



## THE REFINING POWER OF SUFFERING AND SACRIFICE

### Faith That Risks Everything

The story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stands as a timeless testament to the power of courageous faith. These three young men faced the most terrifying of threats—a fiery furnace—because they refused to bow to a false god. Their decision wasn't just bold; it was sacrificial. They willingly gave up their comfort, safety, and even their very lives to remain faithful to the one true God.

This kind of sacrifice does not begin in a moment of crisis. It is forged over time in the quiet places of devotion, strengthened through obedience, and tested in the flames of suffering. Their response to Nebuchadnezzar's threat—"Even if He does not deliver us..." (Daniel 3:18)—is one of the clearest portraits of self-denying faith in all of Scripture.

### Suffering as the Refining Fire

While God miraculously delivered them from physical harm, the significance of their trial goes far beyond their rescue. The furnace symbolizes the suffering that believers endure for righteousness' sake. Like gold refined by fire, our faith is proven genuine through hardship (1 Peter 1:7).

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**“**  
*Praise be  
to the God of  
Shadrach,  
Meshach and  
Abednego, who  
has sent his angel  
and rescued his  
servants! They  
trusted in him and  
defied the king's  
command and  
were willing to  
give up their lives  
rather than serve  
or worship any god  
except their own  
God.*

*Daniel 3:28*



## EDITOR'S CORNER

*"These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."*

*(1 Peter 1:7)*

**G**race and peace to all of you reading this July edition of the Healthcare Pulse.

This year has been a mixture of unexpected challenges and profound blessings. As 1 Peter 1:7 reminds us, the trials we endure serve to prove the genuineness of our faith—a faith more precious than gold—and will result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Recently, my nephew Simon, who lives in Cork, Ireland, qualified for the Boston Marathon—a truly remarkable achievement. My daughter, my brother, and I had planned to travel and celebrate this milestone with him and his family. However, God had other plans for me.

Instead, I found myself in the hospital for three weeks with a rare illness, followed by nine weeks of treatment that required infusions every other day. By God's grace, my daughter Nora came and stayed with me for over two months, faithfully supporting me through this difficult season. Without her help, it would have been nearly impossible to have my infusions that were needed for this illness every other day.

Yet even in the midst of that hardship, God brought unexpected blessings.

During my hospital stay, I had the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with healthcare workers and student nurses. I prayed with them, listened to their stories, and shared my journey as a short-term missionary nurse. Many of them were encouraged and even prayed with and for me. It reminded me that no matter what trials we face, **God is always present using every moment for His glory.**

### Ongoing Ministries

God continues to work through HCFUSA in many ways, including:

- **Prayer groups** lifting up healthcare workers and HCF leaders in the U.S. and around the world
- **Mentoring international nurses** as they adjust to the U.S. healthcare system and integrate into faith-based practice
- **One-on-one discipleship and mentoring**
- **Weekly community Bible studies**

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- **Friday morning prayer with HCFUSA**
- **Monthly Nurses Christian Fellowship prayer gatherings**
- **Health education outreach** in collaboration with Dr. Trinh's TongueOut ministry, mentoring student doctors from five Irish universities and providing medical education to mission hospitals in Kenya.

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May God richly bless you and your family this year!

With gratitude and blessings,

Eithne Keegan, MSN, RN





# SACRIFICE

by Leonora Van Tonder



**A**t Easter, our first thought naturally turns to the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, made to pay the price for our sins. He bore the full wrath of God against sin upon Himself, so that all who place their trust in Him could be forgiven and receive eternal life. He died so that we might live — not only in this life, but for eternity.

In addition to the sacrifices commanded of the people of Israel in the Old Testament, the Bible also speaks of other forms of sacrifices.

Shall we check our own lives in the light of these?

## 1. From the Psalms:

*Psalm 4:5* Sacrifices of righteousness, living according to God's standards. Also in Psalm 51:19

*Psalm 27:6* Sacrifices of joy due to the victory over enemies. What are the enemies in our lives? Self is often the biggest one!

*Psalm 51:17* The sacrifices of a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. This condition of heart comes when we, in acute awareness of our sinfulness, come to God in repentance, seeking His forgiveness. Written by David after his sin with Bathsheba in 2 Samuel, chapters 11 and 12. He knew He had done wrong (adultery and murder) and desperately sought - and received! - God's forgiveness.



