



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

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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 from National Chaplain Lionel*

Dear Friends,

In June Rachelle and I spent the month travelling in the North Island. Our main focus was to visit chapters, healing groups and churches in the Northern Area. It was also an opportunity to visit some of our postal members and start distributing some of the new handbooks. We were very conscious that many people were praying for us as we travelled and we were grateful for a smooth crossing of Cook Strait both ways and also good conditions for traveling whenever we travelled any distance. We also want to thank those who gave us such wonderful hospitality. This was a great help in what was a fairly busy programme. We can but give thanks to God for you all.

One very strong impression that we gained as we travelled is that there is a very dedicated group of people committed to praying both within OSL and in the churches. These people firmly believe in the power of prayer and are committed to prayer ministry wherever they are. We were moved by the testimonies of answered prayer that many of these people shared with us. I would encourage you all to share these testimonies with other OSL members through Heal-Link. In this way we are able to encourage one another in the work to which God has called us. We were also encouraged by the number of people we met who did not belong to OSL but were interested in Christian healing. Our prayer is that these folk will be encouraged to develop this interest and eventually become members.

In the last few months it has been great to see new members being welcomed into some of our chapters. This is the great need we have as an Order. Our ageing, shrinking membership is certainly a great concern and we need to seek ways of encouraging new and younger members. The Executive members are concerned to seek ways to do this but we cannot do it on our own. I believe that all OSL members, individually and as chapters, need to pray for guidance as to how they can encourage new

people to join OSL. Also each of us needs to pray asking God to show us who we could invite to a meeting or a healing service and then encourage them to come regularly. There seems to be an increasing interest in Christian healing among Christians and in the wider community. Let us pray for ways to tap into that interest and encourage people to become part of OSL.

The other thing that impressed us was how readily people came forward for prayer when such ministry was offered. Many people seem to be facing needs that cannot be met by traditional means alone. There certainly seems a greater acceptance of prayer for healing. As a healing Order how best can we meet the needs of these people? That is the challenge we face as we look to the Lord who 'forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases'. (Psalm 103:3)

Yours in his service

*Lionel*

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***From Co-General Secretaries:***

Dear Friends,

With the revised handbook in the process of being distributed to members the need is seen for copies of the services included in it to be available to chapters for use in chapter meetings when visitors are present and some form of service is planned to take place. Executive has approved that these be made available through Betty Meyers, the Resources Assistant, at \$1 per copy or 10 for \$8 which is less than half of the cost of having them produced commercially and means that there will be uniformity throughout the Order. They will be available from the end of September.

As some chapter secretaries have not yet sent in their chapter annual returns with the names of their officers for the coming year the printing and circulation of the 2009-2010 directory will be delayed. If you have not sent yours in please give this some urgency.

We are still hopeful of hearing of some members who would be prepared to be pray-ers for requests from around the world received through the website. We are happy to circulate the requests by email as they are received. Please pray about this.

Your servants in Christ

***Brian and Shirley***

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## About Hospital Chaplaincy

Hospital Chaplaincy is a rewarding vocation, one that's very different from parish ministry – although that too is rewarding, but in a very different manner. In a hospital most of your time is spent dealing with the sick, or the dying, so it brings a unique perspective to ministry. Of course there are many happy occasions, such as the birth of a new baby, and the joy on the parents' faces. And of course the times when people having spent time in hospital are now well enough to return home, and share with you how much they're looking forward to that.

Generally speaking, the majority of folk in hospital are unwell or suffering in some way, or either facing or recovering from an operation. So there is the old age question, with which I'm often faced, "Why me?"; or why my spouse, best friend or child? Chaplains do spend their day, not just with 'believers' but with a wide range of people, many who are skeptical, many who "used to go to church" and many more for whom God and church seem irrelevant. So we become the listening ear, the compassionate heart and agents of God's love. This is something I am acutely aware of as I walk around the wards and sit with people; I'm there as a representative of Christ, the One who is the Great Physician. It is always such a privilege to pray with patients and listen to their stories – and I could count on one hand those who over the years have not wanted to see the Chaplain!

On 4<sup>th</sup> June we had the Dedication and Opening of the new Chapel at Wairau Hospital, the first chapel we've had in the nine years I've been Chaplain, so it was a very special occasion and now provides what I called at the opening, "the Spiritual heart" to the hospital; a place for patients, families, whanau and staff to come; a place to pray, to sit and relax, to reflect and worship, as well as providing a unique centre for the Chaplaincy team to work from.

