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### DATEBOOK...

#### ACT International Conference

September 11-15, 2008  
U.St Mary of the Lake  
Mundelein, IL  
Healing the Shattered  
Soul, Restoring Hope to  
Those Impacted by  
Trauma

**"He has sent me to bind up hearts that are broken"** Is. 61:1  
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#### ACT Regional Retreats

**Region 12**  
May 30-June 1, 2008  
*Forgiving For Good*  
Fr. Jack McGinnis  
Benedictine Abbey  
Benet Lake, WI  
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**Southern California**  
July 18-20, 2008  
Benedictine Prince of  
Peace Abbey, Oceanside,  
CA. Contact Nancy  
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#### Links

*The Final Journey: Pastoral  
and Ethical Perspectives on  
End of Life Issues*  
Neumann College  
June 16, 2008  
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### Medical Mystery or Miracle?

Dr. Chauncey W. Crandall IV, who serves at the Palm Beach Cardiovascular Clinic, in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, made a dramatic presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual World Christian Doctors Network Conference in Miami County, Florida.

♦ A 53 year-old man had a massive heart attack in the emergency room of Garden's Hospital. The medical team worked on him for over 40 minutes, without success, and then declared him dead. They called Dr. Crandall in to evaluate the patient. The nurse was preparing his body for the morgue when, says Dr. Crandall, "The Holy Spirit told me to turn around and pray for that man. I went to the side of the stretcher, where his body was being prepared. There was no life in the man. His face, feet and arms were completely black with death. I sat next to his body and I prayed, 'Lord, Father; how am I going to pray for this man? He's dead. What can I do?' All of a

sudden, these words came out of my mouth, 'Father, God, I cry out for the soul of this man if he does not know You as his Lord and Saviour, please raise him from the dead right now, in Jesus name.' And then all of a sudden a heart beat showed up; it was a normal beat. Then after a couple of minutes, he started moving and mumbling words."

♦ Asked if there had been any brain damage to the patient, Dr Crandall responded, "No, his brain was completely normal." He continued, "I would just like to say to my colleagues and physicians out there, that the Lord is real. We've seen many miracles and we pray for our patients daily. There is not one week that goes by that we don't see a mighty miracle in our office. The people need this; they need the power of Christ in their life and they need the power of Christ for healing." ([assistnews@aol.com](mailto:assistnews@aol.com) has an interview on audio file for broadcasting purposes.)

*Submitted by Sr. Betty Igo*

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Forrest Stewart Yanke, LCSW, PhD



*ACT: Fully Human, Fully Alive through the Holy Spirit*

*Fully Human, Fully Alive*, the title of a book, comes to mind, as I think of the Lord's beloved ACT organization. *What does it mean to be "fully alive" in ACT?* I think of the International Conference that

takes place each Fall and the healing and direction that ACT members receive from it. I am also reminded of several regional conferences when the Holy Spirit was leading and the mood was "alive."

Those who attended the Region 16 (Texas) conference in 2006 will remember with great joy, as I do, the powerful display and movement of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, *permitted* under the leadership of Gail Golla. I use the word "*permitted*," as we know that we (even ACT members), can squelch the plan of the Holy Spirit, by making too many of our own plans and not listening and/or following. We must be willing to *follow the Spirit into the mystery*, as it happened at this conference. The Word Gift was active and the Lord's Words were flowing, the music ministry was exciting and on fire, the speakers were dancing and singing, with Words of Knowledge, healing, tongues and interpretation of tongues. *I believe that we are fully human when we are alive in the Holy Spirit: Fully Human and Fully Alive in ACT.*

Of the four regional conferences held each year, I am privileged to attend at least one: the San Diego Conference. I would like to attend them all, as each are filled with enthusiasm, *fueled by the presence of the Holy Spirit, who is allowed to flow freely*. At the recent San Diego Conference, I loved that Pastor Joe Johnson was free to give a prophetic Word during the opening session. He did not wait on the Word Gift, but sought discernment and gave the Word that was meant for the night. Dr. Georgie Rodiger felt free to tell her story in such a genuine way, rolling with the movement of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Claudio was literally "jumping" with Words of healing flowing from the Holy Spirit during the Saturday night charismatic Mass which he celebrated. This is exciting, this is alive, and this is ACT in action. There was much more at this conference with Fr. Peter Menninger and Sister Stephen Culhane. WOW!

