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***Committed to Jesus' healing of people,  
situations, nations, and creation.***



***Greetings from National Chaplain Lionel***

Dear Friends,

Rachelle and I have recently returned home from three weeks in the North Island. During this time we attended the Executive Meeting as well as visiting chapters and churches in Marlborough, Waikato, Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu and Wairarapa. We are grateful for the warm hospitality we received wherever we went. Also we enjoyed the mild autumn weather arriving home before the winter really set in. We made significant contact with churches that are exploring the healing ministry but have little or no contact with OSL. We were greatly encouraged by these contacts and were able to tell them about OSL and possibilities for their churches.

During this trip we also made contact with a number of postal members to give them encouragement in their situation. Postal members account for about one third of our membership and often have a lonely road to travel. I suspect too, that some postal members can at times feel forgotten by the wider OSL. I want to encourage all postal members, wherever you are, because I believe you have a vital role to play in the healing ministry. First and foremost you can exercise a prayer ministry right where you are. I know that some of you are doing this already. You can encourage others in your church community (including your church leaders) to consider the place Christian healing has in the church. Also you could take the initiative and introduce others to the Wholeness magazine.

While we were in Hamilton we were pleased to have lunch with the Editor of the Wholeness magazine, Michael Ferri, and his wife Malia. They are very committed to the healing ministry. I would encourage all OSL members to support Michael and Wholeness with your prayers. Also remember that this ministry is also dependent on donations from chapters, churches and interested people.

In Taranaki we visited the Manna Healing Centre at Oakura (near New Plymouth). It was great to have time with Olive and Ian Carter (the managers) as well as the assistant managers and staff. This gave us the opportunity to learn something of the ministry they are involved in with its joys and challenges. Please remember in your prayers, not only the Manna Healing Centre, but also Titoki and Te Waiora. These are often places of refuge and renewal for people bearing heavy burdens.

As I write this it is only 10 days before we leave for the International Conference in Canada from 21 - 26 June. There are eleven New Zealanders who are attending. We will be actively promoting the next International Conference which we will be hosting at Totara Springs, Matamata in October 2013. We look forward to reporting back to you in the next copy of Heal Link..

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Yours in his service,

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***From Co-General Secretaries***

***Needed – new General Secretary of the Order of St Luke***

Having completed the revision of the handbook and the constitution and most of the Order's literature and established the website we would like to be able to hand over our duties as General Secretary at the next Executive meeting in May 2011. Shirley would like to continue to look after the Membership Secretary's job, and the website. We would also provide guidance for the new appointee in the General Secretaries duties. Now that the revisions and development have been completed the time involved in the day to day running of the Order's affairs is not so demanding.

Together with the earlier appointment of nine years in the 1980's we have now served thirteen years in this position and it would be good to have somebody else pick up the reins.

If you have a passion for the healing ministry and the Order of St Luke, are able to use a computer and enjoy working as part of a forward looking team, please give this matter your prayerful consideration. Is God calling you to this most rewarding ministry? Feel free to contact us confidentially to learn more about what the position involves.

On another matter we have had contact with the Order in Nigeria which was founded originally through OSLNZ. Their first member was made an associate member early in 1990 and many more have since become members so now they are independent. They would value our prayers firstly for their needs which are great and also for a regional conference they are holding combined with Covenant Keeping Ministries from 4-6 November for which speakers are attending from throughout Africa and one from UK. For details of this and other international events go to our website and view the events page – <http://www.oslnz.org/events>

We trust your annual meetings are going well and look forward to receiving your reports shortly. Don't forget that your subscriptions go direct to General Treasurer Michael – see second to last page.

**Every blessing, Brian and Shirley, Co-General Secretaries  
email:gensec@oslnz.org**

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### **News Items:**

#### **Witnessing in the Community**

This was held at St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church in Newlands Wellington at the 10am Parish Eucharist on Sunday, 20 June 2010. Dennis Cassells-Minnoch, Chaplain to Wellington North Chapter preached at both the 8am and 10am services at St. Michaels.

Hands were laid on Lynne Jagger by Chaplain Dennis and the Rev Kingsley Ponniah, Vicar of St. Michael's, who also anointed Lynne with Blessed Oil. Branch Secretary Jenny Lawrence and Dennis also assisted with the Parish Prayer Ministry Team for Healing during the Communion. The service was very well received by all who attended.