## 2. Others mentioned in the Bible

*Jeremiah 17:26* Sacrifices of praise. This became vividly real to me while living and working with Healthcare Christian Fellowship in Holland between 1970 and 1985. A vehicle was badly needed to travel around Europe in the interests of HCF. The Lord had miraculously provided most of the funds, but, before an important conference in another country, to which I needed to travel, the purchase could not be done on time. So the only option was public transport! A huge disappointment, especially as there were so many things we needed to take with us! At that time an older believer advised me: "Come let us praise the Lord!" It was really difficult — truly a "sacrifice of praise"! By His grace I obeyed in spite of feelings! The result was peace and the vehicle came soon afterwards.

**3. Perhaps the most important sacrifice God requires is found in Romans 12:1,2:** "I beg you therefore brothers and sisters to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God"

**What must we sacrifice?** Our bodies, including our minds.

**Why should we do this?** Because "you have been bought with a price", 1 Corinthians 7:23; we do not belong to ourselves, but to the One Who paid with His blood for us!

**Is this reasonable?** Yes! - because we are His. We cannot only accept His forgiveness and the new life He gives in the Spirit, without obeying His command. If we buy something, it belongs to us, and we can do with it whatever we please. No difference spiritually. We belong to Him, body, soul and spirit.

**What will be the result?** We won't be conformed

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# ENDURING FOR MY GOD

by Elaine Allin

***"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls."  
— Matthew 11:29 (NKJV) —***

**T**he verse above is a beautiful reminder that even in suffering or burden, Christ offers rest—not through escape, but through walking closely with Him in humility and trust.

For over 35 years, I have lived with the unrelenting burden of sinus nasal congestion, diagnosed as vasomotor rhinitis—a condition that took hold before 1990 and has never truly let go. Now, at 83, I still grapple daily with its wide-reaching effects.

Over time, the illness progressed to include vasomotor gastric rhinitis, creating a constant cycle of nose blowing and mouth breathing. This has dulled my sense of taste so profoundly that only the most basic flavors—sweet, sour, bitter, and tart—remain detectable. The symptoms intensify not only after eating or drinking but even on an empty stomach, turning everyday moments into ongoing struggles.

***"I consider that our present sufferings  
are not worth comparing with the glory  
that will be revealed in us."  
— Romans 8:18 (NIV) —***

In 1991, after nearly a year of intermittent antibiotic treatments in six-week cycles, I underwent sinus surgery. It offered brief relief—but the symptoms soon returned, fiercer than before.

Through it all, my faith has remained steadfast. I continue to trust in God for guidance, comfort, and healing. Decades of discomfort and disappointment have tested me, yet it is my belief in divine strength that sustains me—especially in the face of medical answers that, at best, have provided only temporary relief. 🙏

***"For our light and momentary troubles  
are achieving for us an eternal glory  
that far outweighs them all."  
— 2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV) —***