*There is more for us, too, as members in ACT. Outside the exciting conferences, how is the Holy Spirit leading each of us, so that the gifts are*

*sought and flowing*, as we take Him into our clinical practices, our offices, our hospitals, our prayer ministries, and our businesses? Do we pause and listen for the Holy Spirit's plan before our actions with clients or patients or prayer partners instead of "going it" on our own?

Pausing, listening, and following the Holy Spirit - Now that would be fully human, fully alive in my mind. We will see radical transformation if we allow the Holy Spirit to let us participate in the healing process. Let us attend the conferences, learn, be healed, and integrate all into our work and ministries. Be ACT healers with the Heart of Jesus. Then is Jesus' heart made available to the hungry and the broken hearted, then are the prisoners set free. The Holy Spirit is waiting for you to say YES. Let the mystery and joy begin!

## EDITOR'S NOTE...

Gloria Doino, MA

Welcome to a new streamlined InterACT! Comments welcome. New font, new color and ten pages of what we feel is informative reading. Do post the single insert on the nearest bulletin board; join us in spreading the news of ACT's International Conference '08.

With 'streamlining' comes change. We are now looking less for themes chosen at this end (hence the omission of last month's theme) and more to what the Holy Spirit is placing on, you, the reader's heart. So continue to listen, to discern and submit articles. Meet the deadline, but better yet, get it to us beforehand. We honor "first come, first serve" as best we can. End of Business meeting.

Now enjoy this issue's *Medical Mystery or Miracle?*, a true event, reported on television in Florida. Review *The Prophetic Community in ACTION* to see exciting plans for ACT. Then end with Russ Parker's poem, *Being There*. My kind of prayer!



## INTERACT

**Submissions for InterACT:** Articles, poems, photos are welcome for consideration. All submissions are subject to editing.

**NEXT DEADLINE:** *June 1, 2008* (Summer Issue) [storysunday@optonline.net](mailto:storysunday@optonline.net) (Editor's Desk) Mention InterACT in the subject line.

## SCRIPTURE

### Reading Ruth

T. H. Hicks, Ph.D.

The narrator of Ruth begins the book by plunging his readers into a somber mood with mention of famine, exile, three deaths in a single household, three widows.



But then Yahweh is presented as working positively on behalf of the widow, Naomi, and one bright burst follows another; goodness grows out of goodness. The fact that her husband owned a small piece of land in Bethlehem, and her desire for the consolation of familiar customs and surroundings, draws Naomi home. She tells her daughters-in-law (also widowed) to stay in their own homeland and remarry, fashion new lives for themselves. Orpha weeps, kisses Naomi, accepts her counsel, and slips from the Book of Ruth. The other daughter-in-law, Ruth, hears here mother-in-law three times call out, "Daughter, turn back," and spiraling down to us through the ardors of three thousand years, we hear Ruth's incandescent reply:

**Entreat me not to leave you or to return from following you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will**

**lodge: Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried.**

That stupendous expression of loyalty and love! Soon we encounter the fruits of that tenacious fidelity and generosity. Difficulties give way to happy events, as the brave and tender man, Boaz, comes into the women's lives. He is the essence of gentility – protective, respectful, generous, courtly in speech and manner. In the end everybody wins, and Ruth becomes King David's great-grandmother.

The essence of the story of the Book of Ruth takes place during March, April, and May, when Spring is holding high festival and the world is smiling. The story gives a sense of the good that is around us and how generosity and faith bear fruit; no love is ever wasted.

