

December 1, 2008

On behalf of Healing Hearts I want to thank you for all of your prayers and financial support this past year. Although times have been lean economically, ministry has been very rich and fruitful. We are praising God for His faithfulness and we are looking forward to what He will do in the months and years to come.

This year we will not be publishing our normal newsletter, due to cost restrictions, but instead will use this letter to communicate with you much of what God is doing in Healing Hearts. We trust that God will move upon your heart and that you will continue to partner with us in this great work.

Please remember us this holiday season in your financial giving and your prayers. Any financial gift will be much appreciated and prayerfully used for God's glory.

### **Happy Anniversary Healing Hearts!!!!**

This October, Healing Hearts had its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary! The past twenty years have been truly amazing as we have watched God grow the ministry and have seen the number of lives that have been brought into relationship with Jesus Christ and healed through God's Word. We look forward to what God is going to do in the next twenty years. We will be celebrating our anniversary throughout the upcoming year, and hope that if there is a dessert celebration benefit in your area, you will join us. More will be mentioned about our celebrations later in this letter.

### **Ministry Statistics**

This year we have exceeded our expectations regarding clients ministered to by our faithful leaders. As a result of this surge in ministry, we have also seen an increase in our training. We have six Regional Mentors in the United States who disciple and prepare former clients to be trained as leaders.

#### **Ministry Statistics 2008**

- 145 Post-Abortion Clients
- 8 Post-Abortion Spanish Clients
- 229 Hem of His Garment Clients
- 358 E-Clients
- 28 New Leaders Trained
- 740 Total Clients Served

### **Missions**

Much to our surprise, our Foreign Missions are expanding as well. In 2008 we trained leaders in Canada, Holland, Zambia and Uganda, and made contacts in Israel and Kenya. People abroad are so hungry for God's Word. One of our Regional Mentors mailed our three Bible studies to a pastor in Kenya, and within a short time he contacted her full of gratitude that we would take the time to send materials to them. He shared that he was using our Bible studies to prepare sermons. We saw this same hunger in Zambia and Uganda. Thanks to one of our supporters, we were able to supply our leaders in Uganda with Bibles. The Ugandan leaders have used these

Bibles to minister throughout Kampala, and are now reaching other cities with the good news of hope and healing that can only be found in Jesus. Our leaders in the Ukraine continue to faithfully minister in the former Soviet Union. Although we have diligently tried, there is no way that we can number the leaders in these countries, because they keep multiplying themselves!

**Please pray for us as we seek God's wisdom on how we can do more with what little we have.** Also, pray for the translators who have volunteered their time to translate our studies into Spanish and Lugandan. **If you would like to donate to Foreign Missions, we have the following needs: Bibles for Africa & post-abortion Bible studies for Ukraine (\$3,500 needed)**

### **Foreign country contacts via our web site in 2008:**

Uganda, Holland, Bosnia, Nigeria, Eastern Asia, China, Kenya, Scotland, Indonesia, Ireland, Canada, Ukraine, Turkey, Russia, Zambia, India, Pakistan, England, Belarus, Burma, Czech Republic, Liberia, Slovakia, Sudan, Sweden, Rwanda, Tanzania

### **Foreign Missions outreaches and trainings in 2008:**

- Missions Outreach - Ukraine
- New Countries Added
  - Canada – Leaders Trained
  - Holland – Training Held
  - Zambia – Training Held
  - Uganda – Training Held
- Possible Developments
  - Israel & Kenya

### **Testimony from a Healing Hearts leader at The Comforter's Center in Uganda:**

*Dear Healing Heart Sisters,*

*We are very grateful to God for our partnership with the Healing Heart ministries and how our partnership in the Lord is resulting in many lives saved in Uganda, with God providing us a building of our own; we believe that God has many wonderful things in store for The Comforter's Center in the future.*

*I want to thank you for your support; Chris of the Bible Society delivered the Bibles a few days ago, and we have new ladies registering this month. We are training 2 new ladies to be leaders of the Healing Heart and will send you more information, for now Joy is the one leading ladies in the Bible study. Standing for life in Uganda - [Veronica Nakyewe](#)*

### **Training Videos**

This past September at our International Conference, we had the opportunity to video tape our training. We want to thank those of you who contributed to this project, because we know that God is going to use it in amazing ways. It may not be possible for us to travel to many of the countries above, but it is possible, through the internet, that we might be able to bring our training to them. We still need to edit and digitize the tapes and prepare them to upload to our web site. **Please pray for Jeff Bull from CLF Productions and his team as they work on this project. Pray that God would give us wisdom and direction for their use in future ministry.** These video teachings will also be very beneficial for our current leaders for review and refreshment. As God leads, we are hoping to do more projects in the future.

### **God Opens Prison Doors**

For many years we have prayed for an opportunity to minister in Purdy Women's Correctional Facility in Washington state. This year, God bolted the doors open and our first group started November 30<sup>th</sup>. Tammy Ferguson and Sue Sanford will be leading this ministry and we already have other leaders in training who will soon join them. **Please keep this prison ministry in your prayers. Also, continue to pray for our ministry at Dwight Women's Correctional Facility in Illinois.** We will be taking a short break from ministry there, but hope to resume it in the near future. **If you would like to donate toward the prison ministry, please earmark your donation "Prison Ministry".**

## Men's E-Ministry

We are going to be working hard this year to build our men's e-ministry. We receive many testimonies from men who complete our program. Here is one that I would like to share with you. Please pray for us as we disciple men to help with this very important part of our ministry.

