer to Peter as 'son of Jonah'. I am indebted to my wife Alexis for passing on what she recently read in a John Hagee book: In Acts 10:9 we read that Peter was in the town of Joppa when he went up on the rooftop to pray for God's guidance in an important matter (Jews only / or Gentiles too?).

If you read on to the end of the chapter you will find that God turned Peter around just as he did Jonah. Jonah was avoiding a certain issue like the plague! So was Peter. So when Jesus told Peter he was a "son of Jonah" he was fore-telling a time when Peter needed to turn as Jonah did. And Jesus did it in the same town! What is the lesson for us? We must not run away from clear directions God gives but take the difficult, the unlovely, the repugnant – and give such people our fullest love and compassion. Or else God will put us in a 'Joppa' position.

THE OSL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The theme was chosen well before the Conference and it was:

"God's promise of healing to a fragmented world."

Eighteen months before I attended I was asked, as a speaker, to supply a summary of what I was going to speak on for an hour. How about that! It was on the subject "Jesus – the Servant King." The Conference was held in a beautiful country mansion facility that had been gifted for Christian conventions. It was a delight to begin each day in the Chapel celebrating the Lord's Supper together. A musical team had been arranged and it was joined by two talented viola/violin players – one from the USA and the other from Holland. The UK OSL had arranged selected speakers who gave us a veritable feast over the five days. Chapters will have opportunity to purchase through the Gen Sec a complete set of the speakers – and on DVD. So you will both hear and see them. I will mention two, each for a particular reason. Rev Dr Jack Sheffield is an Episcopal priest who was absolutely dynamic! He runs a healing clinic in San Antonio Texas with a staff of 30 people. Dr Robert Frost spoke of his travels into China supplying Bibles to the underground church. He had his own TV channel (which I happened to come across accidentally whilst in the USA). I mention him because I have heard that he has died suddenly.

At the Conference, many felt a worldwide bonding being strengthened and it was decided to meet more frequently. So, International conferences are now 3 years apart, the next being in Canada 2010 and then NZ in 2013.

Warden Brian

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From Co-General Secretaries

Dear Friends,

Greetings to all at this beginning of a new calendar year for us all. Please give your support to the Warden and Missioners as they visit your areas and chapters leading seminars and speaking at services and meetings.

Our main focus now is planning for the next **Executive meeting** to be held in Waikanae from 29th April to 1st May. If chapters have remits they would like submitted would they please forward them by **8 March** to be included in the Agenda for consideration. These must be proposed and seconded by Members and agreed to by their Chapter and should include supporting notes.

Some of you will have read copies of the **OSL International magazine "Sharing"** which were paid for by way of a 1 year subscription by the OSL NZ for circulating to give you all a chance to read it. We need a guide for Executive to consider in deciding whether to renew the subscription. Can we have a response from you indicating (a) your interest (b) whether you would wish it continued as a worthwhile resource (c) how long before you passed it on (d) would you consider a subscription as a Chapter or an Individual at approx NZ\$20 per year if at least 10 were interested. This includes postage within NZ for the year of individual copies from the bundle of at least 10 ordered and is based on the currency conversion at the time of writing this.

The full range of 16 **Prayer and Meditation cards** will be available shortly at **60c each**. They are on coloured card and are laminated so are well presented and should last well. They can be ordered now from our Resources Assistant, Mrs Betty Meyers, 34A Halswater Drive, Churton Park, Wellington 6037, email ecmeyers@xtra.co.nz

Your servants in Christ

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From the Warden Elect:

I wish to thank all those Chapters who nominated me and voted for me as Warden Elect. My prayer is that I will be able, with God's help, to fulfil the confidence that you have placed in me. I am grateful too for the support of my wife, Rachelle, who retires from parish ministry this Easter. We would value your prayers as I prepare to take up the responsibility of Warden in October.

Lionel Brown, Warden Elect

Missioners on Tour: Missioners Frank and Gwen Rigg would value your prayers as they set out by campervan on 13th Feb to cover the Wairarapa and the whole of the South Island. Seminar topics being offered are on Inner Healing; Healing the Oppressed, The Role of the Holy Spirit in Healing and The Overcoming Power of God's Love. There will also be pulpit opportunities. In sequence the places being visited are: Masterton, Picton, Nelson, Motueka, Westport, Greymouth, Christchurch, Cromwell, Invercargill, Gore, Mosgiel/Dunedin, Oamaru, Ashburton, Rangiora, Waipara, Amberley, Cheviot, Blenheim.

Please pray for safe travel, that all arrangements will 'come together', that many will be released into God's Wholeness and that He will be glorified in all that is said and done. They are due back home 4th May.

Frank & Gwen may be contacted on **021 266 9811**, or email fgrigg@xtra.co.nz for dates, contacts and further information.



Warden's Council and Conference 2008:

The Planning Committee has been meeting to plan for the Conference to be held at El Rancho Waikanae Christian Holiday Park in the Elm Complex (www.elrancho.co.nz) from 10am on **Friday 17 October** for Registration, followed by the Official Welcome at 11.45am, to 4pm on **Sunday 19 October 2008**. The keynote speakers are **Bill Subritzky** and **Weston Carryer** both profiled by Warden Brian in the last Heal-Link.

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 will be sent to Chapters soon. In the meantime 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.



