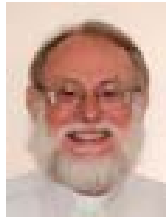




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*Dedicated to healing the whole person, spirit, soul and body,
and to the healing of situations, of nations, and of God's creation.*



Greetings from National Chaplain Lionel

New year's greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I trust that you have had a great Christmas with opportunity for family gatherings and especially a chance to ponder again the wonder of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

A few days after Christmas comes Epiphany when we remember how the wise men (magi) came to visit the Christ child and his parents. This visit took place up to two years after Jesus' birth. By this time the family were in a house. These men were scholars from Media (Persia) who studied the stars and had seen a star which indicated to them that a new king had been born. It was this king they set out to find, going first to Jerusalem and King Herod. From there they followed the star until they arrived at the house where Jesus was living. They knelt down before him and gave him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

These gifts have been seen as symbols of what this child was born to accomplish.

- Gold was a gift fit for a king. Jesus is the King of Kings.
- Frankincense was the gift for a priest. A priest is one who bridges the gap between us and God. This is exactly what Jesus came to do. He is Emmanuel - God with us.
- Myrrh was used to anoint the dead. This gift reminds us that Jesus came to die for us and our sin.

After this we are told that 'having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.' (Matthew 2 verse 12). They did not return the same way they had come. Once they had followed the star and found Jesus they were changed. In the same way, once we have met with Jesus, we can never travel the same road again. Jesus can change us:-

- If we come to Jesus full of guilt we can return in the freedom of forgiveness.

- If we come to Jesus weighed down with unforgiveness we can return with forgiving hearts.
- If we come burdened with fear in our hearts we can return in confidence and trust.
- If we come feeling that God has forgotten us we can come away confident that he walks with us.
- If we come weighed down with illness we can return with the assurance of wholeness.

When we come to Jesus with open hearts as the wise men did so long ago we are changed. As you journey through 2010 may God guide you on your journey leading you in new ways as you are obedient to our risen Lord.

Yours in his service, *Lionel* email: natchap@oslnz.org

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From Co-General Secretaries:

Dear Friends,

As we begin this new year we do so with the inauguration in March of two new chapters – Bay of Islands as mentioned in November and Harbour (Wellington) Chapters. These two events are an indication of renewal in the Order and we welcome these new members.

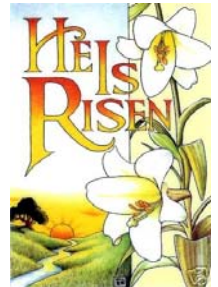
On a sad note a former General Secretary and Warden of the Order, Rev Douglas Burt died on 25 January aged 83 years and you can read his obituary elsewhere in this Heal-Link. We represented the Order at his funeral in Huntly.

Also as mentioned in the last Heal-Link we are calling for nominations for Area Chaplain and Convenor for the Northern Area and Area Chaplain for the Central Area. Nomination forms are being circulated to Chapter Secretaries and members who receive Heal-Link by email in those areas. Nominations will need to be lodged with the Co-General Secretaries by 1 April 2010. If more than one nomination for a position is received a postal ballot of Warden's Council representatives of the Chapters in that area will be arranged. The successful applicant will be commissioned at the Executive meeting being held from 4-6 May.

On the subject of the Executive meeting would chapters wanting to lodge any remits for consideration by the Executive please forward them to the Co-General Secretaries by 1 April 2010.

Your servants in Christ

Brian and Shirley
Co-General Secretaries



Rev Douglas Burt OSL – Member 1964-2010

General Secretary 1976-1981 Warden 1990-1993 Life Member 1996

Douglas joined the Order in Auckland as one of the third group of New Zealanders to join. He died 46 years and 1 day after joining.



He served as chapter and area chaplain in various places where he was a church minister. His parish duties allowed him to act as General Secretary and at the same time to be Area Senior Chaplain when ministering in Te Aroha. He was the inaugural chaplain of South Auckland (later Papakura), Te Aroha and Cambridge and member at various times of Auckland and some Postal chapters.

He moved the “office” of OSL first in 1981 from Te Aroha, when he relinquished the position of General Secretary, to Glendowie in his car, to his successor Brian, then in 1990, as Warden elect, drove a large van to Dargaville and packed it “to the rafters” with Ron Ammundsen’s (the new General Secretary) help with the accumulated “office” and transferred it to Hamilton for Ron. Some of the growth was due to the updating of equipment such as from a Gestetner duplicator to a large photocopier.

In 1989 he undertook the task of writing the history of the first 25 years of the Order in New Zealand entitled “Physician Heal”. A paragraph that Doug had written which we have found very significant reads:

“one of the early Auckland members of the Order, Rev Doug Burt, had been a lone member twice between becoming the initial chaplain of the South Auckland (Papakura) and Te Aroha chapters. He represented Auckland at the first NZ conference in 1967. He brought to the task an awareness of the strategic importance of Lone (*postal*) Members and considered his typewriter as part of his prayers, especially when compiling rolls.”

As an Order we offer our love and prayers to Doug’s family.

