



TENNESSEE BNF 2009 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Tennessee claims "high attendance" at national conference!

If you missed the national conference/annual meeting in Sevierville, you missed a blessing. One of the highlights of the weekend was the pre-conference "Prayer Labyrinth" hosted by our very own Phyllis Fannon. I heard lots of positive feedback and have continued to receive calls and emails regarding this experience. The music was diverse, spirit-filled and lively in both BNF and BMDF sessions. For those who wanted lyrics to "Baptist Woman", sit tight, Tonya is working on this with the national office. Let's not forget the missionary testimonies – no matter who they are or where they serve, it is always a blessing to hear how God is using them and to learn how we can support their ministry efforts. The continuing education sessions were insightful, as were the exhibits and exhibitors. "THANK YOU" for supporting national BNF. I extend a special thanks to those who participated in filling the welcome bags...I do believe they were well received and appreciated not only by our members but also a few of those BMDF guests who found the left-over moon-pies and Goo-Goos! Our state annual meeting was held on May 9, 2009 after the national conference. Fifteen members were present to elect new officers and to revise the By-Laws as noted below:

Article III	Membership
Section 1.	Regular Members
	The membership shall consist of health care professionals and students who support the purposes and objectives of the organization, have a desire to associate with the organization because of a commitment to Jesus Christ, have a desire to grow spiritually, and pay the required annual dues.
Section 2.	Missionary Nurse Members - no changes made
Section 3.	deleted (<i>all membership is now included in Section 1</i>)

Out with the Old & In with the New

It's that time of year again - say good-bye to out-going officers and welcome new ones.

Where has this year gone? I can hardly believe I have held this office for a full year. I would like to personally thank our outgoing officers - Betty Seaton, Kay Steele, and Marie McCormick - for their past service and dedication to BNF. I would also like to congratulate the in-coming officers for contributing to the ongoing success of our organization. Thank you for the time you so willingly give to BNF and to the nursing profession.

Current BNF Officers:

President: Lisa Kirkland

Vice President: Debbie Summerskill

Secretary/Historian: Myrtice Owens

Prayer Coordinator: Phyllis Fannon

Program Coordinator: Charyl Reynolds

Ministry Coordinator: Nancy Pittman, interim

Student Liaison, East: Stephanie Howell

Student Liaison, Middle: Carolyn Demonbreum

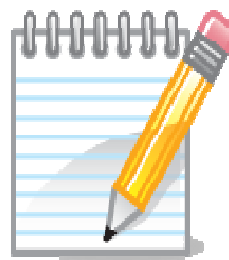
Student Liaison, West: (Vacant)

Lisa Kirkland, MS, RN, CRRN

NOTE FROM OUR VP:

The BNF convention in Sevierville this past May allowed many of us to see a glimpse of how exciting heaven will be. The attendees were from various backgrounds, states, backgrounds, and dreams—all with similar goals to worship the one true God in their daily lives using their talents in their various occupations to be a reflection of God so others will come to learn of His saving grace. I invite all of you to participate in this glimpse in our next state meeting, June 5, 2010. There is a place for you at this meeting to share in the joys and hardships of fellow professionals as we share our desire for all to know about Jesus. Please mark your calendars—see you in June!

-Debbie Summerskill



A NOTE FROM OUR PROGRAM COORDINATOR:

CALLED TO

What are you called to? Probably things too numerous to mention, if you are like everyone else! Things you have to do, things you want to do, things that happen where you are just caught in the middle and swept along - All demanding time and attention and energy. Then you look up, your strength is drained, and you wonder what you actually accomplished and whether it was worth all that. That usually happens when I try to do things in my own strength.