#### *Heartening Message*

Above all, there is the theology which the book affirms – that of the hidden but absolute divine causality. Yahweh has no speaking part, but His presence and control are everywhere, often concealed in purely human coincidences and schemes. The Book of Ruth gives us the reassurance that an invisible force is working behind the scenes; God is directing the play. And the heartening message is that every prayer in the book finds an answer in the course of the plot.

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## AN OLD VISION, A NEW CALL: NOTES FROM THE CONFERENCES

Djohariah Toor, MA, MFCC

Images of past conferences (and themes of outreach) come to mind. There was Fr. Greg Boyle speaking at ACT San Diego in 2005 about his work with street gangs; of violent youth who had hurt and killed others, and who themselves had been hurt, marginalized, and felt no hope. He shared the difficulty he faced forming the Home Boys program, and the trouble in bringing these youths into the neighborhood; how it frightened and angered the people at the Mission Church who wanted nothing to do with Home Boys. And there was the Mexican doctor and his wife at Glorietta in the early eighties who spoke to us of working with the people who lived in the dump of Juarez, when ACT was still young, and fresh with a vision for outreach. In their humble eloquence, they talked about how all of us, in our excess of life style, create the dump, the ghetto, the tenement house.

I thought of our daughter—who has worked with the homeless system and non-profits for the last nine years, and who currently works with homeless kids in a big city in California, and the trouble she has experienced getting help from the religious establishment. Difficult as it is to stay in the system, she stays because she believes in these kids.

And more recently, in one of the closing talks at the Arkansas conference, Reverend Joe Johnson summed up the edge we face ourselves in Christian healthcare. He spoke about the need and desire of his own heart—not just to talk about Jesus—but to do what Jesus does. He simply reminded us that Jesus does what he sees the Father doing. That's the heart of what we do, and who we are. The call to renewal, and outreach, to doing what the Father does—continues to be the gift that is asked of ACT.

# OCTOBER 2007 ACT PROPHETIC WORDS

## Little Rock, Arkansas International Conference



"My Beloved Ones, You came as pilgrims to this place, sojourners into the Heart of love - your Father's Heart. Are you ready to be seized by a depth of love unknown to you? We are! This Trinity of Love waits to embrace you. Only come. Come as you are - weary, broken, lost, searching. We are all the family you need! We bring comfort and refreshment to your sagging spirits. Come!"

*Ann Arcieri, Region 9*

"The One who loves you most is in your midst. Bring My Son to all you meet in this place. Smile for Me. Love for Me. I brought you here to awake in others my perfect love. Do not let Me down. Many are waiting to hear My Good News."

*Antoinette McDermotte, Region 9*

Vision: A blazing red very large fire rushing from right to left over the people (us), like the (recent) fires in California. The vision changed to a blazing yellow fire, still rushing through from right to left. Finally the vision became a blazing white light fire still rushing over us; a blaze consuming us. Interpretation: This represents the Holy Trinity.

*Richard Alfaro, Region 17*

"You are my people of hope, my people of light. I call you out of the doldrums and complacency of life to a new and greater vision I want for you and ACT. Hear me. I love you" !

*Forrest Yanke, Region 17*

"My People, Allow Me to crack open the walls of your heart so my healing light can break into the darkness and penetrate the darkness with My healing love. Let Me be your transformer and Redeemer, the Lord of your Life."

*Antoinette McDermott, Region 9*

Colossians 3: 1-4: "Since you have been raised up in company with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Be intent on things above, rather than on things of earth. After all, you have died and your life is hidden now with Christ in God. When Christ our life shall appear, then you too will appear with Him in glory."

"Seek Me first. Set time aside during this busy weekend just to be alone with Me. Come and sit in the silence with Me. Be perfectly still and listen. Wait upon Me. Let us speak Heart to heart. Cease striving and just be present to Me. Feel My beating Heart of love for you! When you come you shall find the riches of My Heart - the treasures of My

Heart being poured out upon you."

