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Dear Friends,

Greetings of peace, hope, joy and love in the name of Jesus, our risen Saviour. This is Easter - the great day of resurrection. Let us rejoice and let us share that joy with all we know. How wonderful! He lives! And because he lives, we too have the promise of resurrection! And one day we will see Him face to face.

We cannot truly celebrate the fullness of Easter without an understanding of Good Friday. Our precious Lord went to Jerusalem, where he was betrayed, rejected, unjustly treated, scourged, crowned with thorns, and crucified, bearing the weight of all our sins so that we who believe could inherit eternal life. That is an amazing thought. We now are able to come into a right relationship with God because of what Jesus did for us. And that is a relationship that will never be broken. Praise Him and thank Him and share the good news. Hallelujah!

Blessings,

Betty Hitchcock

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

STUDY FOR EASTER

Luke 24: 1-12 [from the New Revised Version]

1. But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.
2. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
3. But when they went in, they did not find the body.
4. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.
5. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.
6. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,
7. that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."
8. Then they remembered his words,
9. And returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.
10. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and the other women who were with them who told this to the apostles.
11. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.
12. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Study: Luke 24: 1-12-7

Vs. 1– Why did the women come to the tomb? What did they intend to do with the spices?

Vs.2 – What is the significance of the stone being rolled away?

Vs.3 – What did they find on entering the tomb? What did it mean that the tomb was empty?

Vs.4 – How did the women feel? What did they see? Who were these men?

Vs.5 – How did the women react? What did the men say? What is the significance of their statements?

Vs. 6-7. – What did they remind the women that Jesus had said?

Vs.8 - Did they remember?

Vs. 9 - What did they do? We now know the meaning of these things, Have we shared this good news with others? Is there someone else we should tell today?

Vs. 10 – Who were these women?

Vs.11 – How did the apostles react? Why do you think they reacted like this?

Vs.12 – How did Peter react? How did he feel?

Jesus Christ is risen today! - Hallelujah!

What a wonderful God we have! Praise to God and to His Son, Jesus!

What Easter Means to Me

On the first Easter Day my Lord arose from the dead, having taken the penalty for all our sin upon himself on Good Friday. He bore the separation from God that should have been ours. He gave all that He had that we might never have to bear the penalty for our sin and might live forever in relationship with God. Easter gives me –

- forgiveness for my sins
- eternal life -a home forever with my Lord – a place for me which He has prepared
- life with Jesus, never to be separated from Him, never to be alone again
- inheritance in the kingdom of heaven [joint heirs with Christ]
- the promise of a spiritual body with no defects or pain
- joy inexpressible – deep joy – even in the midst of troubles and earthly turmoil
- peace – deep peace- that nothing on earth can change
- relationships with other believers that exist beyond any earthly connections
- belief that we will one day be reunited with other believers
- ability to face anything this life can bring with the certain knowledge that Jesus my Lord understands and is with me
- opportunity to serve my Lord and work with Him to uphold others on their journeys

That is what Easter means to me. May you too know the many blessings that are ours because of Easter!

Betty

Easter

THOU ART RISEN, O LORD!

Let the gospel trumpets speak,
And the news as of holy fire,
Burning and flaming and inextinguishable,
Run to the ends of the earth.

THOU ART RISEN, O LORD!

Let all creation greet the good tidings
With jubilant shout;
For its redemption has come,
The long night has past, the Saviour lives!
And rides and reigns in triumph
Now and unto the age of ages.

THOU ART RISEN, O LORD!

Let the quiet alter dazzle with light;
Let us hasten to thy Presence
Wondering, incredulous for joy;
And partake of thy Risen Life.

THOU ART RISEN, MY LORD AND MY GOD!

Rise up, my heart, give thanks, rejoice!
And do thou, O Lord, deign to enter it
Despite the shut doors.
Show me thy hands and thy side,
That it is thou thyself.
Send me about thy business,
Servant of the living King, the King of kings;
And hide my life in thine
For ever and ever.

Amen

A poem by Eric Milner-White

On Saturday September 26, a group of graduate nurses gathered together for an annual retreat in Saint John, NB. It was a day of looking at the topic of discipleship.

In the afternoon we examined what it meant to be a disciple, looking at the original disciples of Jesus and at our life as a disciple. We looked at John 1: 35 to 50 where Jesus called disciples to follow Him and discussed what it meant to follow Jesus. We also considered what our following Jesus compared to the disciples, and what happens within our lives when we follow Him.

We looked at the requirements for discipleship including

- putting Jesus first [Luke 14: 25-27and 33]
- experiencing the new birth in Him [John 3:5]
- showing love for one another [John 13: 34-35]
- assuming the role of a servant [John 13: 13-15]
- prayer [Mark 1:35]
- obedience to Him [Luke 9:6]

The following questions were considered.

- Do you remember Jesus calling you?
- How did you respond?
- What have you done since?
- How would you describe you experience as a disciple?



NCFC [NCFCANADA] Atlantic Division

The Atlantic NCFC is will have a planning meeting on Saturday April 30 in Moncton. If you have ideas for future workshops or seminars please let us know. Please consider prayerfully whether God is calling you to consider working with our Atlantic committee. The present committee would welcome inquiries from interested nurses. Please contact Jan Locket [506 847 7629], or Betty Hitchcock [506 648 9794]

The national committee will be meeting in May. Please visit the national website at www.ncfcanada.ca Browse around and get to know our organization. Join the prayer list, read back issues of newsletters, see what exciting things are happening!

The national chair is Judith Fanakan, nationalchair@ncfcanada.ca The secretary treasurer is Fronica Yiu.

Please pray for these nurses as they share in ministry.

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Submissions for The Link

Submissions are always welcome. If something has been meaningful to you, please think of sharing it with others – submit it for inclusion in the Link. You are invited to submit articles, letters, poems, etc. to be included in future issues of the Link. Please send submissions to Betty Hitchcock, 29 Bedell Ave. Saint John, NB, E2K 2C1 or email to betty.hitchcock@rogers.com