

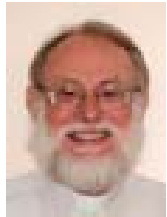


The Order of St Luke the Physician
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**celebrating 50 years of Jesus' Healing ministry within
the Order of St Luke in New Zealand – read the testimonies in the
following pages and give thanks to God for His healing love.**

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



Greetings from National Chaplain Lionel

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to be able to write a greeting for this Heal Link issue number 300. It is good to reflect on the impact that Heal Link has made on OSL members over the years. Heal Link is more than a newsletter keeping members up to date with OSL happenings. It is also a means of encouragement by sharing testimonies of answers to prayer. I know that the present editor sees this function of Heal Link as very important. So I ask you to keep on sending in those testimonies for the encouragement of us all. We can give thanks to God for those who have contributed to Heal Link and those who have edited it over the years. If we could list everyone it would be a most impressive roll of honour.

As you all know we have been through a major earthquake here in Christchurch. It was certainly far greater than any I have experienced and the aftershocks have not helped. Three weeks later we are still receiving the odd shock. The news media has certainly had a field day showing many graphic images. I am sure that many of you imagined that we were all sitting in a pile of rubble!! Personally we have been very fortunate and suffered very little damage. We did not even lose the power or water. Our hot water cylinder developed a leak but that was soon fixed. Unfortunately Te Waiora House was badly damaged with falling chimneys. The chapel however was undamaged and there were no injuries. Many of you will know that John and Enid McLean are the present Chaplain/House Managers. Please pray for them and the Te Waiora Trust Board during this difficult time. John and Enid live in a very comfortable cottage at Te

Waiora and that suffered little damage apart from the hot water cylinder. Their greatest regret is that they are unable to take any guests at Te Waiora for the foreseeable future. We are planning an Area Day for Canterbury for October 16th. We will be using the Te Waiora Chapel and the grounds.

With no loss of life and very few major injuries we can truly give thanks to God that the earthquake occurred at a time when very few people were out and about. There have been a good number of reports of people who have had near misses as bricks have come tumbling down. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray especially for those people whose homes have been badly damaged and are still unsure as to whether they will need to be demolished. There are also some who do not yet know whether they will be able to rebuild on their present site. These are the people who need much support. Pray too that many will turn to God in thanksgiving for his many mercies and place their trust in him for the future.



The other important matter is one which I mentioned last month. That is the need for a new General Secretary. This has become especially important with the election of Brian Flower as the next National Chaplain. I would ask you to pray earnestly about this matter and seek God's will. Is he asking you to consider this ministry? Or is he bringing to mind some one who you could ask to consider it? The role of General Secretary is a most important one for the life of the Order and so I would urge you to keep the matter in your prayers. Do not hesitate to contact me if you want to make a tentative enquiry or a suggestion.



This Issue 300 of Heal Link also marks the beginning of our 50 year celebration as OSL in New Zealand. We encourage chapters and areas to mark this with special events over the next two years. At the midway point in October 2011 there will be our Triennial Conference at Totara Springs near Matamata. Plan to be there from Monday October 17th to Thursday 20th. This will be a time of celebration of the past and planning for the future. The theme for the conference will be 'Jesus' Healing Ministry in Action' and the keynote speaker will be the Rev Murray Talbot, Senior Pastor of the Hornby Presbyterian Community Church.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Yours in his service,

Lionel

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From Co-General Secretaries: We have treasured memories of Canon David Thorpe and Don Milne on a mission at Kaitaia in the early 1970's and during ministry at a healing service Don exercising a gift of miracles praying for our daughter and her spine, injured during a playground fall, straightening and her legs becoming even in length. Don also prayed for Brian who had a built up shoe and the next day he had the shoe heel lowered. These two stalwarts of early OSL, David and Don, had a great joint ministry travelling NZ preaching the gospel and healing the sick giving God the glory.

We were glad to have been part of the Executive at a time when the Order had the guidance of some of the early members of OSL NZ, David, Don, Jim Chambers and Frank Rigg, where we felt we were given a good grounding in the ethics of OSL.

This is a wonderful issue 300 with so many testimonies giving thanks and praise to our Lord Jesus for his greatness and his healing power shown in so many lives.

Every blessing, **Brian and Shirley** *email:gensec@oslnz.org*

TESTIMONIES

In 1986 I was healed of rheumatoid arthritis and I found the healing ministry of Jesus. At the time I was living in England and being a member of the Church of England I joined the Guild of St Raphael. For the next seven years I learnt about the healing ministry and was very interested in it. In 1993 my husband and I moved to New Zealand. I wished to continue being involved with the healing ministry and one week I saw a notice in our church's pew sheet about a meeting of the Order of St Luke the Physician - "an Ecumenical Christian Healing Ministry". So I went along determined to find out what it was about. I met Rangiora chapter members and found they had started only two years previously, and being ecumenical, was a wonderful improvement on the Guild of St Raphael as there was such a variety of different experiences and more openness to the Holy Spirit.