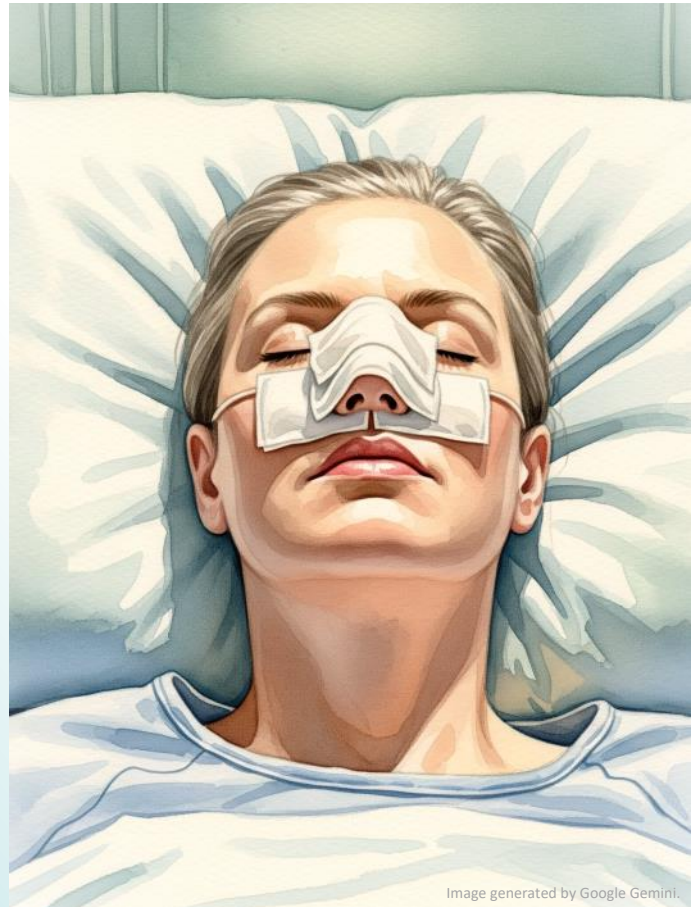


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# GOD'S MIRACULOUS INTERVENTION

by Linda B. Gilbert



**A**s a young girl raised in Arizona, I recall attending church weekly with my parents and my grand-mother (since grandma didn't drive, we drove her every Sunday.) It was then that my Biblical foundation and Christian faith were laid with a strong belief in almighty God, for which I'm eternally grateful. My faith journey has carried me through life's challenges over the years, as our sovereign God has showed up in miraculous ways with supernatural protection, and healing. The Bible tells us that **"our Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever."** - Hebrews 13:8.

My life has been a living testimony of His **timeless miracles**.

My senior year of high school, I was snow skiing with our church youth group in New Mexico, where I fell on moguls and broke my leg. Thankfully, I was surrounded by friends praying over me the entire drive home from New Mexico to Arizona, declaring complete healing over my leg. Once we arrived home, my Mother took me to an orthopedic doctor where he did an X-ray and astonishingly exclaimed a **"Miraculous"** alignment of my *fibula* bone, as he showed us the proof on the X-ray. I recall how surprised the doctor looked when he saw the broken bone had already re-aligned perfectly, which meant he didn't have to set it himself. I simply thought to myself, well of course it's fine, because we prayed & God, (our Ultimate Physician), heard our prayers and healed it! That was the beginning of my child-like simplistic faith, with medical proof. *"The prayers of a righteous person are powerful and effective"*, James 5:16

My trusting in God's faithfulness & healing continued as I faced the medical diagnosis of thyroid cancer many years later. Following a needle biopsy on my thyroid gland, the endocrinologist informed me that I needed immediate surgery to remove a cancerous goiter. At that time, I had my small group from church in northern California praying for my health and healing prior to the surgery. I was trusting God and recall praying my favorite life verse from Proverbs 3:5-6, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths."* Then following the surgery, the pathology report *miraculously* revealed that it was benign, so NO cancer!

Praise the LORD, as I knew the only explanation was answered prayers, in the mighty name of Jesus. I've learned that the authority of His name is the key to unlocking God's miraculous intervention.

I once again experienced (and personally witnessed) the redeeming power of God when I was pregnant with my first-born son. I was deemed a high-risk pregnancy and my OB-GYN doctor put me on complete bedrest for six weeks, due to seriously early complications. Later, my full-term pregnancy clearly revealed another medical miracle, when delivering the baby. My husband, Bob, was in the delivery room with me and we will never forget the moment when the doctor claimed our baby was an "absolute miracle" who hung on by just 5%!! She physically handed my husband the evidence in the placenta where you could visibly see how the placenta had bled out and was discolored and scarred by 95%, which meant that the baby had hung on by only 5%, ...so she called our son, the **"5% miracle baby!!"**. We praised God and thanked HIM for hearing our cries and answering our prayers. *"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles."* Psalm 34:17.

Thus, I encourage you to call upon the Lord and wait expectantly for your miracle. Give thanks to Him in advance for what He will do, when you seek Him with all your heart. 🙏

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# IMPACT ETHIOPIA MINISTRIES (IEM)

by Mark and Krista Haley



**M**ark and Krista Haley work with Impact Ethiopia Ministries (IEM) and have been making an impact for almost ten years in Ethiopia. While planting churches is their focus, they are spreading the Gospel and transforming lives in Ethiopia through what God is doing with their unique mission built on the foundation of **MEDS**:

**Medical Care:** Bringing healing and hope to the underserved.

**Empowering Leaders:** Training and equipping leaders for sustainable change.

**Discipleship:** Raising up Christ-centered communities.

**Small Groups:** Building deep, personal connections through faith.



Krista uses her God-given talents as a nurse to help Ethiopians who struggle to get the basic medical education and care they need. Whether she is training mothers how to take care of their child's wounds, teaching people proper nutrition, or getting someone the medical help they need, it opens the door for people to hear the Gospel and connect to a church plant. She also has a passion for women's ministry, which helps to encourage and grow women in the Lord. In 2024 alone, she led four different conferences for over 180 women and gave them new hope and strength in the Lord.

