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1983 Declared the Year of Research
Ministry Announces Plans to Complete Research Center Tower

Oral Roberts has declared war. The enemy is cancer, heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, infectious diseases, and health problems of aging.

All through the month of January, the Sunday "Oral Roberts and You" TV programs will focus on the medical research needed to provide breakthroughs and the important role the uncompleted City of Faith Research Center will play in the war against disease.

Recently, on a chilly Saturday morning, President Roberts taped a 28-minute message to ministry partners from an uncompleted Research Center floor. That program, which will air on 200 stations January 2, will set the tone for a major ministry push in 1983 to complete, equip and staff the 20-story Research Tower.

The president announced that research for treatment of cancer, along with "other dread diseases for which God alone knows the answer," will be a major thrust at the City of Faith. In his first program, Roberts talked about cancer.

"There is no doubt in my spirit and mind that from God's viewpoint we in the healing ministry must make use of both His physical and spiritual resources to come against cancer in all its forms," Roberts said.

"And the time to do that is now," he declared. "1983 is the year to launch a major spiritual plus physical war against this disease."

Oral Roberts' part in the war is reading the New Testament out loud on tape, adding an explanation of key scriptures. Four to six tapes will then be made available each month. Partners who choose to complete the Research Center, will receive the tape series.

"Paul says, 'Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, (Romans 10:17),'' Roberts said, explaining that the new tape series is a seed planted in the life of each partner who plants his or her own seed to help conquer sickness and disease through the City of Faith Research Center.

Plans call for establishment of research programs during 1983 with equipping laboratories and bringing excellent research scientists to the City of Faith, many of whom will also be a part of the ORU School of Medicine.

THE CITY OF FAITH GOLD CARD PROGRAM is underway and partners from all over the country are arriving for their no-charge physical evaluations in the Health Appraisal Clinic. The HAC's first City of Faith Gold Card patient was Ann Roscoe of Dallas, pictured here. Mrs. Roscoe, a former school teacher and a ministry partner for several years, just received her card the day before and decided to bring it along to Tulsa to see what it was all about. "She said she was impressed with the City of Faith and the employees. "I've never seen a place like this," she said. "I came with a positive attitude and after being here that certainly hasn't changed!" she exclaimed. Chatting with the first patient are HAC medical assistant Carrie Dickson, prayer partner Skip Stott, and HAC director Dr. Del Williams.
Clinic Diagnosis

"Quick Growth by a Great Staff"

From 49 states and 16 foreign countries, 14,500 patients have come to be treated in the City of Faith Clinic. That's the report on the first 17 months of operation.

Chief Executive Officer Dr. James Winslow indicated that the first months of operation in an entirely new setting with all new people should produce some frustration occasionally—and it has. "Having to adapt to a new health care approach like we have at Faith Clinic and then dealing with the whole system—like ours has been a real challenge," he said.

Winslow noted that as new services have opened nearly every month, frequently the best trained people have been pulled from areas where they have become comfortable in working to start up another one. "That, compiled with the fact that many of our people have hospital rather than clinic backgrounds, makes the speed in which our employees have adapted even more gratifying," he noted.

"It really has been remarkable how far we have come," said Winslow. He recounted days when employees came to work, walking through mud, stepping over construction debris and dealing with a new clinic that had to be readied for the opening. "On the whole they will be answering the call God has placed on their lives," the chief executive stated.

"Of course our big upcoming challenge is the national City of Faith Gold Card partners health evaluation program," Winslow said. Over the next two years response could be tremendous and Clinic staff has quickly readied the Health Appraisal Clinic for the patients from across the country who are coming for an evaluation at no charge.

"Quick Growth by a Great Staff"
Volunteer Prayer Partner Course Set

The Early Winter Prayer Partner Basic Training Course for volunteers is planned for January 10, 13, 17, and 20, in the cafeteria's large private dining room. Each session runs from 7 to 9 p.m.

Persons who desire to participate in the prayer partner ministry are urged to attend the first session where the scope and purpose of the City of Faith program is explained. According to training director Dr. Stan Beason, students will receive training that will enable them to perform lay ministry in their churches, as well as the City of Faith Clinic and Hospital.

Those interested are asked to call Dr. Stan Beason at 6178.

A Radiology Residency Program has been approved effective July 1983.... Dr. David Scrum, chief of Pediatrics, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Tulsa County Medical Society.... Scrum and Dr. Marion Ledbetter, Pediatricians, are delegates to the Oklahoma Medical Association. Dr. Jaspar McPhail, chief of Surgery, is an alternate delegate.

Give, So Others May See

For several years, the Christian Medical Society has collected unwanted pairs of eyeglasses for distribution to primarily Central American missionary eye projects. Last year over 18,000 pairs of glasses were prescribed by Christian ophthalmologists who contributed their time to these projects. Employees are reminded that their tax-deductible gift of unwanted glasses can be dropped off in the collection box located in the Department of Radiology.

A New Managerial Face in the Cafeteria

So long to Rick Cox, Director of Nutrition, who has been promoted to District Manager for Saga Corporation, the City of Faith's food service contractor. Congratulations to Dennis Alquist, who has been promoted to Director of Nutrition. And hello to Larry Oden, the new cafeteria manager who joins us from Saga food service operations at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan.