*My abortion was over twenty years ago. I didn't think I needed healing but I was wrong. As I worked through your program, I found that I had built walls around my feelings. Day after day as I went through the lessons, I felt that they must have been written specifically for me. I was amazed to find that I had been suppressing feelings that only God could help me work through. Thank you very much for being there for me. I especially appreciate the thoughtful attention Alan, my counselor, showed me. He was patient and understanding. Not too warm and fuzzy. The kind of friend I needed. Thanks again to Healing Hearts and Wounded Warrior. "H"*

## Women's E-Ministry

We received hundreds of testimonies from our e-ministry to women. We would like to share just a few with you.

*I never thought I would do an internet Bible study. The idea of it seemed too impersonal, not relational. I am used to women's Bible study in a group. Some have been wonderful, with lots of honest sharing, while others...well, my spiritual warning signal went off and I kept my mouth shut. Doing the Healing Hearts internet study allowed me the freedom to say some things in writing to another person that I never dreamed I would share or could share, especially not in a public group. Even though I have done 2 other post-abortion studies, there were certainly areas that were not touched upon. By digging deeper and having the freedom to confidently share, I was able to release more painful hurts that I did not even realize I had. By turning over rocks and exposing my sin and the lies, I was able to face the truth. With God-given guidance, comfort and encouragement from my prayer partner, I now have a deeper walk and greater understanding of the truth, mercy and grace that is of God and from God. There is such a need for this study. There are so many hurting women who are ashamed and afraid to open their mouths and their hearts. Their hidden pain, guilt and shame rob them of the joy and freedom in Christ, and the opportunity to let God take what was meant for evil against us and let God be glorified. "S"*

*If you have ever longed to enter the inner courts of His sanctuary, this ministry is one of His tools to do so. Healing Hearts uses the Word of God to break through our hardened hearts and prideful ways. His Word, the truth, will set you free in Christ. At times it was difficult, but my on-line counselor was right there, patient, loving and offering the Word of God...just like Jesus. "DPA"*

*This study is for anyone that wants to truly walk in the freedom God has given you. This study will walk you through a personal revival and loose chains that have been plaguing you for years. God's Word is the tool that is used, and the Holy Spirit will guide you through and give you supernatural enlightenment. Take a chance, push beyond yourself and go through this study to the end. You will not be disappointed, just blessed. "T"*

## Golf Benefit

This year Healing Hearts held its final golf benefit. We want to thank all of the golfers who have participated in this event for the past 12 years and also those who contributed toward it. The golf benefit has been successful in helping us financially build the ministry over the years, but we feel God is now moving us in another direction.

## Walk for the Wounded Heart

Our Walk for the Wounded Heart week will be the week of May 3 – 10<sup>th</sup>. Leaders all across the nation will be walking and praying in their communities and getting the word out about Healing Hearts. We hope to have a record number of walkers this next year. If you would like to do a prayer walk in your local area, please visit our web site at [www.healinghearts.org](http://www.healinghearts.org) and sign up to do a walk today. Prayer walks help raise much needed financial support for our rapidly growing ministry and introduce people to Healing Hearts.

## **A Home for Healing Hearts**

For the past twenty years, Healing Hearts has been located in the basement of our home. It has been a blessing for us to house the ministry all these years, but after much prayer we feel the Lord leading us to seek housing that belongs to the ministry. This is in part to ensure the future of Healing Hearts Ministry if something were to happen to my husband and me. In November of 2007, we started our Capital Campaign to raise funds for "A Home for Healing Hearts", not anticipating that the economy would take a downward turn. Due to the current economic condition of our country, we have diligently sought the Lord in prayer asking for wisdom and guidance regarding the campaign. We believe God has confirmed to us that we are to continue to move forward. Many of our donors have expressed the desire to give, but are not able to do so at this time, and some have pledged monthly support over the next two years rather than giving a lump sum donation. We will be extending our campaign until we have raised the money necessary to purchase a building for the ministry. **If you would like to donate to this very important project, please earmark your donation "A Home For Healing Hearts"**. Donations can also be made on-line at [www.healinghearts.org](http://www.healinghearts.org).

All money that has been designated toward the campaign has been placed in a special Capital One money market account. As of the end of September, we have received the following funds:

<b>Campaign Goal</b>	\$500,000.00
<b>Funds Received</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2007	\$ 67,320.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008	\$ 60,204.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2008	\$ 12,910.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008	\$ 2,370.00
To date, 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008	\$ 6,795.00
Total Received to date	\$149,599.00
Amount Pledged but not paid	\$ 10,755.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$160,354.00</b>

## **Celebration Dessert Benefits**

In order to enhance our campaign and obtain new donors, we will be sponsoring 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dessert Benefits this next year in locations throughout the United States. Some of these events will be large, and some will be held in homes with just a few invited guests. **Please pray for us as we plan these events.**

**If you would be interested in hosting a Dessert Benefit in your home, inviting a few friends who would like to learn more about the ministry, or if you would like to be a table host at one of the scheduled events, please contact me at [SueL@healinghearts.org](mailto:SueL@healinghearts.org) or call me at (253) 686-4592.** God is doing great things in Healing Hearts and we want to share the good news with anyone who might be interested, giving them an opportunity to participate in this very worthy ministry. These events are scheduled to begin in February 2009.

We want to wish everyone a very special Holiday season. May you feel the peace and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In His Love

*Sue Liljenberg*

International Director