*Mary Philip, Region 24*

"Little Ones, Have I not said to you, My children be open to the Spirit Who dwells within you? Can you sense the power available to you in this Holy One? All power to love, to heal, to serve, to be one with Me, resides in Him. And He abides in you! I seek to tabernacle with each of you. In this place of Divine Love we become one. Ah, if only you would know this bliss, no cares could assail you!

*Ann Arcieri, Region 9*

Jesus, Son of the living God, have pity on me, a sinner! "Humble yourself before Me as I have humbled myself before you. It's not about who you are! It's about who I plan to mold you into! I wish to make you living bread for My people. Empty yourself of all your idols. Let go of your need to be important. I need little people. I have told you, unless you are like a little child in My Hands, I cannot use you fully. Be not afraid! Don't be afraid to expose yourself. I wish to place My hand in your little one. I will walk with you. I will talk with you. I will teach you. I will love you with an abandonment you have never known. Be Mine!" Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*Anne Behneman, Region 24*

"My Little Ones, My faithful servants, Are you weary? Do you have any doubts that I am with you? Come to Me. Come to My Heart and immerse yourself in the depths of My Heart. I want to take you deeper into My Heart, deeper into My love. Do not be afraid to give everything to Me. Do not be afraid even of death because you will be surprised and delighted to discover the new life which awaits you. You are Mine! You belong to Me and I am never going to let you go!"

*Fr. Joseph Mary Marshall, Region 24*

Romans 8: 28-30: "We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His decree. Those whom He foreknew He predestined to share the image of His Son, that the Son might be the first-born of many brothers. Those He predestined He likewise called; those He called He also justified; and those He justified He in turn glorified!"

"Do you have a grateful heart for all the mighty things I am doing in your life? Can you say 'yes, Lord, I want more- more of You and more of the gifts that I need to reclaim what was lost in the

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# ACT – 2008 International Conference

University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL

September 11-15, 2008



## Healing the Shattered Soul: Restoring Hope to Those Impacted by Trauma

*"He sent me to bind up hearts that are broken" (Isaiah 61.1)*

SPEAKERS...WORKSHOPS...PANELS

### Reverend Nigel Mumford

Episcopal priest, author, director, Healing Ministries of Christ, former British Green Beret is presently developing a program for healing trauma in war veterans. His latest book, **The Forgotten Touch**, Seabury Press, released 9/07.

### H. Norman Wright, PhD

Licensed Marriage, Family, Child Therapist, author 85 books/ papers, including **Experiencing Grief, The New Guide to Crisis and Trauma**, and **Recovering from the Losses of Life**. Research Professor, Talbot School of Theology. Current focus: Grief and Trauma counseling and critical incident debriefings.

### Anna Maria Pou, MD

Associate Professor Dept. of Otolaryngology, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. In choosing to work with the poorest, she found herself experiencing the cultural and environmental trauma of Hurricane Katrina. She will share her experiences.

### Julie Woodley, LMHC

Founder/director Restoring the Heart Ministries. Co-author of **Restoring the Heart, Post-Abortion Trauma, Surviving the Storms of Life**, DVD series with curriculum, **In the Wildflowers**, healing from childhood sexual abuse for women.

### Robert Sears, SJ

Well-known ACT member, former Jesuit superior, author, speaker, teacher of Jung, Theology, Family Systems, Healing, Adult Faith Formation and Ignatian Spirituality

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# CONFERENCE PRAYER

## ACT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, 2008

Father God, we come before you, united as your body, to offer the 2008 ACT Conference before your throne. We place it in the hands of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. We come, Lord, as hope-filled healers in a broken world, asking for your healing presence, guidance and blessing upon each of us and upon this gathering. Open our hearts, Lord, that we may hear your voice more clearly, and grow in your wisdom, knowledge and discernment. Lord, you raise us from death to life; you mend our shattered souls; you sustain us in our darkest hours and celebrate our every step. Give us, this day, the eyes to see your resurrection power at work in every broken heart. Grace us to be ambassadors of your fidelity, your compassion, your hope, peace, love and joy. Open the hearts of the many, whom you call to assemble, so that they will respond to your call. Send a special anointing, through your Holy Spirit, upon all who participate in this conference in any way. Give them safe travel. We thank you, Jesus, that you have come to heal us and set us free. Father, Son & Holy Spirit, all praise and glory be yours. Amen! & Amen!!!

