



*The Order of St Luke the Physician  
in New Zealand*

**HEAL-LINK**

*April - May 2007*

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



***Greetings everyone from Warden Brian,***

Last time I wrote of an **Unexpected Healing**. The young lady continues to board with us and is a very helpful and pleasant person. She enjoys living with us, alcoholism is a distant memory, she accompanies us to church and is very open to the things of God. Please continue to pray for 'R'.

**"Try tears"**. The story is told of General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army. A young evangelist wrote to Booth why he didn't seem to be successful in winning souls to the Lord. The General wrote back: "Try tears." Of course, behind the suggestion was the Godly requirement of exercising a deep, genuine, heartfelt sense of compassion for the lost. The 'lost soul' senses it and God uses it because God reads our heart and motives.

Once when pastoring a Baptist church I received a young policeman visitor into my office. He sat opposite my desk and explained that he decided to call upon me because in his childhood he had gone to a Baptist Sunday School – and felt he needed to talk to a Baptist minister. A few days earlier he had attended the funeral of his young wife. She had a night-shift job in a town north of Wellington. Two weeks previous she had walked in the dark to cross the double railway line leading to her parked car. There was a misty light rain and she paused at the lines to observe a goods train coming. When it had passed she began to cross. The noise of the goods train disguised an electric unit coming the other way. As he spoke, I thought of my wife who was in the same area teaching each day and always travelled to school and back by the electric unit. My mind dwelt upon a scenario where my wife might do what his wife did – for my wife occasionally had late nights, and crossed the railway lines to Porirua Station. He recounted the last time he had seen her and fondly farewelled her to her work. When he

had finished he began to cry. So did I. There, together we looked at each other and simply cried together. I never gave a word of comfort, or counsel. I was lost for words and so full of the emotion of that situation. We sort of gradually subsided. We looked at each other. Then he said: "Thank you. Thank you. You have been a marvellous help." I thought I hadn't. But he had read my heart. I felt for him and entered into his loss beyond any words I could have uttered in an attempt to console him. General Booth was right: "Try tears." In next HEAL-LINK I will tell you the sequel to this story.

Blessings to you all, ***Warden Brian***

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**PRESENTATION TO FORMER GENERAL SECRETARY**

***On Behalf of the Warden and All Members of OSLNZ***

I am pleased to report that a presentation has been made on behalf of the Order of St Luke to Lesley Simpson in appreciation for her work as General Secretary. Lesley was presented with a landscape painting of a scene from the Glendhu Road, near Wanaka, together with a cheque for the balance of money raised by gifts from members of the Order of St Luke. The picture was painted by an OSL member Valmarie Yates. Lesley has expressed her grateful thanks for the generosity of the members of OSL. We managed to keep the proposed presentation a secret right up until the moment of presentation. This took place at an afternoon tea hosted by Mrs Hazel Mauger together with some of Lesley's OSL friends.

***Lionel Brown*** Canterbury Area Chaplain

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***3<sup>rd</sup> International OSL Conference***

Please remember to keep praying for this Conference. It is to be held in Swanwick, Derbyshire, England from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007. Pray for the organisers, speakers, leadership, those travelling and those thinking about going. If you want information about the Conference call either the Co-General Secretaries or **HEAL-LINK** Editors.

If you intend going to the Conference could you let Warden Brian know so that he knows who is travelling from NZ, and send your registrations to the UK urgently.

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### ***From Co-General Secretaries***

By the time you read this two months will have passed since the Executive Meeting, and copies of the **minutes**, including the financial report, will have been circulated to Chapter Secretaries as all Members are entitled to read them. If any Area Postal Chapter Member would like a copy could they contact us and we will forward them either by email or by post as appropriate. This will ensure that those who would like to receive them will do so without needless usage of paper (save our trees) and photocopying costs. If any Member or Chapter Secretary is unable to open the emailed file then please request a printed copy by post from us.

We have photocopied a number of **study books** which are now with Betty our Resource Assistant. Do remember that she holds stocks of very worthwhile studies including the “**Initial Study Project for Associate Members**” produced by the International Order of St Luke the Physician on Jesus’ 26 healing encounters recorded in the Gospels, as well as “**The Healing Ministry of Jesus**”, a set of ten studies prepared by our Missioner, Rev Derek Lightbourne, and “**Going Deeper**”, a one year learning resource for nurturing your Christian healing ministry, divided into 4 parts, also produced by the International Order. We have also revamped the pamphlets to be added to our website at the end of May when these will be available either from the website for printing by you or by ordering from Betty.