How glad I am that I went to the Rangiora chapter meeting that day nineteen years ago! I knew no one in the area and I was rather nervous. Over the years some have come and gone, but our fellowship, discussions and sharing have never ceased; the "fire" is still alive, though our pace of life has slowed. I have made some wonderful friends, not only in the chapter but throughout New Zealand due to the healing ministry of Jesus. May this wonderful gift that Jesus gave us continue and grow.

Janet Cornelius, Rangiora Chapter

Another Testimony from Rangiora, mid-1980's

Some healings are unexpected!

During a Rangiora visit, we once had over 100 people come from various centres to a healing service, so we had to "up" the planned 3 ministry groups to 7 and, as visiting OSL Warden, I moved around where needed during the ministry session. I was asked to help minister to a woman whose 3-year old son had died over 2 years earlier. She was bitterly miserable and withdrawn. Puzzling! So I simply asked the Lord to minister to her. In the silence of our group, she suddenly glowed with a beaming smile and said, "I saw him! He was walking with Jesus, holding his hand, and he's bigger; he's grown!" She was so thankful. That's the sort of thing we praise God for, when we minister, God's love, joy and peace wins all.

Revd Ray Williams, Warden Emeritus

Anne & Pat Clinch send their blessings:

"It was awesome when I was baptised in the Holy Spirit on 6th July 1991. For nine years I had been suffering from manic depression (now called bi-polar) but even though I had been filled with the Holy Spirit I was not healed. This disorder is characterised by alternating swings in mood - from extreme highs to deep lows; it was horrible. In early 1993 we were part of a healing team that had just been formed in our Anglican church.

The Lord put it upon our hearts to visit the healing ministry teams in the Anglican Cathedrals in Melbourne and Sydney. We went in May 1993, the Lord having supplied the finance. We saw how these teams operated and in Sydney we met the Team Leader, Canon Jim Holbeck who had taken over from Canon Jim Glennon, and Team Secretary Mary Vercoe.

Three months after we returned from Aussie, I had an extreme low and asked Anne - my wife - to phone Mary and get them to pray for me. It was just before their weekly healing service and Mary promised to put my name forward for prayer. That evening I was feeling better, and next day the depression had completely lifted. The Lord is awesome! We wrote and told them of my healing. Then in 2001 when we next visited Sydney we went to their healing service and Canon Holbeck asked me to testify to the congregation of my healing. After the service a couple of people thanked me for the testimony saying that it gave them hope.



We have found that the Lord often leads us into new situations, in this case showing us that prayers "over the airways" are effective in providing healing ministry."

Pat Clinch - Tararua Postal

Testimony to Witness

Some of our members were able to have a display table for OSL in the mall on Saturday 11 September. We were able to talk with many people who enquired about the churches' healing ministry. Many were able to take 'Wholeness' copies as well as other information to read.

Levin Chapter

Now here's a challenge to all chapters – to go out into our shopping malls and plazas and witness to God's Kingdom being amongst us now! **Ed.**

Marcelle Chambers shares some early days of OSLNZ

I would like to give thanks to God for His leading and guiding in my journey in the healing ministry through my association with the Order of St Luke through the Order's history of almost 50 years in NZ.

For me it commenced when the Lord led my husband Jim into the conviction that Jesus still heals today when I received healing in 1956 from constant headaches due to a head injury. This led Jim to seek fellow believers both here and overseas, which then led into contact with the Order of St Luke in Australia, and this eventually helped to form the first committee and officers of the first chapters in NZ.

In the beginning Jim and others were invited to conduct missions from whence chapters were formed. Later I was privileged to accompany Jim and led to also be used in praying for and laying hands on others. And in those early years, while Jim was minister at the Congregational church in Wellington, this was the venue for successive Wardens' Councils and we had real pleasure of hosting many overseas speakers of international fame.



Without going into too much history, which has been and is yet to be recorded, I give thanks to God for the wonderful opportunities He has given to our service in this ministry:

- for the support and friendships made, some I still enjoy today;
- for hospitality of people during travel and missions;
- for teaching and learning received from many avenues;
- for opportunities of ministering in many countries overseas;
- for health and strength I still enjoy through God's enabling, and to continue to be used in His service today.