Mark empowers national church planters and leaders to make an impact in their communities. He trains new church planters to go into new areas and plant churches in unreached parts of Ethiopia. Over the last year, he has trained and sent out ten new church planters. He also helps to train existing church pastors and leaders to give them the tools they need. Most of our church



planters do not have the chance to go to seminary or receive formal training in any way, so we can come alongside them and provide some biblical training that they need to lead others. In 2024, Mark led four trainings in different parts of Ethiopia for pastors and church leaders.

Over the last four years, IEM has planted 22 new church plants in unreached areas, bringing hope and life to hundreds of individuals. Animist communities have been transformed as people have come to know the one true God and serve Him, putting down their idols and witchcraft. The church planters come back from different areas, telling stories about how God has healed the blind and sick, leading many people to Christ. Many demons are being cast out of people, and their lives are being restored. Other people see these things happening and believe in the power of the almighty God and Jesus Christ, who is being professed.

You can see more about their ministry, sign up for their newsletter, or become a prayer or financial partner at [www.impactethiopia.net](http://www.impactethiopia.net). You can also reach out to them directly at [haleys@impactethiopia.net](mailto:haleys@impactethiopia.net) . 📧

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Suffering, when tied to godly sacrifice, becomes a powerful vehicle for spiritual transformation. It strips away superficial comforts, exposes the depth of our convictions, and reveals the presence of Christ walking with us—just as a fourth figure appeared with the men in the furnace.

God may not always remove the fire, but He always joins us in it. He sanctifies suffering, using it to deepen our reliance on Him and to shape us more fully into His image.

### **The Witness of Sacrificial Faith**

Daniel 3:28 captures the result of faithful suffering: witness and worship. The very king who ordered their execution becomes a herald of God's glory. This is the paradox of sacrificial suffering—it looks like defeat but leads to spiritual victory. When believers choose obedience over comfort, and integrity over survival, the watching world takes notice.

True sacrifice costs something, and suffering is often the currency of lasting impact. But from the ashes of hardship, a powerful testimony arises—one that can soften hearts, change kingdoms, and turn the hearts of rulers toward God.

### **The Call to Costly Obedience**

In today's world, the flames may not be literal, but the pressure to conform is just as real. Sacrificing popularity, opportunities, or even relationships for the sake of Christ remains a daily reality for many. Yet the promise of Daniel 3 holds firm: God is with us in the fire.

Our calling is not to avoid suffering, but to face it with the confidence that even if God does not deliver us in the way we expect, our sacrifice is not in vain. Faithfulness in the furnace glorifies God, refines our souls, and declares to the world that there is no other God who saves like ours. 🙏

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In loving memory of her dad, Geri (wife of Jhundell Apas—an HCFUSA member from North Dakota) poured her heart into a beautiful poem that captures the unwavering love and compassion of our Heavenly Father. With the help of AI (*artificial intelligence*), this poignant piece was transformed into a soul-stirring song that celebrates the legacy of love and faith.

## **MY DAD, MY HOME**

**Dad I'm lost I'm drowning in pain  
Overwhelmed, I don't know how to sustain  
Help me, Dad, please hear my cry  
I feel so small, so alone, I wonder why**

**Why do people leave? Why do I have to stay?  
Why can't I go with them,  
Or why can't you take me away?**

**Dad, I'm hurting, I'm trying to hold on.  
But it's hard when the pain feels like it's never  
gone**

**But then I feel your arms around me tight  
Your gentle touch, your loving light**

**You hold me close. You whisper low  
"My daughter, I'm here. Don't you cry."  
In your arms, I find my peaceful nest.  
A place to hide, a place to rest.**

**You are my shelter, my guiding star.  
My forever home, my love, my Dad, you are  
I'll hold on tight, I won't let go  
I'll trust in you, my Dad, don't you know**

**You are my strength, my heart, my everything  
My love for you, Dad, will forever sing.**

**My love for you, dad, will forever sing.  
You are my shelter, my guiding star.  
My forever home, my love, my dad, you are.**

Listen to the song!  
<https://tinyurl.com/MyDadMyHome>

Geri and her  
dad, William.





