

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

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ROLL OF HONOUR: Members called to Higher Service

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Reminder: Dead-line for *HEAL-LINK* Issue 305 is 1 October 2011

This issue is the turn of the **Midland Area** to lead with contributions - (Cambridge, Hamilton South, Orakau-Te Awamutu, Putaruru)

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

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“Jesus Healing Ministry in Action”



*The Order of St Luke the Physician
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*Committed to Jesus' healing of people,
situations, nations, and creation.*



Greetings from National Chaplain Lionel

Dear Friends,

I have been thinking about our journey with OSLNZ over the past two plus years that I have been National Chaplain. This has been a very interesting, challenging and fulfilling journey as we have sought ways of moving forward as an Order in the 21st century. The revision of the members' handbook was a particularly significant task. As a result we have a very user friendly tool for members that will stand us in good stead for a good few years to come. During this time we have seen the growth of OSL healing groups. These are providing an alternative structure for those who want something a little less formal than a chapter without all the officers required to run a chapter. This has been a significant development in the life of OSLNZ with some very encouraging stories. We have also developed a mission statement which we are using as the theme for our Triennial Conference. 'Jesus' Healing Ministry in Action' reminds us that action is required if we are to be a significant movement in the healing ministry.

I am really starting to get excited about the forthcoming National Triennial Conference. As registrations are steadily coming in there is a feeling that this is going to be a really significant occasion in the life of OSLNZ. If you have not registered yet or are wavering I urge you to step out in faith and register now. Registrations close on September 1st. If you are reading this after September 1st; register anyway. I am sure your registration will be accepted. This is grace in action!

I am presently reading a book by Philip Yancey called 'What Good is God - On the Road with Stories of Grace.' In this book Philip Yancey gives examples of God's grace at work in some of the hard situations in the world. These are situations that he has become part of in some way or other. To quote from the cover of the book: 'Philip Yancey has travelled the world tackling the most challenging questions:

On St Luke's Day 1963, Mary Light, from USA, spoke at a healing service in St Aidan's church, in Hamilton. She offered laying on of hands to all present. The church was full. Jenny, a young lass, was healed of a rare eye disease causing inevitable blindness, for which doctors had no answer at that time. The healing of blindness was a Messianic sign promised in Isaiah 35:5, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened."

Jenny sent me a note asking me to meet her on the following Saturday. As Mary Light had laid hands on her, there was a tremendous sense of the Lord's presence. She whispered, "Come back later". Following the service Jenny waited with her minister, the Rev Cyrus Meharry and his wife Jean. Mary laid hands on her and again the Presence of God. That night Jenny slept soundly, awakening at 9.00am she picked up her Bible, it opened at the healing of the blind man and she realised she had perfect sight. Specialists confirmed this healing.

As Jenny shared her story my heart sang, "HE LIVES, HE LIVES, CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY". Jesus keeps His word. He does speak and heal today.

Both Jenny and I were invited to join the Order of St Luke in America, as there were still no chapters in New Zealand. My blue American membership card is dated 26.6.64, signed by Edith Tulloch Banks, widow of the founder of OSL, the Rev Dr John Gayner Banks. Later that year, on 25 August 1964, the Vicar, the Rev Leo King and the Rev Edward Winckley, the South African warden inducted me as a full member of OSL at St Andrews church in Auckland, Two days later; Jenny was inducted in Hamilton, by Edward Winckley, who was returning home from a visit to OSL in America. He toured New Zealand and while in Christchurch, inaugurated the first New Zealand chapter.

The Order of St Luke has, for the past 48 years been a quiet sustaining power in my life, based on the Healing Light, Love and Peace of Jesus, through the Holy Spirit. The Order of St Luke is a channel of our Lord's ministry in the world today. While on earth, Jesus commanded His disciples to, "Teach, Preach and Heal". This message has spread throughout the world, quickened in New Zealand by the charismatic movement of the mid 1960s.