Do join with me in praising God for the many lives he has touched and empowered by our Healing Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Let us be passionate as we go into the future for this Good News and work diligently and prayerfully to spread it in this needy world.

Thank you God, and my fellow OSL'ers.

Marcelle Chambers OSL

HOW I DISCOVERED THE HEALING MINISTRY

As a Christian teenager, I eagerly devoured the Bible and sat under good church teaching. But positive prayer for healing didn't seem to be part of that teaching. My mother, when aged around 52 or 53 was diagnosed with bladder cancer. She called for an elder from her Baptist church on the basis of James 5:14. Wyn Fountain, a man later to be prominent in the charismatic renewal, came with words similar to: "We elders don't know anything about this healing business, but if you have some oil, I will do as James instructs." My mother got some kitchen cooking oil, accepted the anointing and cancelled further hospital appointments. She passed into glory aged 97 years. Mum's healing left its indelible impression upon me but for some years after healing was not prominent in my thinking.

Following theological college, I decided to train as a teacher. As a first-year teacher at a North Auckland school, I enabled a farming couple to take a school holiday break by milking their cows. After hosing out the shed after milking I sat down in the corner on a pile of old newspapers. I spotted a coloured pamphlet sticking out from the pile. It was a booklet by the late Rev Dr Jim Chambers on healing. He was then serving the nearby Maungaturoto Congregational Church. I eagerly read that little treatise. As I served the Lord, I began to see Jesus heal. A prayer by a local Christian doctor, called out late at night, resulted in my highly feverish son drop to a normal temperature within minutes – as he slept. I prayed for Mr Brown of Mangawhai, whose gangrenous leg was to be amputated the next day. But the hospital saw change and cancelled the operation. Mr Brown lived on for some years. A personal healing occurred when Bill Subritzky prayed for "someone's right hand". My right hand had tendons severed in an accident so I was unable to grip for many years - until Bill Subritzky prayed that night.

Having trained as a Congregational minister, I was ordained by Dr Jim Chambers in 1983 to serve a Baptist church. That task included the healing work of Jesus. Yes, we saw amazing healings. One vital ministry was introducing Jesus to homosexuals and lesbians who wanted release. My wife Rosemary was given hours to live after a serious cancer operation, but we had her for 22 months. We even had a medically verified 'raising from the dead' – a lady who died and through the ministry of a prophetic man attending the meeting was raised to life. To all who read this abbreviated testimony: "Jesus heals today! Praise Him."

Rev Dr Brian Hooper, Warden Emeritus 2005-2008

PERSONAL HEALINGS

I have had several notable healings during my lifetime, but the most visible and undeniable one occurred when I was about 34 years old.

It was our custom to accompany the young people of our church, which included anywhere from 2-4 of our own, on the annual spring break ski trip to Colorado or New Mexico. On this particular occasion, we travelled to Taos, New Mexico. On the second day of the ski trip, when we arrived at the ski slope, it was snowing and the winds were so high that they wouldn't open the lifts. We formed a large circle and holding hands prayed that the winds would die down enough for the lifts to become operational, which happened shortly after we prayed.

My first run down the slope resulted in disaster for me. I was skiing parallel, down the slope, and was barely moving because of the force of the head wind. When I approached the end where the slope made a u-turn, I hit solid ice, as the wind had swept all the powder off, leaving only the ice surface. My legs were not strong enough to stay together and split outwards. I heard the ligaments in my left leg tear and I was brought down from the slope in a sled pulled by an expert skier. When my leg was examined in the first aid hut, it had absolute instability. The Doctor could wobble the bottom part of my leg back and forth and spread it at the knee. Our Associate Minister, Claude Hargis prayed for my knee on the slope before I went into a clinic in Taos, where they wrapped the knee and gave me crutches to get around on.

When we arrived back home in Oklahoma, my husband took me to The Bone and Joint Clinic in Oklahoma City to see Dr Bell. He said that after 3 days (it had been 5 days) the ligaments became so soft and spongy that they would not hold a suture so my choices were:

- (1) Have my leg casted, wait 10 weeks, have surgery and then spend another 10 weeks in a cast or
- (2) Have surgery and spend 10 weeks in a cast and mostly have surgery again and spend another 10 weeks in a cast. This was a gloomy prospect with 5 kids and a husband at home! I chose the first option.

At the end of the 10 weeks when the doctor removed the cast, my knee was just fine, only stiff from 10 weeks in a cast. It has never given me any trouble since. Praise to JEHOVAH JIREH!

Alexis Hooper, Tararua Area Convenor.