# 4 STEPS TO GOD

## 1 Remember GOD LOVES YOU

AND WANTS YOU TO EXPERIENCE  
FORGIVENESS OF SIN AND ETERNAL LIFE  
(John 3:16)

## 2 Recognize MAN IS A SINNER

BY NATURE AND PRACTICE AND IS THEREFORE  
GUILTY AND UNFIT FOR GOD'S PRESENCE  
(Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23)

## 3 Realize that JESUS CHRIST

IS GOD'S ONLY PROVISION TO BRING YOU TO  
HIMSELF (Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 3:18)

## 4 Receive JESUS CHRIST

AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOR TO RECEIVE MEANS  
TO TRUST, TO ACCEPT & TO WELCOME HIM  
(John 1:12, Revelation 3:20)

### SUGGESTED PRAYER

"Heavenly Father, I believe the Lord Jesus died on the cross in my place, taking the punishment for my sins. I agree with You that I am a sinner. I confess my sins and ask for Your forgiveness. Thank You for Jesus' blood which takes away my sins. By faith I open my heart and receive Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. From now on, You take control of my life. Thank you Father for hearing me and giving me eternal life.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

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to this world. It's passing pleasures and temptations, won't be attractive any longer.

**How does this happen?** By having our minds renewed. Thinking Biblically.

**For what purpose?** To prove/experience that God's will is good, acceptable and perfect! If we want to live a life which is truly Christlike and pleasing to our Heavenly Father, we cannot hold onto our bodies! We need to remember that "Without Holiness no one will see the Lord", Hebrews 12:14. Sanctification is an essential, ongoing process until we die. He will, by His indwelling Spirit, control (with our co-operation) our thoughts, attitudes, behavior, manners, plans, motivations, the use of our time, money etc. ALL belongs to Him and to Him alone! No longer to us! I cannot say "Mine" about anything!

This will affect every area of our lives. Even when facing persecution and suffering, we can say, with Jesus: "Not My will, but Yours be done", Mark 14:36. This is the only way to live a life of peace, fulfilment, fruitfulness, joy and the enjoyment of the presence of our Father God without a guilty conscience. What a prospect! even this side of eternity! I can testify, after 50 years of seeking to be obedient to this command, that Father's will is always "good, perfect and acceptable"!

Who is ready and willing for this sacrifice in obedience to God's Word? No matter how hard it may seem, there will never be any regrets! The opposite will be, to get to the end of life, face the judgement of God, and have to say "If only I had....." Then it will be too late!!

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*Leonora was born in George, South Africa on 24th of January 1941. She moved to Bloemfontein when her parents divorced. She was brought up, with great sacrifice, by her mother. She came to know Jesus as her Savior at 14 years of age. After completing school, she trained as a nurse and midwife. And in 1966 she joined HCF as a full-time staff worker.*

*From mid 1970 Leonora was based in the Netherlands as the Regional Promoter for HCFI in Western Europe. She established a training center for HCFI in Voorthuizen, Holland. Trainees came from all over the world and a number of them are currently still involved full-time with HCFI including the HCFI President, Dr. Chris Steyn and Dr. Arul Anketell, who is on the International Board. From 1986 to 2016, she served as the Regional Promoter of HCFI in South East Asia also including visits to a number of other countries. In 2016, after 50 years in HCF full-time work, and according to guidance from the Lord, she stepped down from HCFI work and now living in her birth town, George, in the Western Cape, South Africa.*

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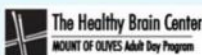
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## IRAN

Largest Religion: Muslim (98.6 %)  
 % Evangelical: 0.2 %  
 Population: 92,417,681  
 Continent: Asia



The 1979 Islamic Revolution promised peace and prosperity, but more than 40 years later, greater and greater numbers are throwing off their shackles. Widespread protests in 2022 demonstrated that the younger generation is fed up with the legacy of oppression, bloodshed, cruel 'justice', corruption, economic hardship, and cultural isolation from most of the world. Despite external religiosity, drug addiction and prostitution are widespread. Iran is an ancient, noble, and proud

civilization. But in the modern era, these struggles have made many people very open to the gospel. Many others are turning to atheism or to Iran's ancient religion, Zoroastrianism. *Pray that Iranians' desires for greatness, prosperity, freedom, and even for righteousness might ultimately be met through worship of Jesus.*