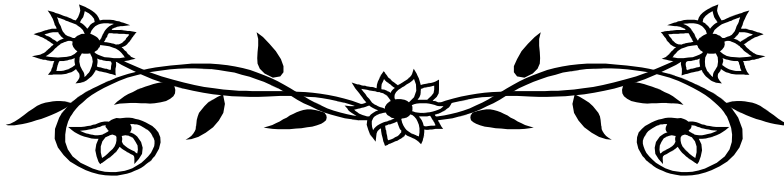
Lately, I've been trying to be more intentional in what I'm doing and discern God's direction, in the little everyday things, as well as the big decisions. I'm glad He intentionally called me (years ago, now) to be a nurse and that He directed me (two years ago) to be intentionally involved with other nurses in BNF. I'm glad He drew me apart from my busy life to experience the fellowship and renewal at the National BNF meeting in Sevierville in May, to hear and feel the passion as other nurses shared their stories about how God is ministering in and through their lives. That camaraderie inspires you to want more of Him in your own life, and to continue to seek the areas in which He desires you to minister. I'm also glad that He intentionally called me to invite a friend, so she could share as well. Her reaction was that it was a unique and dynamic experience, full of learning!

I'm excited about how God is going to intentionally use us together and individually in the TN BNF to accomplish His purposes in touching a lost and hurting world. I am seeking His direction for a specific mission opportunity. I am looking forward already to next year's National BNF meeting in Texas and, especially to the TN BNF meeting in June. Our strength is in sharing one with another. I invite you to expand His call in your life. Become a part of an organization that makes a difference!

- Charyl Reynolds

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE BIG EVENTS

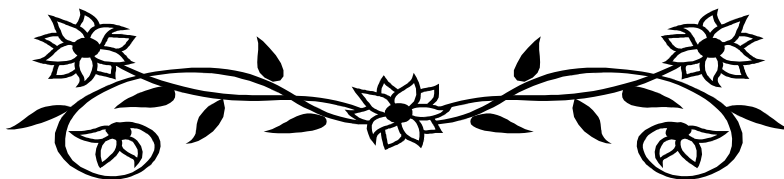
National BNF in Fort Worth, Texas, April 15-17, 2010
Tennessee BNF in Brentwood, TN, June 5, 2010



A Message from Gayle,

I would personally like to thank our BNF members for all the encouragement, support, and prayers I received during my term as National BNF President. You attended our meetings as well as doing a wonderful job putting together the hospitality bags for our annual meeting in Sevierville. Lisa Kirkland and Denise Bronaugh have provided great leadership and worked to make sure everything that we needed was done. You have all been such a blessing to me. I value each of you and the relationships we have developed due to our BNF organization. I pray that the blessings of all good things will be yours.

*Grace and Peace,
Gayle Mulberry*



PRAYER CALENDAR:

July Pray for our nation and be thankful for your freedom. 1-30 Mission to Kenya	August Pray for students as they start back to school.	September 18-19 - Prayer Retreat for Women, FBC Humboldt
October	November 9-11 - Extravaganza, Jackson, TN (need vols for First Aid station) Mission conference, Kentucky Wk of 22nd Medical Mission, DR	December Pray for students as they prepare for final exams. 12-20 Mission trip to Bobbili, India

PRAYER COORDINATOR:



Check out what your fellow members have been doing in the last year!

- J. Cochrane – reconstruction, Gulf Coast, Texas -3/08
- L. Kirkland – student medical mission, Nuevo Tocumen, Panama – 3/08
- G. Mulberry – Mission Fest -Baby Boot Camp, E. KY -4/08
- J. Cochrane – medical mission, Honduras – 4/08
- J. Henderson – Family Fest / construction, Lenexa KS -7/08
- G. Mulberry – Public Health medical mission, Ghana -9/08
- J. Cochrane – women’s ministry, Moldova -9/08
- J. Cochrane – reconstruction, Gulf Coast, Texas – 1/09
- L. Kirkland – student medical mission, Puerto Limon, Panama – 3/09
- J. Cochrane – medical mission, Honduras –4/09
- J. Cochrane – reconstruction, Gulf Coast, Texas -4/09
- L. Kirkland – youth camp, Panama City, Florida – 6/09
- S. Howell – food pantry, Greene Co., TN - ongoing
- J. Quinn – medical mission, Dominican Republic-11/09
- J. Cochrane - Lepar Colony & Children’s ministry, Bobbili, India -12/09

Let us know what, when, and where you are on mission!