50th Anniversary of OSL Australia

Former Warden Rev Frank Rigg and Gwen Rigg, Missioners for Northern and Midland areas have flown to Sydney as our OSLNZ official representees celebrating with members of OSL Australia their 50th Anniversary on 26-28 February. Frank is one of OSLNZ earliest members, having been inducted by Revd Len Harris from OSL Australasia at a gathering in Marton in 1962. Our next issue of HEAL-LINK will feature their description of this important event in our history! *Please remember to uphold this event in your prayers, especially as they work and plan for the future of OSL .*

Testimonies from Southland Area

A Journey towards Wholeness

As you enter our church, St Luke’s on the Taieri, there is a large sign above the main entrance in the foyer. It says “**Healing Into Wholeness**” which states what we are all about in our church. I would like to tell you part of the journey of Marie (not her real name) which started about four years ago. Marie had been travelling to and from work past our church and had seen the Open pavement sign. She thought that one day she might call in to see what things were like. One day, in the midst of a huge alcohol problem that she was having, she decided to stop and see if any help was available. This resulted in the people who were present hearing her story and praying for her. This did help for a while. She and her husband decided to make St Luke’s their spiritual home. However, the alcohol problem remained and got worse.

About two years ago we had an OSL healing service at which the late Mark Farmer preached and then ministered healing to quite a number of people there. Marie was one of these. Mark prayed for deliverance for her with the immediate result that the drinking problem completely disappeared. This remained the case for about four to five months but then things gradually took a downturn and the problem with alcohol returned. Good periods following more prayer happened but events always headed downhill once more.

Over time things gradually got worse. A couple of weeks ago, at a very low point, Marie admitted to her husband that she was hearing voices in her head prompting the drinking bouts as well as seeing visions of nasty beings every time she closed her eyes. Something had to be done, and done quickly. (Psychiatric help during the past two years had made almost no difference.) Three of us prayed with Marie, bound the spirits and set a time for a session of deliverance two days later. At the binding, the voices stopped and the visions also ceased. At the deliverance session everything proceeded very well. (There was a lot of prayer backup happening!) Marie came out forty minutes later feeling clean, lighter and with the drinking problem gone.

This time, however, psychotherapy is to follow to help sort out problems from her past life and assist her to overcome some of the habits which scuppered the original deliverance. There will also be ongoing prayer for healing of memories in parallel with the psychotherapy.

Isn’t it great that God has put into place so many and varied agencies of healing that can be tapped into. Being part of Marie’s journey of healing into wholeness is what makes this ministry of healing so compelling.

Revd Bill Sim, Southern Area Chaplain

GOD-INCIDENCES

Yesterday in my wanderings as a hospital chaplain I went into a single room where a young woman was lying on her bed. After introducing myself and asking if she would like a visit we began talking. She proceeded to explain to me how her illness had been a spiritual journey. To begin with she had gone to the doctor with a lump in her breast, and after a mammogram had been informed it was cancer. In distress she had gone to her father's grave and poured out her troubles. When she arrived home God-incidence no 1: there was a phone call from the breast care nurse who gave her the support and comfort she so desperately needed at the time. She was able to ring her sister who lived in another town and tell her what was happening. Her sister visited a friend who gave her some written prayers to send to my patient. Imagine her surprise and delight as she discovered - God-incidence no 2 - that the two prayers were the very same ones her father had given her earlier, and which she had put away in a drawer and forgotten about. The prayers helped to provide comfort reassurance and strength as she went through the surgery and resulting chemotherapy. Over the same period she was also blessed to meet a supportive partner who was able to love her for herself and happy to accept her two children as his own - God-incidence no 3. As she related her wonderful story I felt humbled to share it and she was happy for it to be shared with others.



For me this was a God-incidence as I was thinking about what might encourage others. Now it is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and I would urge you to look out for the God-incidences in your lives, and use them to give God the glory, and encourage and build each other up.

Judy Johnston, Chaplain, Invercargill chapter

New Resource for OSL:

Do your Chapter meetings and open meetings include non-members?
Do you have gatherings where people come without their Handbooks?
Our Co-General Secretaries have now produced a very practical booklet,
“SERVICES of HEALING and WHOLENESS”

This booklet contains a reprint of pages 29 to 68 from the Handbook and is very useful where a group gathers for worship, Holy Communion, Admission to Membership and Commissioning.

Cost for **ten** copies is **\$8-00** plus postage & packing. Contact Betty today!

We remind you that all OSL booklets, prayer cards, pamphlets, material for study guides, video tapes, badges and other items are always available from our Resources Assistant:

Mrs Betty Meyers, 34A Halswater Drive, Churton Park, Wellington 6037
Phone: 04 478 7412 or email: ecmeyers@xtra.co.nz

WHEN CORRIE TEN BOOM CAME TO MY PLACE

Some of you may have heard of a wonderful Dutch lady, imprisoned by the Nazis during the Second World War. A victim of the holocaust, one who helped hide Jewish people, Corrie visited New Zealand many times sharing her testimony and her faith in God. (See Corrie ten Boom, Wikipedia). I had a mother who was bold enough to write to Corrie asking her to come to our home and talk to the ladies from our neighbourhood who would attend my mother's simple monthly devotional house meeting. So one fine day in Auckland, Corrie came to the state house we called home. I was a teenager and didn't know much about this Dutch lady. So I decided to strip to the waist and sunbathe out on the back lawn letting those ladies have their meeting. My mother was of Jewish birth with an eighty-year-old Jewish uncle who would occasionally bike across Auckland to visit us. He had arrived just before Corrie did and took his place among the 22 ladies packed in to our small lounge.