## HEALING EXCHANGE

Denise Dolff

### Prayers of Protection

Why should we pray protection when beginning ministry? The logic is very simple. In ministering to an individual, we risk attracting the attention of any demonic entities that may be harassing that person. Nobody gives up power easily, and if there is an area wherein the demonic have claimed rights in someone's life, and ministry is going to break their hold, they are not going to be happy. Think of a child throwing a temper tantrum. In order to get his own way the child acts out. So, too, with the demonic. Recognizing that they are losing control, they simply try harder. Prayers of Protection, then, are a proactive method of circumventing such potential problems, and invoking God's power.

These prayers are not limited to ministry. Other uses could be when traveling, staying in a hotel, visiting hospitals, prisons, or when engaging in any undertaking directed by the Lord. In 1 Peter 5:8 we are reminded that the devil prowls around seeking someone to devour. The more we are working for the Lord, the more likely we are to attract this unwanted attention.

A word of caution: prayers of protection are not about walking around in fear, and seeing demons everywhere. Rather they are tools for exercising our authority in Christ, and accessing God's power, and are very effective when used this way.

## A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the power of his Cross and his Blood, we bind up the power of any evil spirits and command them not to block our prayers. We bind up the powers of earth, air, water, fire, the netherworld, and the satanic forces of nature.



We break any curses, hexes or spells sent against us and declare them null and void. We break the assignments of any spirits sent against us and send them back to Jesus to deal with them as he will. Lord we ask you to bless our enemies by sending your Holy Spirit to lead them to repentance and conversion.

Furthermore, we bind all interaction and communication in the world of spirits as it affects us and our ministry.

We ask for the protection of the shed blood of Jesus Christ over \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you, Lord, for your protection and send your angels, especially St. Michael the Archangel. To help us in battle. We ask you to guide us in our prayers; share with us your Spirit's power and compassion. AMEN

Christian Healing Ministries, Inc.  
Dr. Francis MacNutt, prayer

## PROPHETIC WORDS

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negativity of living'? I choose to increase in you. I choose to renew My love in you in a deeper way. Can you accept My Heart of love? Can you accept all that I have for you?"

*Antoinette McDermotte, Region 9*

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"My little Ones, My faithful servants, Do not be afraid to give everything to Me. Do you now see how My life culminated in suffering and death? Do you not know that My willingness to suffer and die for you came from the very depths of My heart and My love for you? Do you not yet understand that My love and the Love of the Father is a sacrificial love? I sacrificed My life in heaven to take on your flesh. I sacrificed My life in service to preaching the Good News and healing all who came to Me. My dear ones, do not be afraid of sacrifice. Come to Me and rest in my heart that you may be renewed and refreshed in My love!"

*Fr. Joseph Mary Marshall, Region 24*

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"My Dearest Little Ones, Repeatedly I have asked and pleaded with you to come deeper into My heart. But alas, fear holds you captive. Do you not know that My perfect love will destroy all fears? Where is your focus? Is it on Me and My Father? Are you united to Us? Who truly is your Beloved? Are you naked? Or do you hide yourself as Adam and Eve did? I say to you - stop hiding in your fears. Come, receive My Love!"

*Gaylene Baier, Region 16*

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Vision: A huge banquet table full of things that Jesus wants to give us. The table is overflowing!  
Interpretation: It grieves the Heart of God that we cannot receive all these gifts and treasures because our fears hold us back. He want to lavish these gifts upon us!