Please continue to uphold all Chaplains in their ministry, as they reach out to those in situations of deep need or crises, and as they help to bring the healing love of Jesus to all in need. **Revd Kevin Gwynne, Missioner**

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**Stop Press:** As we finalise this issue of HEAL-LINK, Revd John and Mrs Enid McClean have taken up three months residence at Te Waiora House, the Healing Centre in Canterbury. John and Enid have answered the call to be Chaplain and House Manager at Te Waiora until December 2009. They are no strangers to this specialised ministry! They were previously the Team at Te Waiora (1997-2000) and at Titoki Healing Centre (2000-2004). We wish John and Enid every blessing in their continuing ministry. In their absence Neville and Janice Cooper will be responsible for the Northern Area from Auckland to Warkworth and Brian and Shirley Flower for the area north from there to Kaitaia. **Editor**

## Some Testimonies:

### ANSWER TO PERSISTENT PRAYER

A healing after fifteen long, weary years has been our amazing experience this year. Our son Richard was a fit young man of 23 when the devastating effects of chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) cut him down, leaving him bed bound and needing full care for 13 of those years. So many individuals, congregations and Christian groups including OSL, prayed faithfully year after year for Richard.



During those long hard years it was interesting to note how God raised up new people to bear the load of ministering to us as a family with prayer, friendship, letters, phone messages, food, love gifts, funny cards, even money to pay for yet another therapy was all lovingly given.

During 2008 a Christian friend sent us a book about a method that has helped many people with CFS and with some scepticism we read the book, "**The Lightning Process**" by Phil Parker. As we read, many strands of prayer, hope and love began to converge, I believe, at this time.

**First**, the various prayer chains, congregations and individuals we enjoyed contact with were galvanised to pray and claim a healing breakthrough in the authority of the name of Jesus Christ.

**Secondly**, I had a dream one night that I was at the table waiting to be served a meal when a plate came down to my place which said "your heart's desire has been granted".

**Thirdly**, the home group to which we belonged were studying the readings set down for the coming Sunday (which was the day Richard was to begin his seminar to learn the *Lightning Process*) and these readings were duly discussed but for me each reading jumped out and shouted at me!

**"The Lord says do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago, watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already; you can see it now"** Isaiah 43:18...

And from Mark 2 we read the story of the paralysed man who was brought to Jesus by friends and was lowered down through the roof. Mark 2:1-12

The day arrived and Richard was taught a technique which he could immediately implement. He now had a weapon, a tool to use against the insidious symptoms of CFS. Instead of lying there frustrated, angry and hopeless he was proud, fierce and challenged. He had hope, once again! God had indeed delivered my hearts desire; Richard was able to look forward now and thanks to his 'friends' he was already beginning the healing process. Six months later Richard is out and about, driving, socialising and getting his life back on track, because once again, he has a life worth living. We give God praise and thanks for the many faithful prayers over the years and for our son 's healing. **Gill & Max Cranch**

During this winter, our Vicar and his wife, the Revd Ian & Helen Hardcastle, have been conducting a series of Prayer Ministry trainings once a month. These have proved invaluable for newcomers to this ministry and even more so to some 5 or 6 of us "old-hands", members of Hibiscus Coast Chapter of OSL. The teachings are based on the John Wimber practices. One of the big pluses on this course is the hands-on experience it gives, and over the four sessions so far, we have seen more than a dozen healings or partial healings.

My own experience happened recently when four of us looked at one another when our leader asked, "who would like prayer for healing?" Initially there were no takers, then I volunteered!

As a 17 year old, I had suffered a bad fall while mountain climbing at Mt Ruapehu, breaking my back. Then two strokes in my 50's and I was relying on my walking stick, especially climbing the steps to the altar rail at St Stephens. So prayer ministry began with our small group seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance in prayer. I suddenly felt my spine move like a snake and Janice whose hand was on my back felt it too! I cried out and stood up, and up, AND UP! WOW no pain and I was straighter than I had been in 50 years! Two weeks later I don't use my stick, I am still "straight", and am I praising my Lord!!

**Margaret Hopkins, Hibiscus Coast Chapter**  
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Dear OSL Family,

I believe that something I read in St John's Gospel is so important that I would like each one of you who reads this letter to hear the message for yourself.

In John chapter 11 verses 25 and 26 (NIV) Jesus says to Martha, and to each one of us these wonderful words,

***"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"***

Now, a couple of months ago, I realised that when Jesus says, "I am the resurrection" he is telling me that the resurrection is a PERSON. The resurrection is not something (or some event) but SOMEONE!!!

And when you pray and say:-

"Father God, I have just heard that the resurrection is a person, I ask you that the Spirit of the resurrection person may come into my spirit. Amen" what you have just prayed will come into your spirit right away.

I love you all, God bless you all. **Peter Swears, Chaplain Motueka Chapter**



## International Conference of OSL -- Canada 2010

**Further details are now to hand - are you planning to attend?**

Reminder about Conference details:-

Theme is: **'Sharing the heart of Jesus with the person, the church and the world.'**



Conference Dates: **Monday 21 June to Friday 25 June, 2010**

Location: **University of Okanagan, Kelowna, British Columbia.**

International Speakers: **Mike Endicott (Wales), Russ Parker (England), Nigel Mumford (USA)**, each have written books on healing.