It has been my great joy to see the Lord establish a chapter in Kerikeri, with members from Russell, Kaikohe, North Hokianga and the Kerikeri area, as a 'Circle of Prayer' around the Bay of Islands, quietly raising awareness that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

Rev Pat Bawden, Bay of Islands Chapter

Very Urgent Reminder !!

National Council and Conference 2011 Our 50 year Celebration of OSL in NZ Monday 17 to Thursday 20 October



**Come, join in the warmth of
fellowship, worship, inspiration, study and celebration!**

Have you sent your registration form in yet?????

The deadline is **1 September**

But if you have not yet sent yours in then do so urgently!

There is still room for you!

Register with full payment of **\$360** per person **as soon as possible.**

Registration Forms available from your Chapter Secretary, Area Convenor or the **website** www.oslnz.org on the **events** page (Conference registration form and programme link)

Further information in your copy of the June-July 2011 **HEAL-LINK.**

"Jesus Healing Ministry in Action"

- Pray for the Conference and the organisers
- Encourage others to attend
- Remember to support your members who are attending
- Remember travel bookings are in strong demand
- have you booked yours?
- Pray for safe travelling for all attending
- Pray for all speakers
- Pray for National Chaplain Lionel, for his leadership at Conference
- Pray for National Chaplain-elect Brian, for health, guidance, discernment and wisdom in his new role



Speakers:



The Most Rev David Moxon



Rev Murray Talbot



Dr Annette Rice

TESTIMONIES FROM THE NORTHERN AREA

Cancer Testimony

Early in 2009 after three years of ill health, I was diagnosed with bowel cancer. Because it had spread outside the bowel itself, I was sent to Auckland for radiation and chemo in the hope that this would shrink the cancer back into the bowel so that an operation could remove it all.



When I was told, my first reaction was "Praise the Lord!" The surgeons later told me that they had never had such a reaction before and put it down to shock. I explained that I was a Christian and now I had an accurate diagnosis I could now get people praying because I had promises from the Lord that had not come to pass and had no intention of letting this stop me.

The seven weeks of treatment were not the most comfortable of times, however I believe that because of the many praying for me I had an easier time of it than others I was with did, and I was blessed by their prayers daily. The prayer I felt to ask people to pray was that the cancer would be melted by the radiation and leave by the natural exit. This prayer was answered exactly according to what the surgeon told me the pathologist said after his examination of the tumour.

It has been two years now and two weeks ago I had my first colonoscopy check up and another miracle. I had been left with an ileostomy bag that the surgeon said was permanent, however he came to inform me that there had been changes and now it looked like it could be reversed. Don't we serve an awesome God.

Rev Norma Ardern, Chaplain Whangarei OSL

All praise and thanks to God.

Because the veins in Elizabeth's leg had become so blocked, her doctor told her, that if her toes turned purple she was to ring 111 immediately. An appointment was made with an Auckland specialist for Monday 13 June. At our OSL meeting Elizabeth had prayer and anointing. She was also on the parish prayer list. Over Queen's Birthday weekend, the crisis came. Rushed to Whangarei hospital by ambulance, thence to Auckland hospital, by the end of the week, it was all over and she did not need the specialist's appointment. At the next OSL meeting Elizabeth was back in action setting up the kitchen. All praise and thanks to God.

Rev Pat Bawden, Bay of Islands Chapter

Praise the Name of Jesus



I don't normally like to talk about my prayer life, but just recently, I felt a powerful anointing from the Holy Spirit whilst I was praying for a man who was at death's door. His name kept coming back to me over several days, and each time I claimed the healing which I knew he had received during that anointing. Now he is reported to be amazingly well and I give thanks that my prayers to Our Lord have been a part of that healing, which many others too were praying for. Praise the Name of Jesus.

Another joyful report is that our new minister in our Methodist church in Manly, Rev Ian Hanley, has officially commandeered the prayer support of the OSL members of our church (there are 3 of us) to be available at the end of each Sunday service, to pray for and anoint with oil, any church members who are in need of private prayer on that day. This has enriched our ministries which were already harnessed into the prayer chains for our church. Members who may have been reticent in the past are definitely coming up to us now and asking for prayers.