When a person whose membership has lapsed for any reason wishes to rejoin the Order, they are required to apply to the Executive, in terms of the Constitution (By-Law 4c). To make it simpler there is now a “**Renewal of Membership Application**” form which can be downloaded from the website or obtained from Betty, the Resource Assistant. When completed it is to be forwarded to the Co-General Secretaries for approval by the Executive.

We welcome the inauguration of the Cheviot Chapter this month and the news that the Invercargill Chapter is being revitalised.

Those of you with internet access may like to visit the Executive page of the website where you will find photos of all **Executive Members**, mostly taken at the recent meeting at Waikanae in February, and remember to keep watching the Events page for happenings. Please remember to send details of your Chapter special events to us for posting on the website.

While the whole purpose of the Order is to enable people to receive healing, whether of spirit, soul or body (or all of these) and of the world that we live in, we do not have very many **testimonies** sent in for sharing with the Order as a whole or the wider community. We would be very pleased to hear from Members and Chapters of healings they have experienced or witnessed that could be used for encouraging one another. Thank you Kaitaia Chapter for the testimony sent in for the last HEAL-LINK.

We would like to add a page to the website where testimonies can be displayed as a witness both to our members and others who might visit our website. Jesus said to his disciples (and as such we are) “**You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine that others may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven.**” These testimonies could also be used in HEAL-LINK – do not wait for your Area’s turn to submit material.

We have the authority to heal in the name of Jesus and often we hesitate to use it and so miss opportunities to minister to the needy. At the same time we need to exercise discernment so that we minister in the most appropriate way. For example, Warden Brian in his article speaks of weeping with the grieving husband who had come to him for ministry, and his tears were of more value than many words of comfort.

Thank you to those members who have sent their **email addresses** to us. Use of the internet is growing and we must use this great resource but at the same time be mindful of those who do not have access to it and ensure that everybody is kept in touch with news of the life of the Order.

The Executive approved the taking of a subscription for sufficient copies of “**Sharing**”, the journal of the International Order, to circulate via Area Convenors to each Chapter in their Area. Each issue will take some time to circulate throughout the Area but they are well worth reading. Please read and pass them on promptly to the next on the list.

May God’s grace go with you all.

Your servants in Christ

***Brian and Shirley***

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## News from Chapters

### From *Picton / Blenheim Chapters*

The Picton Chapter has recently enjoyed the presence of a couple of new members, so things seem to be going well for them. Area Chaplain Alan, also visited recently and found the Chapter in good heart. Their Chaplain Rev Rodney Dunlop moved to Takaka about Christmas time; now they are looking out for a replacement Chaplain, hoping the new Anglican Vicar, when inducted, may be able to offer some support towards OSL.

Blenheim are fortunate in that they have the current Area Chaplain, Alan Cummins, former Area Convenor Neil Sadler, and Warden Emeritus Kevin Gwynne, amongst their members. This gives them a lot of experience to draw upon for their regular monthly meetings, which usually consist of a time of worship, some teaching, and prayer ministry, along with friendly fellowship. Normally 15 - 18 members are in attendance. A healing service is planned for around St Lukes day later in the year.

Kevin recently ran a one day Retreat called "Reflections for Easter." Although it was open for anyone to attend, a few OSL members joined in a very pleasant and peaceful quiet day.

Kevin and his wife Sheryll, are running a Healing Seminar over Queen's Birthday Weekend, called "The Divine Plumblin". Again it's for all the local church community, but already some OSL members have indicated their intention to attend. Kevin says the Seminar looks at things like: Rejection & Rebellion; Depression & Grief; Personal & Family Dysfunction; A Wounded Spirit; Repentance & Renewal; The loving authority of God, Healing, Wholeness & Holiness. The Seminar is based on Amos 7: 7-8 and was designed by Dr Bruce Thompson, a NZ General Practitioner and Counsellor. (Kevin & Sheryll led a workshop on this topic, at the last International Conference of OSL in Melbourne.)

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Motueka Chapter considers faithfulness is in **prayer, study and meeting every month** which has resulted in increased interest and Membership in their chapter.

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### From *Northern Area Convenor*

When visiting Joan Ombler, one of our Warkworth postal members, she explained to us that although she is unable to attend OSL meetings she would like to have occasional informal gatherings at her home. So, on 15 March a small group of us met at Joan's home for an enjoyable time of fellowship, prayer and ministry. This group arranged to meet again on 10 May, all expressing the wish that they would like the meeting to include prayer ministry and laying on of hands.