*Mary Philip, Region 24*

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"My Beloved People, I have anointed you! Have you forgotten? You have been given power from on high! Look at what keeps you from uniting yourself completely with Me. Be not afraid. I will plant My seed in your heart. I will water it with My love and prune its branches. You will know that I am with you always. All that is required is your 'yes'. Will you give it to Me? Will you say 'yes'?"

*Anne Behneman, Region 24*

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"My Beloved, My ACT, Be open! Be ready! Just as the wind blows, I come - quickly, unexpectedly, long anticipated. But suddenly. Do not grow faint. Do not weary. Just wait. Be ready. For here I am, already in your midst!"

*Denise Dolff, Region 10*

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"My Children, Each one of you is My child begotten in My love. Let divisions among you cease to be! Be united in My holy embrace of love. I press each of you close to my Heart. Let our hearts beat as one.  
*Antoinette McDermott Region 9*

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"My Dearest Little Ones, Come play in the fields of joy. Allow the 'Son-shine' its way. Dance to the tune of your heart. Rejoice in the splendor of Our love. For this is the day the Lord has made - made for you from all eternity."

*Gaylene Baier, Region 16*

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"My Children, I have called to you to come this morning, for I wish to bless and anoint you. I am blessing and anointing you in a way you would never have imagined. I ask you to open your minds and heart and spirit to receive fully all I have for you. I have much for you to do and you need what I have to give you. Do not be afraid to receive. It is My plan, My will, to fill you, to use you, to bless you, to anoint you, to empower you to be a people that will bring many to Me!"

*Renee Lavitt, Region 10*

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Vision: Summary of several visions throughout the conference with symbols of fire, gold, water and the Cross: Interpretation: The Father is showing us His love and grace. The Son is blessing us with new birth, new life and gifts of the Holy Spirit for service. These visions signify Trinitarian action within ACT. We are empowered to go forth from this place to evangelize and heal God's people.

*Richard Alfaro, Region 17*

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Vision: A huge rainbow that changes into a large deep red heart. Inside the heart is the world. Beside the world is the ACT (wax) heart. The Father's Hand came to hold both hearts in His hands. He said: "GO FORTH, MY PEOPLE, I AM WITH YOU!"

*Ann Marie Porta, Region 17*

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Word credited to Mother Mary, as printed in the Pieta Prayer Book, page 46: "I, Mary, Virgin, servant of God, very humble Mother of Jesus Christ, Son of God, the Almighty and Eternal, to all who are in Messina, health and benediction in Our Lord! You have learned by the ambassadors who have been sent to you. You received the gospel and you acknowledged that the Son of God has become man, and has suffered the passion and death for the salvation for the world, and that He is Christ and also the true Messiah. I BESEECH YOU TO PERSEVERE, PROMISING TO YOU AND ALL YOUR POSTERITY, TO ASSIST YOU IN THE PRESENCE OF MY SON."

*Dean Ehrecke, Region 18*

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"I have filled you!! Go now and be emptied!"

*Renee Lavitt, Region 10*



# STRATEGIC PLAN 2006-2009: THE PROPHETIC COMMUNITY IN ACTION



Gloria Tipton and Doug Schoeninger (on behalf of the ACT Board)

## Action and Implementation

During the 2007 Annual Board and Leadership Retreat (June 07) the Board, along with various Committee Chairs, Regional Coordinators, and Specialty Group Chairs evaluated the progress of the Strategic Plan and updated all Strategic Objectives in the 2006 – 2009 Plan. Then the Board prioritized three specific Strategic Objectives for emphasis during this year, 2008.

## The three prioritized Strategic Objectives for 2008 are:

- **Goal 4, Strategic Objective 7: Develop communication/collaboration with other organizations and constituencies.**
- **Goal 2, Strategic Objective 1: Increase opportunities for each member to contribute to his/her region. (This includes an emphasis on providing mentoring.)**
- **Goal 3, Strategic Objective 2: Increase membership of Specialty groups.**

In the yearly planning/implementation cycle the focus of attention then moves to the Executive Offices of the Board and to the Committee Chairs, Regional Coordinators and Specialty Group Chairs who fashion the specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, timely and yours (SMARTY) Goals and Action Plans for their part in implementing the prioritized Strategic Objectives. The Board is committed to facilitating all levels of ACT leadership in articulating SMARTY Goals for their part in implementing the prioritized Strategic Objectives and other important work.