Elizabeth Cornelius, Hibiscus Coast Chapter

50 Years On

"How can the Lord speak today, guide today, heal today, He's been dead 2000 years"!

This was the climate for the healing ministry in New Zealand in the early 1960s and these were the words of a sceptical minister at that time. There was quite a lot of opposition. The New English Bible had recently been published. It opened for me at Acts 18:9, *And the Lord said to Paul, "Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent for I am with you"...And Paul stayed 18 months in Corinth.*

As I read those words, the Lord spoke clearly to me, telling me to stay in Hamilton for 18 months, where I was teaching, that He would do something that no one would be able to deny He lived today.

I had been secretary of the Youth Committee of the Council of Churches in the Waikato, with a weekly interdenominational prayer group in the Methodist church. We had experienced an amazing move of the Holy Spirit amongst young people, with a service for a thousand teens and twenties in the Rugby Park stadium in 1962. We became aware that God was 'not out there somewhere' but in our very midst, that Jesus was "*the same yesterday, today and forever*".

Can God truly bring solace to the terrorised people of Mumbai, or the students who witnessed the murder of their classmates?

Will the deep scars of racism ever heal in post-apartheid South Africa, or the American South?

Can a persecuted Christian minority have an impact in places as hostile as China or the Middles East?

In all he travels to ten different places and in each place finds the grace of God at work in amazing ways.

The grace of God, (his unmerited love for us), is at the heart of the gospel.

It is by grace that we have come to know God.

It is by grace that we are forgiven by God.

It is by grace that we live each day in God's care.

It is by grace that we are healed

It is by grace that we will be with him forever.

May you know his grace each and every day as you serve him in the power of the Spirit in Jesus' name.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Yours in his service,

Lionel

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National Secretary writes:

As I write this, we are experiencing blizzard conditions with heavy snow. Our world has been transformed from one of mostly frosty nights and cool sunny days, here in Canterbury, to bitterly cold weather again. Spring bulbs are appearing in the garden, violets and white japonica are braving the cold, and the flowering cherry tree and the pear are in bud. I thank God for his promise of better things to come for us and for our city. May the year ahead be a safer one for all, wherever you are in New Zealand.

If anyone has trouble **downloading Heal-Link** from their computer and would prefer a printed copy, please let me know, and one will be posted. Contact details on the back page.

To all **OSL office holders thank you** for your faithful service throughout another year, and for getting your AGM info to me so quickly. Your work can be time-consuming and sometimes stressful, but we couldn't manage without you. I am working my way through your returned material and updating our directory for the coming year. If you have any queries at any time, please contact me.

Mary

“God Is”

In April I attended a most inspiring retreat, **Leaning Of The Heart**, with Joy Cowley. The retreat was based at North Haven Hospice, a most peaceful and very spiritual place. During the morning we were given an exercise to write a poem about how you see God. Whilst sitting in the lovely Hospice gardens marvelling at God's creation, surrounded by native trees and with tui and piwakawaka present, I wrote –

*God is Puriri providing
God is Totara protecting
God is Kowhai blooming
God is Punga shading
God is Rimu weeping
God is Kawakawa healing
God is Harekeke weaving
God is Kauri upreaching.
Kia kaha.*



*God is Kokako ringing
God is Piwakawaka dancing
God is Kiwi probing
God is Tui singing
God is Kahu soaring
God is Kereru cooing
God is Hihi stitching
God is Kotuku flying.
Haere ra.*

Ruth Crockett, Whangarei Chapter

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: **General Treasurer, Michael Bain,**

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THE HEALER SPEAKS

Come unto me

In your darkness, I am light

In your pain, I am healing

In your sorrow, I am comfort

In your anger, I am love

In your fear, I am calm

In your hunger, I am bread

In your thirst, I am water

In your need, I am fullness

Come unto me

When you are heavy laden,

I am your rest.



By Robin E Van Cleaf in 'Open Hand'