Many thanks for allowing us to take part in their parish Eucharist and the hospitality extended to us by Rev Kingsley and the parish of St Michael's.

**Dennis Cassells-Minnoch, Chaplain Wellington North Chapter**

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#### **Healing of Hearing**

Eight members of our church travelled from Whangaparaoa to the Manukau Baptist Church to attend a three day teaching seminar led by Bruce Collins from West London, who oversees the international networks of New Wine. Bruce is passionate in his desire to have spiritual gifts especially the gift of prophecy used productively and with discernment in our churches.

During the first day he spoke, among other things, of our mighty God – nothing is impossible – ask for big things – he can do all things. At the end

of the day as he offered prayer I did not hear what he was saying very well, his voice tailed off and I complained to Neville. When it came to prayer ministry time, my first thought was to seek healing for a pesky cough and cold that has been with me for too long. Then the word came to me, *Ask for something BIG – ask to have your hearing restored.* At that very moment Bruce gave a word of knowledge that God was seeking to heal hearing loss. I was out of my seat and first up to the first available person! After prayer for the right ear Craig said, "How does it seem to you now?" My reply, "You're speaking very loudly". "No, I'm not, I'm speaking very softly," was his quiet reply. I looked down and saw my hearing aid in my hand. The same procedure followed with my left ear, again with the same question and reply, only this time I saw he had stepped back from me as he answered in a **very** quiet voice.

Well, what rejoicing and thanksgiving followed!

As I was going back to my seat Bruce spoke out from where he was ministering to another further along the row. "I believe God is going to use that lady to bring healing of deafness in many other folk." After that I did hear every word of teaching given by Bruce! AND . . . what a mighty God we have with us wherever we go in his service. His prophetic word has happened in my church and in two OSL groups I have visited since. Therefore,

***"Praise and Glory to God and to Jesus who heals today and forever."***

**Janice Cooper,  
Northern Area Convenor**

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#### **Healing 'on the road' in Fiji**

Frank and I have recently returned from a fortnight of ministry training with a team for the Victorious Ministries Through Christ (VMTC). As part of a team of eight, the others were all from Australia, we must have prayed for 60 or more people. These folk in Fiji were open and receptive and we had a great time. The roads, once off the main routes, were atrocious, being all ruts, humps and potholes. On the last night in Nadi we were walking along a concrete path and I was looking up at the air conditioning unit out of which hot air was pouring and completely missed two quite deep steps. I should have fallen flat on my face! Instead I felt the presence of an angel helping me to regain my balance. I was shaken but unharmed. Thank you Lord and thank you to all our friends who pray for us as we travel overseas and around New Zealand.

**Gwen Rigg,  
Hibiscus Coast**

### **From under the Editor's Pillow**

We had been watching some TV "misery" and saw an advert for depression featuring a famous All Black. Added to this two recent *LISTENER* magazines with cover featured articles on "Anxiety" and "Drinking and Depression" (dates 19 June & 26 June resp) you might think we watch the wrong programmes, read the wrong books and magazines! But the truth is that our communities are rife with problems of drugs and alcohol and these related illnesses. Concerned how we pray for this situation, I picked up a book (I believe God led me) to read, Corrie ten Boom's little book of 1953, "**Amazing Love**".

Page 68 begins with a quotation:

*"God is willing to enter into the heart, as light is willing to flood a room that is opened to its brightness."*

We read down the page of a woman who had been in a bomb attack that killed her husband. When she regained consciousness and saw her husband lying dead, she opened her heart to hatred. She hated those who had perpetrated the deadly attack. She had become a complete wreck. Poor woman! Corrie was asked to visit her in a mental institution.

#### **Quote:-**

"As I entered the room she looked suspiciously at me. I prayed for wisdom and love.

"I know exactly what you're going to tell me, I must pray," she began in a defiant manner. "But I cannot pray." I made no reply, as she continued, "I know exactly what you'll say next; that I must banish the hatred from my heart, because only then can I pray again."

"Who told you that?"

"The chaplain."

The conversation goes on with Corrie describing to her how she suffered, not because she herself was treated so cruelly in the concentration camp, but at the way the guards beat up her sister because she was too weak to shovel sand. Then, hatred tried to enter her heart.