Dennis Cassells-Minnoch, 2008 Conference Coordinator

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Dr Graham Butler

Graham passed into Higher Service on Christmas Day 2007. He was a member of St John’s Church, Johnsonville and Member of Order of St Luke from 1987. With a small team, Graham encouraged Healing Ministry Worship among the churches of Johnsonville in the 1980’s and 90’s. He also served as Area Convenor of Tararua from 1990 to 1996. Graham knew of healing in his own life, and as a Member of Executive imparted wisdom and foresight to the Order. We offer our loving sympathy to Beris, also a Member of the Order.

Testimonies from Canterbury Area

I was in hospital prior to surgery. The woman in the bed opposite me was depressed, especially at night time. While she slept she was very noisy, it seemed like maniacal laughter and other guttural noises.

After my surgery I was unable to eat, hooked up to machines and all I could do was just lie there in my bed and at night I kept hearing these noises. I silently prayed for peace for her in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. After that the next few nights were quiet and peaceful until she was discharged. Prior to being discharged she walked over to me and smiled at me. I often wonder if my praying for her had any connection as she had never acknowledged me before.

“The prayer of the righteous person is very powerful” (these words were spoken by another member after my testimony to the chapter).

**Margaret Vermeulen,
Rangiora Chapter**

My sister’s husband died 15 months ago after she had nursed him for 9 years. Now at the age of 72 she was looking forward to having time to do all the things she had wanted to do over those years.

A short while ago I had a message to say that she had terminal cancer with secondaries in the liver. This is fatal and death is very quick. I was very angry with God. Why should she suffer like this and die without doing all the things she had been looking forward to? As she was in hospital in South Australia we kept in touch by phone. I did visit her once and we had a very good time being together.

One evening after eight weeks I rang and spoke to the nurse as at this time she was not talking on the phone any more. The nurse said that she was sleeping most of the time but roused when they did anything for her. I

asked if they had any idea of time left to her. The answer was “no idea.” That evening I prayed and handed her over to God. I said that I was sorry for being angry with Him and that she was in His care and for Him to look after her.

The next morning we had a phone call to say that she had died that night. I felt that my prayer had been a prayer of release for her.

**Janet Cornelius
Rangiora Chapter**

Testimonies from Central Area

Here follow two testimonies we found in Manna Healing Centre’s Christmas Newsletter. Thank you again to Ivan & Helen Dunnett – Eds

“God has touched my life and turned it around. I am so grateful that He loved me unconditionally and never gave up on me during all the years my illness hid the expression of His love from me. I don’t have to hide any more. My family and friends are amazed at the changes in me. I love the church I am now attending, I know I belong, and I am able for the first time ever to use the gifts He has given me to bless others.

I thank everyone who has been, and continues to be part of God’s support team for my healing and on going wellness. Thank you all at Manna for keeping my head above water when I was drowning in confusion and despair. The more I get to know our awesome God the more I realise how little I know of His amazing love.”

Katie – The Manna Healing Centre

Recently I was privileged to be a guest at the Manna Healing Centre. I was in a position where I needed rest following surgery. The love, caring and thoughtfulness was just, well (!!!) out of this world! Manna is serving its purpose, making it possible for folk to be guests at a time when they need it most. Love and caring go hand in hand at Manna, a place of healing and I know why this is so; because GOD is AUTHOR. His LOVE, His WORD truly says **“Come unto me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest”**.

What a joy for me to receive first-hand just what Manna means to so many people, who come from all walks of life to receive:-
HOSPITALITY? **Yes!** EXCITING? **Yes!** CHALLENGING? **Yes!**
RESTING? **Yes!** Oh Yes, thank you for your Healing Ministry

Pat Smith

Book Review

"As The Spirit Leads" Commemorating 50 years of "Wholeness".

This book is an attractive and dynamic history written up in 70 pages with a reduced facsimile of the original publication, dozens of photographs and many illustrations of life in producing, packaging and distributing the finished article. This little book was compiled by the late Ron Ammundsen and records the sequence of events and the people who conceived of the idea of a broadsheet to spread the good news of the Healing Ministry and worked so hard to make their vision a reality. In size and content **"As The Spirit Leads"** is an important companion to three other books familiar to OSL members:- **"Physician Heal"**, **"Is Any SICK Among You"** and **"The Love of The Divine Healer"**.

Every Chapter should have a copy for their members to read.

Copies cost \$5.00 from "Wholeness" PO Box 16 099, Hamilton.

RESOURCES: *New Study and Reading Material*

A new Resource recently become available is **"In search of Wholeness – a Christian Perspective"** price \$10 plus postage. This book is in a series with 'Channels of Healing' and 'Searching Questions'. Another book, revised & reprinted (reviewed in the previous issue of **HEAL-LINK**) is **"Sent to Heal"** price \$35 plus postage.

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 [Note! This is a new email address]

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NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

We warmly welcome into the Order the following:

Hibiscus Coast: Mrs Dawn Mason

Tararua Postal: Mr Peter Banks, Mrs Christina Woodbridge

Kapiti: Mr Colin Carter, Mrs Vivian Potter, Major Vera Watkins

Wellington Nth: Mrs Manel Burah



NEW FULL MEMBERS:

Congratulations and a warm welcome to:-

Auckland: Mrs Pari Bartlett

Bayswater: Mrs Amy Alley



ROLL OF HONOUR:

Members Called to Higher Service:

Mairangi: Mrs Joan Beckingsale

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Reminder: Next dead-line for HEAL-LINK is 1st April 2008.

All members are invited to contribute to **HEAL-LINK**; it is your newsletter! We look forward to receiving your stories, letters, testimonies, obituaries or any suitable contribution. Please send to the Editors:-

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