



HEALTHCARE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA

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NEW YEAR MESSAGE 2026

Dear Friends and Brothers and Sisters in Healthcare,

“Lengthen your cord, Strengthen your stakes, Expand His Kingdom.”

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.” Isaiah 54: 1-5 (2,3)

The prophetic book of Isaiah. The Bible in miniature form. The Holy God, Judgment, Salvation, Restoration from exile, and the future Glory of Jerusalem. Religious hypocrisy is explicitly exposed in this book; selective obedience, lip service and parading piety and activities to impress.

The “Suffering Servant” enables ALL to inherit this, Kingdom. Jew and Gentile. The sick and the healthy. This choice is free. The decision is critical. We are called, equipped, and sent into the world. Here I am referring to the healthcare workers as the arm of the Church of Jesus Christ.

The Great Commission on Jesus’s departure and the empowering day of Pentecost to the second coming of the King of Kings and our inheritance in the New Heaven and New Earth is captured along with the future Glory of the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:10-21) in this book. Our response is needed to be true Jesus followers now.

I reflected on God's kingdom in the health field today. Isaiah’s call to the exiled Jews is one of hope, opportunity, and preparation to receive the increase and blessings God was purposing for the God fearing and obedient people. This is the Church, us. In the Old Testament Lord inhabited the tent. Today, he inhabits the Church which he is expanding. We as followers of our Lord in the health care are also called to expand the Kingdom of God in our workplaces. Easier said than lived.

For the tent to expand the cord which stretches the tent need to be lengthened. Lengthen the cord, is to go further in output and effort. Going the extra mile is not naturally normal.

Strengthen the stakes, is the pegs must be bigger and deeper to hold the tent even when the seasons change and the storms and the wild winds, rain and the sun hit the tent. That is strength, not to fail. "Strengthen" involves the development of Christ like character, which enables us to deal with the things that come. If we are not strong on the inside, we will be moved from our path when trials come. Stretching involves getting past our current limits ("I press on..." says Paul), which operates like making a muscle stronger.

"Do not hold back" involves letting go the "idols" in our life, overcoming fear, and compromising choices, and selective silence. There are times when we need to do things that make us awkward, afraid and break the hold it has over us.

The year 2026 marks the 90th anniversary of HCFI since it was founded by Mr Francis Grim. We give glory to God for the faithful ministry throughout the world. We in Australia join our hearts with gratitude and great expectation of what is in store in the healthcare where there is always the need to walk along the hurting patients and the searching colleagues. We represent Christ as the "Jehovah Rapha" to the physically and spiritually wounded and sick around us.

I was also thinking of the workers. There are many kinds of workers. Different in age, culture, skills, and roles within the health system. Each live in their season with hopes and dreams. Within there is the junior group, the ones who are starting the training in medical and nursing schools and other training institutions. The second group that has started just, new and raw in workforce. Being mentored and guided into the world of healthcare. Ideally with a system that holds a Christian worldview. Unfortunately, not so. Which is now full of various values and thoughts and contradictions and positive things as well. Then comes the workers who are in the peak of their influence in various roles of responsibility, teaching, mentoring, managing, and delivering care. Then comes the last group who have been called, served, still serving, but preparing for the next phase of their life journey in Christ. For all categories let our theme for 2026 be relevant.

In the kingdom of God, we are constantly at work. All hands on deck. There is no retirement. We are constantly lengthening our cords, strengthening our stakes, and we are called to expand/build the kingdom of God.

This new year, what is lengthening the cords mean for you? What is strengthening the stakes mean for you? What is extending the kingdom of God means for you? Let us focus on that.

We are all part of the church. The church is to prepare all of us to go out into the workplaces and be the agents of hope and light. Take the presence of God. Taking the presence of God includes taking his holiness, taking his values, prepared to pay the price, bear good fruit, and demonstrate his glory in the workplace. Dissipate the darkness. Take position to stand against **shortening**, and fight against **weakening** powers, which the enemy subtly has brought into the health care system. **Shrinking** the Kingdom of God, even the elect will fall away. These are opposite to lengthening, strengthening, and expanding! We are witnessing this in our system. In my observation, we are not engaging or encouraging the church to the reality of this. Church prepares its members for the marketplace, while the church needs people for its own functioning as well. Both need to be synchronised, working in tandem guided by the Holy Spirit. So, the Kingdom of God will grow. Health workers will recognise their calling and role clearly.

This coming new year, I ask you to consider this. And I urge you to get onto your knees. I urge you each day to ask the living God who has brought you thus far, to teach you the next step each day. So that you will hold on to what is true and real. Avoid being blinded by the idols. Discouraged by the barriers. Deceive ourselves with excuses. We all are vulnerable to these traps. Instead lean on the resources he has given us to discern and walk circumspectly.

I pray you and I together, not just in Australia, but throughout the world be able to be in that conquering workforce of Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, who will reward us in an eternal context. He will return. Let us make no mistake.

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In Him,



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“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer”

Romans 12:12