STUDENT CORNER:

Tennessee Wesleyan College – Fort Sanders Nursing Department spends Spring break serving the Great Physician.

On behalf of our 20 team members – nurses, nursing students, and evangelism team members, let me say “thank you” for praying for us! We were in the Darien Province of Panama, about 100 miles from the very end of the Pan-American Highway, bordering Columbia. We took a dirt road approximately two miles then unloaded the yellow school bus and piled into cattle trucks and 4-wheel drive vehicles for a 45 minute ride through the jungle. It was nearly dark when we arrived at the village; CULTURE SHOCK was evident on many faces. With no electricity, we had to go to our room and settle-in when it got dark. If you can imagine one room with 17 women and no more than ten words spoken from dark to daylight, you would be in our room. As I reflect on this week, and ponder the question: “where did God reveal Himself this week?” I can think of so many ways, but I will share this story...

The evangelism team asked if a doctor and a dentist would do a house call to see one of the ladies they found during visitation. She was reportedly too weak to walk to the clinic. Dr. Nicholas was the only physician who could speak English to Kuna, so he agreed to go with us. As we approached the clinic doorway, another nurse walked up with a mom holding a two-year old, lifeless child in her arms. The child was pale and not responsive to a deep sterna rubs. Dr. Nicholas called one of the other young doctors over to take care of this situation as he proceeded to make the house call. Dr. Nicholas assessed the lady as she lie in fetal position in a hammock, too weak to move or stand up. He explained to us the lady had poly-menorrhea for over 30 days; she was anemic. She needed to see a specialist in the city; however, she had no one to take her to the city for further diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Nicholas gave her vitamins and iron pills from our pharmacy. We didn’t have much to offer to boost her energy and replace her blood volume. We had done all we could do for now.

As I returned to the clinic, I was happy to learn that several evangelism team members had prayed over the sick child. The mother and baby had left the village and we really didn’t know much about his condition.

While John and I take a few minutes to catch up on what’s been happening in the clinic and with the evangelism team...John reminds our guys to stay well hydrated - and offers them powdered electrolyte solution. (Nurse radar just went off....) I asked, “What do you have?” He repeated himself and showed me powdered electrolytes... I asked if he would surrender those electrolytes for medicinal purposes as I explained the situation we had with the house call. He immediately handed me three packets. Upon Dr. Nicholas’ instruction, I returned to the lady’s house with the translator and instructed her how to use them.

The next morning, missionary nurse, Mrs. Cooper, pulled me aside to show me a box of IV fluids and all the supplies needed to start and run IV fluids. She said, Dr. Nicholas sent out for this last night. He was worried about the lady you saw yesterday; but when he went to see her this morning, she was able to stand up and walk around the house with him. She does not need it, but we have it if anyone else does. Mrs. Cooper also informed us the lifeless two-year-old child was able to be aroused and hydrated - orally; he did not require invasive treatment.

That is where God revealed Himself to me - He is still the almighty, Great Physician! Those people were not miraculously changed by medical intervention but by the power of prayer! As you read the following student testimonies, you will see further motivation that keeps me doing this year after year.

-L. Kirkland, RN

This experience was completely new to me because I had never been on a mission trip before. I felt like I was helping others in a way I have never felt before. Not only was I helping others, I was being helped spiritually. I did not know I could feel the way I did this past week. I felt safe in the way that I did not worry like I usually do. It was a kind of peace or calmness that I have not felt before this experience. Not that I had doubt; but I truly, truly saw the power of prayer. Thank you for this opportunity.

-Emily M.