"Then I experienced a miracle. Jesus had planted His love in my heart, and there was no room left in my heart for hatred. The only thing you can do is to open your heart to His love. That love is a reality. . . . I merely have to draw the curtains aside, and as soon as the sunlight floods the room the darkness vanishes."

We both knelt down, and I prayed,

*"Lord, here we are, weak, much weaker than the devil of hatred. But You are stronger than the devil of hatred, and now we open our hearts to You,*

*and we give thanks to You that You are willing to enter into our hearts, as the sun is willing to flood a room that is open to its brightness."*

A week later the woman was discharged from the mental institution. Her heart was full of the love of God. – ends quote from *AMAZING LOVE*.

I prayed that prayer myself -- it has a universal application – then switched out the light, knowing that healing of people with these inner or mental sicknesses is in the Hands of our Lord Jesus.

And, while I think about it, Corrie ten Boom has a great teaching from her experiences in that concentration camp on forgiveness. When we meet someone who has suffered hatred like these women did at the hands of someone who comes asking for forgiveness, how can we forgive them?

Forgiving someone who tortured you cannot be easy. Read (or re-read) the last half dozen pages in "**The Hiding Place**", reflect upon them, pray, seek God. You will find you can love and forgive; and be loved and forgiven.

**Neville Cooper, Editor**

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#### **Postal Member Ivy Mollart writes:**

*"I taught some South Korean students English last year. They are born again Christians and our lessons were treasures of fellowship. When we came together for the last time, I sought Holy Spirit for the right words to put on their farewell card. The result . . . I feel truly a synopsis of our lives together as the Body of Christ."*

#### **PASSING THROUGH**

We pass this way but once - and along the long.....long.... trail  
We chance upon those golden ones who lighten up our lives!  
Heart speaks to heart as we join together in love and,  
For a time and a season  
We enhance each other with that LOVE from above!  
Yet - on we must go along the WAY -  
Finding others to feed, to be with, to stay.  
And through it all our spirits are filled  
With ever increasing LOVE each day!



**Ivy Mollart, Midland**

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## Reflection

Archbishop William Temple (1881-1944) wrote:

“When I pray, coincidences happen . . . .

When I don't, they don't.”

*Jean Woodger, Midland Area*

## From the Editor

I have received a letter from Jean in which she reminds us of a very important part to the ministry of healing. We do not have the space to include all Jean has written but I think this bit is very important.

“It is very easy for a person who has received Christ's authority to heal (that is us all) to say ‘I have prayed for you, now you are healed.’ and leave our ministry at that.” Jean writes that this happened to her once but fortunately she went to her GP asking to come off her medication because she had been healed. But her wise doctor warned her not to stop her medicines but slowly reduce the level of medication under a GP's supervision.

Jean quotes two cases of folk who suffered, one epilepsy the other diabetes, who received healing for their diseases and disabilities and in their faith, feeling and believing they were healed. In truth, their physical bodies were different and having stopped daily medication the outcome was a serious setback. Remember,

1. In prayer ministry, first always ask the person what they want Jesus to do for them.
2. Ask God how to pray for this person. Ask and Listen!
3. Seek the leading Holy Spirit will bring to you and the other(s).  
“Come Holy Spirit, come.” Allow plenty of time for this to happen!
4. As you pray, ask the one being prayed for, how do you feel.
5. Keep praying and seeking the Holy Spirit. Repeat item 4.
6. Give thanks to the Lord.

Giving thanks can often be sharing their healing with others, prayer and laying hands on others. Remind them to check with their doctor, especially if the person is on medication. Don't assume everyone know this!!!

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## NEW FULL MEMBERS:

Wellington North: Ms Lynne-Stella Jagger

Tararua Postal: Mrs Ann Rhodes

Blenheim: Mrs Joan Vercoe

## ROLL OF HONOUR: Members Called to Higher Service

Invercargill: Mrs Barbara Wilson

Southern Postal: Mrs Anne Watson



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**An Important Issue** is coming up! This is not for our next Issue but the one after that, the deadline of which is **1 October 2010**.

This will be “**HEAL-LINK Oct-Nov Issue 300**”. Can we look forward with great expectations to reading lots of interesting articles and stories in this issue? We hope this will be a commemoration of OSLNZ and **HEAL-LINK** particularly as we prepare for our 50th Anniversary. Please send us your thoughts, ideas, stories, as contributions for this issue as soon as you can to the Editor.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:-

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

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

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

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