STOP PRESS!! Rev Rachele Brown has been appointed as Area Chaplain for Canterbury and is being inducted at an Area Day at Te Waiora Chapel on Saturday 16 October. We welcome Rachele into this position and wish her every blessing as she ministers.

A Healing Testimony

At the end of August my back, which I have had trouble with over many years decided to "play up" again. I had treatment for it and it was reasonably good but not 100%. A week after the treatment I slipped on some mud and fell down landing on my bottom. This shook my spine from the bottom to the top of my head. I could not manage to put on socks or do my shoes up. I had treatment for displacement of four parts of my vertebrae, but still had trouble coping.

A week later, after retiring, I was lying in bed trying to go to sleep. I found that I was continually singing praises to God silently in my head. About an hour later I suddenly heard a "clunk" and then a "click" and felt something move in the base of my spine! What joy the next day when I was capable of putting socks on and tying my shoe laces! **Praise the Lord.**

Shaking at Te Waiora

It is four weeks since the earthquake and as we reflect over that time and reality sets in we praise God for His wonderful protection and for the way He is blessing us through the love and support of neighbours, the local communities, and supporters of Te Waiora. The guest house is extensively damaged. It will be some time before Te Waiora will be open to guests staying, while the chapel was unharmed, and is now open again. We are looking excitedly to the possibilities that it can be used for.

On the 16th October the Canterbury area of OSL are holding a seminar, the first at Te Waiora since the quake. There is a lot of enthusiasm as the Trust and supporters plan for the future, new beginnings seem to be the message that is coming through. The healing ministry is our passion, and the need is wide and deep. We pray for wisdom and guidance for the future. Words of a song that's a Te Waiora favourite come to mind:

I know who holds the future and He guides me with his hand.

*With God things don't just happen
everything by him is planned.*

*So as I face tomorrow with its problems large and small
I'll trust the God of miracles
and give to him my all.*



Greetings and blessings to all our OSL Friends

John & Enid McClean

Chaplain/Managers Te Waiora Healing Centre

Te Waiora Healing Centre is featured in Heal-Link Issue 291, Feb-March 2009. Please uphold Te Waiora people in your prayers, **"We are all involved with leading Te Waiora into a new era."** That is, John and Enid, the Trust Board, its chairman and members, workers, friends and supporters. Pray **"for unity and the ability to hear the still small voice that will surely come"**. *Editor*

WHAT OSL MEANS TO ME

It was God who drew me to the OSL Nelson chapter, in June 1976 as an associate member, then a full member, in the midst of all the turmoil and heartache of a broken marriage which caused me to turn fully to the Lord. I was met by the Holy Spirit in amazing ways who heightened to me many verses of scripture that revealed to me Jesus was very much alive and that God did love me in spite of my guilt over letting down the family and the hurt of rejection in my life.



It was at this time that I heard about a seminar on Christian healing that Canon Jim Glennon, Australia, was teaching in Nelson. I went to all the sessions and my whole understanding of Christian faith took a great leap forward as I heard about Christ's power to forgive, heal and restore life.

The power of praying in Jesus' name for healing was a wonderful revelation to me. The first book on healing that I read was Agnes Sanford's Healing Light - another eye opener. I have since lent it to many people.

At the seminar I met Jean Waugh who was leading the Nelson chapter, and she invited me to come to the next meeting. I was welcomed into this group of loving, caring and accepting Christians who brought amazing solace to my heart and to an awareness of Christ's body on earth where all denominational labels fell away as we met in Jesus' love and the unity of the Holy Spirit. It was not long before Jean got me involved in committees and conferences, all of which widened my spiritual and Christian horizons. I learnt about praying and interceding for others and about the importance of being in right standing before God as Father and the constant need for forgiveness in my life, to be a clear channel for God's Spirit to flow out to others. I also discovered that to be able to forgive those who had hurt me, was a key to finding one's own healing of spirit, soul and body.

I am very grateful to God for the wonderful fellowship, encouragement, teaching and healing I have received over 34 years from many people, both in chapter meetings, area seminars, and in the conferences.

Thank you, Father for all involved in your healing ministry, through your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Anne Wesley, Blenheim/Tasman Area Convenor

Obituary:

Miss Dorothy Hamilton died in Selwyn Village hospital in September; she was in her 100th year. Dot joined the Auckland chapter of OSL in 1985 and continued a very loyal and faithful member until 2006 when she suffered a stroke and heart failure and had been in hospital since. Dot was always very active, ready to pray for others and follow up her prayers with small gifts of homemade jams, flowers or veges from her garden. Dot's petite stature disguised her very generous and loving heart.

Editor

Our Amazing God!