Following are three SMARTY Goals fashioned for the above Strategic Objectives that illustrate the work currently being done.

- For Goal 4, Strategic Objective 7. The Chairperson of The Program Development Committee will attend, in 08, 1-2 conferences of other organizations related to ACT's mission to establish links with their members and will secure tables at these conferences for distribution of ACT materials, e.g. International and Regional Conference flyers, membership applications, etc.
- For Goal 2, Strategic Objective 1. Region 17: Interview present and past members of the region in order to hear their needs and concerns, and to convey that ACT needs them and their gifts. Document the needs, concerns and potential contributions expressed. To be completed by 2-29-08.

- For Goal 3, Strategic Objective 2. Region 1 and 2. Complete at least three activities by Spring 09: A Healing Mass, An ACT booth at a job fair and Presentations at a medical school, a school of social work, and a nursing school.

**Importantly** all of this work flows from the ACT Vision and Mission and from specific values and emphases that are discerned to be God's direction for us at the time.

Presently the Board and Leadership are focusing on **1) Reaching out - evangelizing healthcare professionals with the healing ministry of Jesus and with what ACT offers and 2) Developing a welcoming, encouraging, mentoring culture within ACT.**

The revised 2006-2009 Strategic Plan is available for study on the ACT website in the members area. As you study the 2006 – 2009 Strategic Plan and the three prioritized Strategic Objectives for 2008 consider your role and responsibility in achieving these Objectives. Every member is an essential and vital part of implementing the ACT Vision and Mission. The Board encourages each ACT member to write her/his own SMARTY Goals for 08, articulating each of our intended contributions to implementing ACT's Mission and achieving the prioritized Strategic Objectives.

In the next issue of InterACT, this article will be followed-up with instructions for writing specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, timely, and yours (SMARTY) Goals.

An Inspiring and Encouraging Prophetic Word In 2007 I (Gloria Tipton) heard Bishop Earl Paulk, Jr. pastor of an inter-denominational church based in Atlanta, Georgia, present a message addressed to the leadership of all Christian communities. He set forth a challenge to all church communities to demonstrate our Heavenly Father's power by being "Living Water" in a dry place. Paulk defined the prophetic community as a microcosmic example of the Kingdom of God "demonstrating and communicating principles that seem backwards to the natural mind." Furthermore, Paulk emphasized upon that through kingdom principles the prophetic community becomes creative, productive, and victorious over circumstances. Paulk emphatically expressed that the people within the prophetic

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## STEPPING OUT:

### Meeting the Financial Challenge of Evangelizing Healthcare Practice with the Healing Ministry of Jesus



We, the ACT Board, are excited and inspired by what we see on the horizon. **We sense a fresh movement of the Holy Spirit to be vulnerable and responsive to God's promptings.** The Holy Spirit, we believe, wants to stir the flame of His love and fire within us, for a fresh infilling to get His work done through His ACT members. We, the ACT Community and ACT members are called to walk compassionately and boldly in Jesus' way: to heal the healers and the sick in physical, emotional and spiritual areas. The mission is that all will be radically open to being transformed and gifted by the Holy Spirit, allowing Jesus to use us in a unique way to manifest his healing presence in healthcare practices around the world.

**As we step out with the Holy Spirit's leading, we are challenged by the finances required. We are accountable to embark faithfully and with fiscal responsibility.** To do the things we are inspired to do, we want to publish and use *InterACT* with sufficient pages to spread the vision/mission of ACT to present to future members. We want to publish and expand *The Journal of Christian Healing*. We need to continue our Internet presence and accessibility with more sophistication and the expertise of an employed webmaster to, again, spread the vision. Further, we must train the leaders, present and future, so that we can understand and practice good evangelistic skills oriented to the healthcare professions.