It was an experience of a lifetime. I don't think any pictures or words could describe the joy I got from helping these people. I feel blessed to have been given the opportunity to be part of such a special group. Thank you.

- Holly P.

My time spent in Port Limon was life changing in every possible way. The Lord revealed His greatness to me through healing a gravely ill woman and a baby. I was able to witness children be saved and God's light shine through their eyes. My perspective on my life changed and made me more aware of how blessed I am and what is truly important in life. Staying in the village with the Kunas made it possible to be accepted, trusted, and made an impact on the Kunas. Learning about the Kunas and being able to communicate our purpose through the language barrier was incredible. This mission was my first and took me from timid and scared initially to bold and trusting of God's plan as I canoed up river to another village, swam in the river with Kuna children, and evangelized independently for my first time. I met some of the most amazing people on this mission trip and cannot wait for the opportunity to go on another!

- Cassie S.

I felt this was a great first mission trip. It met all my expectations and even exceeded in some cases. The ability and opportunity to go anywhere, not just a foreign country and spread God's word while giving medical aid is not an opportunity that is always present. I felt blessed to be able to go and have learned more than I ever thought I would. I learned about the traditions and lifestyles of the Kuna Indians, about myself and how much I take for granted on a daily basis, and I also learned about the culture of Panama. Living in (North) America, we don't think of places like the Kuna village existing in this day and age. I feel God sent me on this trip to show me that my way of life is not the only way. I feel called to participate in more mission trips and pray that God will continue to provide me with the opportunity to do so. Everyone, Christian or not, should be given this same opportunity to see the fully amazing things God can do.

- Irina L.

This trip was amazing I even find myself now not realizing where we actually were, it is very surreal. I am so thankful that God chose me to be a part of this team. God has shown His awesome grace to me and given me a burden for the Kuna people and those "unreached" people groups. God has reminded me that He controls my life as He does the world, and who am I to try to make plans on my own. It's so great to be able to merge two things which I love into a great union - missions and nursing.

-Elizabeth B.

Now that I am out of the jungle and back into the daily grind of life and nursing school I realize that I have been touched by the other-worldness of the Kuna lifestyle and spirit in a way that will remain with me. I will always carry this experience in my heart and mind. I now have a completely new yardstick by which to measure life, the world, and God's grace. My paradigm of reality has been altered.

-Kristi F.

This has been such a memorable trip! I definitely experienced some culture shock and stepped out of my comfort zone, O really enjoyed the fellowship among the team. We all were in one spirit to help and do what we could to reach the hearts of the Kunas. It felt so amazing to use my new nursing skills and knowledge to help people who rarely are able to get healthcare. I feel like this has added to my passion to help and serve the underserved, and at the same time share the greatest gift of all, God's love.

-No name

A follow-up note from the missionary nurse:

God blessed us way beyond our expectations. I am forever grateful to Him and also to your team for the role you played in making this a life changing experience for our team and for the Kuna Indians we served. I did feel some disappointment in not being able to work in Naka, but as I read the testimonies, I realize that God's will has been done. He had plans for us in Puerto Limon... Your team had 264 medical patients, 67 dental patients, 37 nutrition consults for children < 5 y/o and women who were pregnant or breast-feeding, 735 prescriptions were filled. Almost every home was visited; 25 children and three adults made profession of faith.

- Mrs. Cooper

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Telephone number (with area code) _____

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Church Affiliation: Church Name _____

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TN BNF Membership Dues

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RN (active/inactive) | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LPN (active/inactive) | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-nursing medical professional | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Nurse | Free |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Nurse | Free |

National BNF Membership Dues

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Nurse | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missionary Nurse | Free |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Nurse | \$30.00 |

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail completed application and check made payable to Tennessee WMU, according to applicable member fee, to: TN WMU, Baptist Nursing Fellowship, PO Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024. For questions call 800-558-2090 ext. 7920 or email dbronaugh@tnbaptist.org.