Source: <https://operationworld.org/>

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."*

*Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)*



## ISRAEL

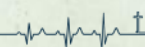
Largest Religion: Jewish (75.4 %)  
 % Evangelical: 0.4 %  
 Population: 9,517,181  
 Continent: Asia



Israeli-Arab conflict in the Holy Land moved to a new level over a century ago, intensifying since 1948. The conflict that escalated in October 2023 saw horrific attacks against civilians in Israel. Israel responded by invading Gaza, and the death and destruction that followed was orders of magnitude worse. The conflict led to waves of global marches, protests, and counter-protests with a divided world arguing about who to blame. The destruction of Gaza has wrought devastation, drawing accusations of genocide, while failing to eliminate Hamas – the basis for the invasion. Resolution

to any conflict is elusive due to competing claims and agendas. Both sides lay claim to the land, and all human efforts to resolve this conflict have failed. As long as corrupt evil men who desire violence control both governments, and while hatred is harbored in people's hearts, no ceasefire can last long. *Cry out for God's mercy, and pray that both sides of this conflict will find true reconciliation and genuine Shalom through Jesus the Messiah.*

Source: <https://operationworld.org/>







# WHAT IS HCF ?

**T**he Healthcare Christian Fellowship (HCF) is a non-profit interdenominational organization among caregivers.

In 1936, Francis Grim, a Christian businessman in South Africa, and his brother, Carl, visited their elderly father daily in a local hospital. During these visits they noticed that the patient's physical needs were well taken care of, but their spiritual needs were largely ignored.

Francis was alarmed and concerned about the lack of spiritual care. He realized that many patients pass through the healthcare systems of our world who do not pass through our churches.

Yet, when they are ill, they often want to reach out to God: A God they do not know. They need someone to teach them the Good News of Jesus' forgiveness, care, healing, joy and salvation.

He began to train a small group of student nurses how to share their faith with their patients and fellow workers. This was the beginning of what has now become Healthcare Christian Fellowship International (HCFI), a world-wide movement among all branches of healthcare, active in over 100 countries around the world. Go to [www.hcfglobal.org](http://www.hcfglobal.org) for more information.

## Doctrinal Basis

The Doctrinal Basis of HCFI shall consist of the essential beliefs of Biblical Christianity, including:

- The unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- The person of our Lord Jesus Christ as very God and very Man, born of the virgin Mary, His real and sinless humanity, His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, and His ascension into Heaven.
- The Divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Holy Scripture in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The guilt and depravity of human nature in consequence of the Fall.
- The substitutionary death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His resurrection, as the only way of salvation from sin through repentance and faith.
- The necessity for the new birth by the Holy Spirit and His indwelling in the believer for sanctification and service.
- The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the judgment to come for the just and for the unjust.

- The resurrection of the body and eternal life.
- Hell as a place of eternal punishment for all who rejected the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Heaven as a place of everlasting blessedness for all who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.

In brief, HCFI places a strong emphasis upon the Deity of Jesus Christ and His Atonement; regeneration by the Holy Spirit and His indwelling fullness in the believer for personal victory and fruitfulness; the supreme authority of the Scriptures and the importance of personal and group evangelism.

## Healthcare Christian Fellowship, USA

Healthcare Christian Fellowship, USA (formerly Hospital Christian Fellowship) is the United States chapter of Healthcare Christian Fellowship International. It began in 1972 at a small hospital in San Clemente, California.

A nurse, Aubrey Beauchamp, started prayer meetings at her home. In time this small beginning became a national movement among Christian Caregivers. Aubrey has retired and Eithne Keegan has taken over the leadership of HCF USA. She can be reached at [hcfusa53@gmail.com](mailto:hcfusa53@gmail.com).

Our mission is to encourage and strengthen caregivers in their faith, workplace, and personal life, promoting Biblical principles in healthcare. We train caregivers to meet the spiritual needs of their patients and fellow workers.

You can also visit [www.hcfusa.org](http://www.hcfusa.org) for more resources and to know how to be part of what God is doing in the health fields of USA and beyond. 📌

*Watch this [Youtube video](#) courtesy of Philippine HCF.*

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