### **More URGENT Information:-**

There is a limit of **300** for the Conference and with many from the United States likely to attend as it is so close, if you are planning to attend it would be worth **registering soon**. This can be done on the form provided on the conference Website: [www.osl2010.ca](http://www.osl2010.ca)

Costs: Registration cost is Can\$100.

Contrary to what is on the Website, payment in Canadian dollars **is** acceptable. Credit Card payment is not available so it has to be Money Order or Bank draft. Please do this yourself.

Getting there:

Flight Centre were recently advertising Flights to Vancouver at an early special of **\$1735 return**, in the 'window' of the Conference dates and they won't come cheaper than that! The most convenient way to fly is direct from Auckland to Vancouver. Then it is a short domestic flight to Kelowna, or 3 hours by Greyhound Bus.



For *travel booking* the Conference begins with checking in on the afternoon of Monday 21 June. Thus if you were to leave NZ and fly to Vancouver and direct this would need to be Sunday 20 June departing 8pm arriving 2.15pm (20<sup>th</sup>), as there's no direct flight on 21 June. The programme begins with the opening service at 7pm on 21<sup>st</sup>. The Conference ends on the evening of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> with a final service. People will normally leave after breakfast on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. Details of the *speakers and programme* as available so far can be found on the Website.

**Derek Lightbourne**

**Editor's Note!** Our OSL website, [www.oslnz.org](http://www.oslnz.org), at the bottom of the events page has a link to the International Conference website.

Mike Endicott features on the latest issue of Wholeness, August 2009, an article, **"The Power of the Kingdom"**, reproduced from Sharing, March 2008 Certainly a foretaste of what the International Conference offers!

## FINANCIAL

Subscriptions for the current financial year 2009-2010 are overdue. The new rate of subscription is \$20 per member and \$30 for couples (effectively \$15 each), due from 1 July. Please pay your subs to your Chapter Treasurer and Postal Members, please post your subs to the General Treasurer – see below.



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**Your Help Needed:** God is answering prayer!

There are believers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), the heart of the Muslim world, because people fill the golden bowls in heaven with small or big prayers (Rev. 8:3-4). Join a longstanding worldwide prayer network for KSA and pour healing, saving love into that nation.

For details, contact **Moya Lethbridge**, Levin Chapter, (06) 367 0129 or email: [the300@clear.net.nz](mailto:the300@clear.net.nz)

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## A Sharing Testimony

*With Editor's 'licence' I copy this testimony as if it were my own; I too have had similar healings in my soul, and I'm certain many others also.*

"I never thought I'd live my life looking forward to Thursday so much. (It is our mid-week Communion service.) One particular morning recently, my heart and mind were particularly attuned to the Spirit's presence. As I closed my eyes to pray (at the altar rail) I was drawn back to that upper room where Christ began it all. . . the bread, broken and shared, the wine, drunk from the common cup. The lamps burning down, the room dimly lit as the wicks send up trails of smoke. It is very late; He is tired and bids them (and us), "remember me". "Each time I kneel at the altar-rail for healing prayer I feel a warmth and strength emanating from the hands of the one chosen to be the vessel of God's healing that day."

As we process to the altar each Thursday morning, I think of this as a time and place for receiving Jesus in the sacrament of His Body and Blood as also receiving His Healing. Reflect on the words, "this is my body given for you; this is blood, shed for you; keep you in eternal life." Or as was formally said, "Preserve (heal) your body and soul." I return to the pew and kneel, pray, cry (maybe laugh and sing in pure joy) in thanksgiving and praise for Christ's healing. "What more could anyone wish for?"

**Neville Cooper, acknowledging Mary Moss, in "Sharing" August 2009, p13**



## 50th ANNIVERSARY OF OSL AUSTRALIA:

To be held in Sydney 26-28 February 2010. Registration forms are available from the Co-General Secretaries, Brian and Shirley. Conference fees are Aus\$75 and registration forms are to be lodged by 15 January. Former NZ Warden Frank Rigg and Gwen will represent OSL NZ officially and others are welcome to attend as the two countries have had a very close relationship since our beginning.

## NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Whangarei: Mrs Jenny Peterson  
Cambridge: Rev Adrian Gover, Mrs Dorothy Devlyn  
Orakau-Te Awamutu: Mrs Joan Rogers  
Stratford-Inglewood: Ms Chris de Silva  
Napier: Mr Lucien Meeuws  
Johnsonville: Mrs Janet Heaver



## NEW FULL MEMBERS:

Hibiscus Coast: Mrs Pauline Payne

## ROLL OF HONOUR: Members Called to Higher Service

Warkworth: Mrs Joan Ombler  
Cambridge: Mrs Elizabeth Denham  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION:-

The OSLNZ Website is <http://www.oslnz.org> Log on to this website and you will find links to other OSL websites around the world.

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

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

**Reminder: Dead-line for next HEAL-LINK is 1 October 2009**

It is the turn of the **Canterbury Area** to send in contributions.

**All members** are invited to contribute to **HEAL-LINK**; it is your newsletter!

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