What happened over fifty years ago now will forever be etched upon my memory. I had been lying on my stomach for some time when I heard Uncle Phil shuffle up the back lawn towards me. As he stopped beside me I turned my head, squinting up at him. Tears were coursing down his tanned, wrinkled face. My mother used to jokingly call him, “that old Maori carving”. Well, carving or not, this fit old Jewish man, with tear-filled eyes looked down at me and said, “Brian, I have found my Messiah!” At fifteen I had met Jesus and was able to rejoice with him – even if I didn't fully appreciate how a Jew would feel when the discovery was made that Jesus is our Messiah. After a cup of tea, he pedalled off home. And that was the last I saw him for he died a few months later. Our Uncle Phil went to be with the Messiah he found at a chance meeting he didn't know he was cycling to. He experienced the greatest healing of all – salvation in Jesus Christ. Yes, and I will never forget **“Brian, I have found my Messiah.”** That's my faith too.

Revd Brian Hooper, Missioner

SHARING MAGAZINE

Subscriptions are due to be renewed for this excellent publication. Last year the price escalated to \$50 due to the exchange rate. At current rates an annual subscription would be approximately \$35 provided we have a total of 10 orders. Please contact the Co-General Secretaries **urgently** if you wish to subscribe or renew your subscription. Please do not send any money until you receive an invoice.

International Conference in Canada in June

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

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

Those planning or booked to attend the OSL International Conference please go to the **Conference Website** for an up to date programme: www.osl2010.ca Here you will find listed the very good speakers and more workshops.

The Registrar has advised that it is important for registrations to be made online via their website even if you have already registered by mail. If so then please re-register online (and make mention of it being a duplicate registration). The Registrar is unable to pick up his surface and air mail until after Easter when he returns home after a two month absence. With online registrations your place is reserved immediately and as of 11 February registrations were over half full.

Also those attending please check if you have advised the Conference Registrar of your time of arrival in **Kelowna Airport**. People are organised to meet you and take you to the Conference venue. Any further queries dereklightbourne@xtra.co.nz

SUBSCRIPTIONS – from the General Treasurer

Michael reports that many Subscriptions for 2009-2010 are **overdue!** Subscription is \$20 per member and \$30 for couples. If you haven't paid please pay your subs **now** to your Chapter Treasurer. Postal Members, **please** post your subs to the General Treasurer – see below.

The Order of St Luke the Physician in NZ is a Registered Charitable Trust. Donations can be sent to the General Treasurer who will send you an official receipt for Tax rebate purposes. Please make use of these opportunities to support the Healing Ministry in New Zealand.

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Emailed Studies: We believe that a number of members have received emails from the Rev Mike Endicott of Wales promoting a series of FREE audio downloads, with simple teaching on the healing kingdom of God. Mike is scheduled as one of the keynote speakers at the International Conference in Canada in June. We invite comments on how members are coping with the size of the downloads and their ability to view it on their computers and the value of the material.

Brian and Shirley, Co-General Secretaires

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Bay of Islands: Mrs Jennifer Gilchrist, Mrs June Hick, Mr Monty Irvine,
Mrs Pat Irvine, Rev Heather Lindauer, Mrs Tui Whiu
Whangarei: Mr Graeme Prestidge
Cambridge: Mrs Jean Robinson
Harbour: Miss Josephine Anderson, Rev Dr Ron Atkins,
Mrs Susan Atkins, Ms Philippa Christmas, Mr Michael Doherty,
Ms Mary Field-Dodgson, Mr David Growcott, Rev Bob Howard,
Ms Susan Howard, Mr Alan Kemp, Mrs Anthea Mullis,
Rev John Mullis
Picton: Mrs Ruth Jones
Ashburton: Mrs Joan Green



NEW FULL MEMBERS:

Bay of Islands: Rev Sue Reid
Cambridge: Mrs Nancy Cook
Napier: Ms Terrelaine Kennedy
Harbour: Rev Stephen King
Ashburton: Mrs Althea Grieve, Mrs Drienie Meyer
Invercargill: Miss Margaret Hurd, Mr Alistair Soper, Mrs Barbara Wilson



ROLL OF HONOUR: Members Called to Higher Service

Midland Postal: Mrs Toni Bridge, Rev Doug Burt OSL,
Mrs Wray McGechie
Central Otago: Mrs Jean Snadden



DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS:

None this issue as the new Directory has just been published.

We give a very warm welcome to the two new chapters being inaugurated in March. They are the

**Bay of Islands (Northern Area) and
Harbour (Wellington, Tararua Area) Chapters**

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 & Shirley Flower.

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

Reminder: Dead-line for next HEAL-LINK is 1 April 2010

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

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

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