We, the ACT Board, then, are committed to raising \$15,000 in donations in 2008 to balance the budget in the areas mentioned above. Thus far \$2,500 is pledged. Each Board member is committed to seeking the Holy Spirit for her/his part in this, both as a contributor and as a conduit for contributions.

**We invite you to join us, in seeking the Holy Spirit to guide your decision-making.** One of

the Board members said recently, "ACT is a spiritual community." And so we are. We are a very unique and called community. Our mission is clear - to be healers with the heart of Jesus in our healthcare practices of body, mind, and spirit and to nurture each other, **as we move boldly into the realm of deeper movement of the Holy Spirit in and through ACT members.**

We reach out to you who share our passion and are spiritual community with us. May our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit guide, bless, enrich, and protect you as you seek, with us, to expand the call we believe in. ACT NOW. Any pledge may be made by contacting the ACT Office at Degnon Associates. Thank you for stepping out with us. God bless you, **Your ACT Board.**

## STRATEGIC PLAN

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community are solution-oriented with a clear vision of personal and corporate mission. Those serving are likened to a fresh stream of living water, rather than a stagnant pool of old hurts and abuses. Even during years of famine they remain prosperous and healthy. Lastly, Paulk exhorted all leaders present to identify and explore seven requirements of the prophetic community: 1. Under Command; 2. Trustworthy; 3. Permeated by true agape love; 4. Implementers of God's direction with great boldness; 5. Given to creativity and productivity; 6. A giving community with an abundance mentality verse scarcity mentality; 7. A community of purpose.

Over the past eight years of Strategic Planning within ACT those gathered for prayer and reflection trusted the discernment coming forth from the "God of the gathering." As a community of purpose inspired with confidence in His trustworthiness we continue a forward movement toward following the command of the Holy Spirit who supplies our every need for the implementation of God's direction with great boldness, creativity and productivity, permeated by love.

*In GOD's Eyes, We are All One Family*



*Praying for the Mission of ACT with Blessings to past, present & future members  
Peace & Love, ACT Regions 1&2*

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## BEING THERE

Wild Spirit of the living God,  
Make me cool waters  
In someone else's parched land;  
A sheltered place for the fallen  
A haven for the wounded;  
A safe place for the frightened  
A highway for the wanderer;  
A still place for the fugitive  
A home for the weary;  
A strong place for the feeble  
And a hill for the ones  
Who want to see further.  
Wild spirit of the living God,  
Give me a listening heart  
Instead of an informed mind  
So that I meet someone else's need  
Rather than my own,  
Through Jesus Christ my Lord,  
Amen.

Rev. Dr Russ Parker  
*Wild Spirit of the Living God*  
Prayer poems for the journey

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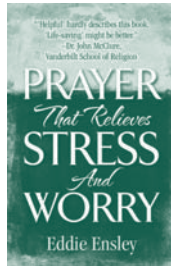
## nugget...

*"Love is not blind. It sees more, not less; but because it sees more, it is willing to see less".*  
Rabbi Julius Gordon

## miscellaneous...

*"Silence is often misinterpreted....but never misquoted."*  
Anonymous

## book review...



### PRAYER THAT RELIEVES STRESS AND WORRY by Eddie Ensley

This is one of those books that truly matches its title. Brennan Manning is quoted as saying, "Eddie Ensley is one of those rare persons who has captured the way Jesus taught people... In his beautiful book, he introduces hurting people to intimacy with Jesus as the way to inner healing, and the way of deepening their relationship with the Divine". We recommend this book for those seeking to relieve stress and worry through spiritual means, whether on a personal level, with a group, or at a retreat. "It would be helpful for anyone who is helping others try to live more peacefully." (Ligourian 4/2008).

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