There are a lot of postal (*and Chapter*) members who for various reasons are unable to attend regular chapter meetings but I would like to encourage other members of OSL not to forget them when it comes to Healing Seminars and other special occasions and from time to time make contact and encourage them in the Healing Ministry.

To Postal members also, please do not hesitate to contact OSL executive and chapter leaders for prayer needs and even just to share the common interest in the Healing Ministry.

*Enid McClean*

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Convenor Northern Area.

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Early in July 2006 I was diagnosed with bowel cancer and by the end of that month was in Whangarei Base Hospital to have an operation. On the morning of the operation I woke with the verse of the well known hymn going through my mind "Praise my soul the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing?..." To me this was confirmation that God had heard my prayer for his presence and protection for this operation and that with his help and the skills of the medical profession I would be healed and restored. Also I had the added assurance from the medical staff that they would take extra care of me while I was under the anaesthetic as during a previous operation in 2004 I had experienced a stroke while under anaesthetic having a double hip replacement.

Everything went well with the bowel cancer operation and I was told after a week or so that they had caught the cancer in the early stages and there was no need for follow up therapy such as radiation or chemotherapy so after eight months all is well and I am able to live a normal life. So Praise the Lord and thanks to all who supported me with prayers and with practical assistance.

Marcelle

**Our Prayers:** Rev Frank Rigg coordinates our OSLNZ-wide Prayer-Link on email. This is a most useful resource in our OSL Daily Prayer Cycle. If you are not receiving Frank's email prayer messages, and would like to, please email your request to Frank at [fgriigg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fgriigg@xtra.co.nz)

*Frank recently sent this message:*

Please pray for Ralph Pearce, Secretary of Napier Chapter and a previous Area Officer. Our Co-General Secretaries report, "Ralph is seriously ill with cancer of the lung. Prayer has been asked for Ralph and also for Barbara, peace of mind for them both and strength and patience for Barbara to cope with each day as it comes." Their Chaplain, the Rev Marian Emslie, 95 Bledisloe Road, Napier, ph 06 843 6692, is contact person.

**How to pray:** Positively and compassionately. I had a greeting on Saturday from a friend in China. He has to be 'guarded' regarding Christian references. He closed with "Have a good Sunrise tomorrow."!

We serve a risen Saviour, and Paul states in Romans 8:11 "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." --NKJV

In His Love, Frank

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*Jesus said "These signs will accompany those who believe;..... they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

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**HEAL-LINK** is now available and can be downloaded from the website.

**Reminder:** Dead-line for our next issue of **HEAL-LINK** is 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 main contributors – **Tararua and Southern Areas.**

We look forward to receiving your stories, letters, testimonies, obituaries or any suitable contribution. Let us have any quotation that appeals to you; others may also enjoy it! Please send your copy to the Editors:-

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**ROLL OF HONOUR:** Members called to Higher Service

**Midland Area:** Postal Mrs Margaret Crook  
**Central Area:** Palmerston Nth Mrs Pat Shallard  
**Blenheim-Tas Area:** Nelson Mrs Ruth Carson



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** We warmly welcome into the Order:-

**Blen/Tasman Area: Motueka** Mr Robert Skinner  
(correction) **Picton** Mrs May Stride in last HEAL-LINK should have read Mrs Mary Stride



**NEW FULL MEMBERS:** Congratulations and a warm welcome to:

**Blen/Tasman Area: Nelson** Mrs Faye Ruddenklau,  
Mrs Edna Stirling,

**Canterbury Area: Cheviot** Mr Tim Ensor



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**Cheviot** Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 7.30pm 11 Hall St, Cheviot

18.4.07 **Chap** Mr Tim Ensor **Conv** Mrs Felicity Grigg

**Sec** Mrs Sunita Martins, 11 Hall St, Cheviot 7310

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**Invercargill** Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sun, 3.30pm-5pm All Saints' Church Invercargill,

**Actg Chap** Rev Judy Johnson **Act Conv** Mrs Joan Farley

**Actg Co-Sec** Mr Lou and Mrs Grace Nuttall,

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**Membership Matters to the Co-General Secretaries**

All applications for Associate, Full or Renewal of Membership, notifications of change of address, transfer to another Chapter, or passing to higher service.



**Wholeness Magazine** email [wholeness\\_1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wholeness_1@xtra.co.nz) NOTE: "wholeness\_1@"

**Audio Tape Library** email [paddy@clear.net.nz](mailto:paddy@clear.net.nz)

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**OSLNZ Website** is <http://www.oslnz.org> where you will find links to other OSL Websites. This is managed and operated for OSL by Brian and Shirley Flower.

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