

## Testimony – Nancy Maggio

It was the passing of my father that brought me to the Lord in 1979. Seeing him suffer and have no hope for a future life after death, my heart knew there had to be more to life than what I had known. Having been raised in Christian Science I knew of a loving, healing God but nothing about a relationship with the Son of God. I was a broken, addicted, unhappy woman when I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Upon my rebirth, I was healed of many afflictions very quickly. I struggled on and off for years with my addiction. I am now free and able to share and encourage others to their redemption and freedom.

As a new believer, I attended Bethany Bible Fellowship in Westminster for over ten years. As I grew as a Christian, God made it clear I needed more from a church than what I was receiving. He led me to CCC where I have been a member of Cottonwood Christian Center in Los Alamitos since 1994. I am active on the Prayer Chain, a Team Leader within the Women's Ministries, a volunteer with the TV Ministry, responding to letters and prayer requests that come in as a result of the TV Broadcast and recently started a Convalescent Outreach for the evening Women's Groups. I will be a facilitator with the Celebrate Recovery Program starting in late January, 2009.

Jesus and the Word of God have been my constant companions as I've encountered various health issues over the years. My strength and endurance comes from the Savior and helps me to be encouragement to others. I have attended various BCF Bible Studies here at the Huntington Beach campus and presently am sharing a study on Seeking God's Guidance for Decisions with a friend and co-worker that is not a part of BCF.

I am a published writer of many poems and short stories that tell of my journey to forgiveness and redemption. God has gifted me with music my entire life. When I share I enjoy including songs that enhance the story. It has been my privilege to speak at various churches and recently was asked to give a workshop on 'Overcoming Addiction' which was well received. God has filled me with the Holy Spirit to speak in tongues, show mercy and serve His people with an open heart. During the 12 years I was a Home Hospice Volunteer, I learned that Geriatrics have a special place in my heart.

Writing and singing continue to be my enjoyment. I am still giving voice lessons and singing with a Sweet Adeline quartet. Creating and selling jewelry has proved to be a nice supplement to income. Included in my schedule is caring for my 92 year old mother and recently, upon nudging from the Lord, I joined a gym in order to finally work on becoming healthier and free of pain. I serve an awesome God!