Len Genung with a patient chart filled with farewell comments by co-workers and staff, many of which tongue-in-cheek. Genung, who oversaw the opening of the City of Faith Clinic has a similar task awaiting him: the active position with the King Khalid Eye Specialist Hospital in Riyadh, William Luttrell is serving as Clinic Administrator.

A Saharan Santa Claus Greeted Clinic Administrator

LEN GENUNG at his farewell reception on December 3. Ali Santa, also known as Dr. T.S. Pennington, was among the large gathering who came to see Genung off. Ali Santa's many contributions to the City of Faith Clinic and Hospital.

The following letter appeared in the December 6 Tulsa Tribune. No other explanation is necessary.

Bouquets for the City of Faith

The following letter appeared in the December 6 Tulsa Tribune.

RICHARD ROBERTS SPOKE at a special employees' chapel service on December 10. The half-hour Friday staff chapel are sponsored by the COF Pastoral Care Department and begin at 1:30 p.m. All employees are invited to attend.

COF Employees Save on Philharmonic Tickets

The Tulsa Philharmonic has extended discount tickets to City of Faith employees for upcoming Classics Concerts. Just call Danila Bruce in Public Relations, 8102, or stop by to pick up your dollar discount coupons. Then call the Philharmonic to reserve your seats and present the coupons when you pick up your tickets.

Some spectacular upcoming concerts at the Performing Arts Center include the Tulsa Philharmonic orchestra and guest artists Byron Janis, piano, January 13; The Romeros, guitars, February 3; Dmitri Sitkovetsky, violin, February 24.

Discover Woolaroc

Just an hour or so north of Tulsa, the former ranch of oil baron and philanthropist Frank Phillips provides many pleasant surprises for a Sunday afternoon trek.

Herds of buffalo, elk, deer and cattle along with assorted zebras, ostriches, and other wildlife greet visitors to Woolaroc, a free attraction located in the Thunderbird Canyon Nature Trail. The sprawling ranch sits among thick woods in the Osage Hills and is the home of the National Y-Indian Guide Center and a magnificent art and history museum which is also free to the public.

Enjoy a buffet burger in the Buffalo Haunt and take a stroll on the Thunderbird Canyon Nature Trail. One of Oklahoma Green Country's finest attractions, Woolaroc is closed on Mondays.

Saturday Bargains

A longtime Tulsa tradition brings bargain hunters out each Saturday. It's the Fairgrounds Flea Market, located in the Educational Building and Expo Square. The entire building is packed with booths selling antique furniture, plants, tools, brass, glassware, primitives, stamps, coins, advertising signs and you-name-it (and sometimes you have to, since the seller sometimes don't even know what the antique article is!). It's a fun way to spend a leisurely Saturday and while the event lasts all day, it's best to get there in the morning while items are most plentiful.

Also Joyce Thompson, Bernice Coddington, Marie Decorte, Alice Cummings, Michael Blake, and Myrtle Parks.

Also, Harriet Bliss, Mary Richmond, Mary Fox, Nancy Webber, Isabella King, and Ray Parks.

Beason also announced that the newest members of the prayer partner ministry have just begun their service to the City of Faith. Thirty-two Student Prayer Partners are trained and ready for work upon returning from the Christmas holidays.

Altogether, Beason said, there are 49 certified Lay Prayer Partners in the Pastoral Care volunteer program, nine Intercessory Prayer Partners, and 41 individuals in training.
LEAH HANRAHAN, LPN
Clinic Footer
From Camp Penuel, Inc., Ironon, Mo., Attended Detroit Practical Nursing Center, Detroit, Mich. Graduated from Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas. Hanrahan is single.

SHIRLEY D. WALLACE, RN
Surgical
From Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, Ohio. Diploma Graduate of Middletown Hospital, Middletown, Ohio. Wallace is married and her husband's name is Jerry.

DAVID A. WARD, RN
Psychiatry
From Brooklands Psychiatric Center, Leitersburg, Md. Diploma Graduate of Binghamton State Hospital School of Nursing, Binghamton, N.Y. B.S. in Nursing Degree from St. Anselm College, Manchester, N.H. Ward and his wife Nancy have four children.

DONNA LEEFRAK, RN
Medical/Surgical
From St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa. Diploma Graduate of Middletown Hospital, Middletown, Ohio. Leeckra is single.

KATHY MORGAN, RN
Psychiatry
From University of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham, Ala. Diploma Graduate of Caraway Methodist School of Nursing, Birmingham, Morgan has two children.
The holidays provided a time for employees to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus, and to show the spirit of the season throughout the complex.

A sampling of holiday decorations — City of Faith style — include, clockwise from upper right:

Mary Ann Bell, Accounts Payable, puts a finishing touch on a pinecone Christmas tree she brought with her from the Philippines.

Part of the Purchasing Department staff, including L to R, Gloria David, Linda Griffith, Joyce Myskowski and Jerry Bell, pose with their decoration contributions.

A cafeteria showing of the yuletide spirit.

In the Visitors Center Administration/Public Relations reception area, the handpainted ceramic craftwork of Pat Griffin was represented in this nativity scene.

Suzette Lewis, Employment, was coaxed into posing with her colorfully decorated Christmas tree.

New cafeteria employees Larry Oden, manager, and Nora Joice, dietician, study the festive, homemade decorations contributed by food service employees.