Recently I was booked to have surgery on my nose. I have had a problem over many years with nasal polyps - blocked sinuses. My initial surgery 2½ yrs ago was partially successful, but after it, I developed a related irritating cough so the surgeon decided on another operation in May.

I had my pre-operation check with the surgeon 10 days before and then 2 days before I went into hospital, I had prayer for healing for my nose/cough. I duly turned up on the day and God took over. I was taken to theatre by a very nice young Christian man and then chatted to the anaesthetists about the fact that God was looking after me - they had commented that I was very relaxed. As I was being taken back to the ward, very drowsy, the surgeon came past and said very briefly there was nothing to do!! In my dopey state, I didn't think to tell him I had been prayed for.

He later rang my husband and said again that when he went to operate, there was nothing to be done; the problem appeared to have gone! Since then, I have hardly coughed and the stuff from my nose that ran down the back to my throat all the time has stopped.

I give thanks and praise to God every day for my healing - it is so awesome to be free of it. I look forward to seeing my surgeon at my check-up in a couple of weeks; I am dying to tell him why he had nothing to do!!!



What an amazing God we have. Praise the Lord!

Helen Ensor, Cheviot Chapter

TWO BOOK REVIEWS

• *Healing Marriages*

In OSL and healing circles generally, we talk a lot about physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional healing, but don't often hear much about healing of marriages! With nearly 1 in 3 marriages ending in divorce in NZ, according to statistics, there is a great need therefore to promote this whole area – including Christian marriages, which are by no means exempt from those statistics, sadly.

I have recently been reading an excellent book by NZ's marriage gurus Ian and Mary Grant. I can thoroughly recommend their book which is entitled "**Growing Great Marriages**" by Ian and Mary Grant. It is not a book simply for broken marriages, but as the title suggests, for improving and growing together in your marriage. Perhaps words on the back cover sum it up best: "Whether your relationship is flaming with passion or just flaming awful, this entertaining book will help make your life stronger and

happier. The book will give you all you need to transform your relationship into one that others will envy – one that is full of fun, communication, passion, and intimacy.”

Ian and Mary’s style is down to earth, practical, humorous, and honest. It deals with all aspects of marriage, and would certainly be a help to those who are currently struggling in their relationship, and are in need of help and healing. I recommend it to all couples.

Kevin Gwynne, S.I. Missioner

• **God’s Word Heals**

When Derek Prince Ministries published “**God’s Word Heals**” this year, immediately I wrote away for a copy and I don’t regret doing so! The title makes you think, is it the Word of God that heals or is it his Son, Jesus who heals? DP’s writings will always start us thinking and that would be his wish and legacy. The sub-title “**If You Ask Anything In My Name, I Will Do It**” [John 14:14] and Chapter 1 “**Jesus, Our Healer**” answers this poser. Of course there is really no conflict. As you read this book, full of testimonies of Derek Prince’s own miraculous healings and his experiences in the ministry of healing to others, you find that God the Father, Jesus his Son, the Holy Spirit and God’s Word are a Unity, One God, who brings about the power of healing in today’s Church. [John 1:1f] DP quotes, “*the great saintly woman Corrie Ten Boom used to quote this saying: “KISS – keep it simple, stupid!”* And this is DP’s stated aim – to keep the issue of healing simple. The book is exactly that, clearly written, summarised in concise headings throughout and his numerous quotations from Scripture written and highlighted in full. The large print type used makes the book so appealing and easy to read. Once started, press on! “**God’s Word Heals**” will bring new life to your healing and your ministry, enabling you with insight to:

- know the causes of sickness and disease;
- remove spiritual obstacles to healing;
- learn why healing happens, and why it does not;
- release unforgiveness and bitterness;
- experience the healing power of God’s Word.



God always honours his promises. DP drew my attention to Psalm 30:2

“O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.”

Only a dozen single syllable words of profound simplicity which express this tremendous truth that God heals. On the back cover of the book, this invite:

“BE AMONG THOSE WHO RECEIVE HEALING!”

Editor

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Financial

The current financial year subscriptions now due are \$20 for individual members 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.

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ROLL OF HONOUR: Members called to Higher Service

Auckland: Miss Dorothy Hamilton
Kapiti: Mrs Kath Robertson



DIRECTORY AMENDMENTS:

As the new directory is being distributed during October there are no directory amendments. If you find an error in the new directory please advise Brian and Shirley, the Co-General Secretaries so it can be corrected in the next issue of Heal-Link.

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. It contains updates of news and events.

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Blenheim-Tasman Area members are invited to lead off with contributions; but remember **All members** can contribute to **HEAL-LINK**; **it is your newsletter!**

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