

people of faith in the United States that acts of citizenship could also be acts of discipleship. But it can be difficult to foster a sense of solidarity with people who live an ocean away. This was where eight years with Beacon Street came in handy. It's a basic tenet of performing arts ministry that a well-aimed story, a creative prayer or a pertinent reflection can end up where no sermon or lecture could ever land. So in my second year at CRS, I set out to collect some of the prayers, wisdom stories and reflections that originated from countries where Catholic Relief Services had programming. The goal – to create a book that provided some spiritual common ground, an opportunity to pray in solidarity with people working for peace and justice throughout the world.

A year later, Catholic Relief Services published *Prayer without Borders, Celebrating Global Wisdom*, which features prayers and stories from more than 20 countries where CRS works, as well as reflections from U.S. citizens who have traveled overseas with the agency. The book also includes suggestions for discussion and further reflection, as well as information on CRS' work in the region.

The book was released last August, just a few weeks after our family made its second move in two years, this time to State College, PA, where Jess is now working at Penn State. I'm still consulting for CRS, and will soon find more opportunities to use the wisdom of my Beacon Street days. In February I begin a new position in campus ministry with the Penn State Catholic Community. Time to again dust off "Make Some Room."

O GOD, YOU HAVE LET ME PASS THIS DAY IN PEACE.

LET ME PASS THE NIGHT IN PEACE.

O LORD, WHO HAS NO LORD,

THERE IS NO STRENGTH BUT IN YOU.

YOU ALONE HAVE NO OBLIGATION.

UNDER YOUR HAND I PASS THE NIGHT.

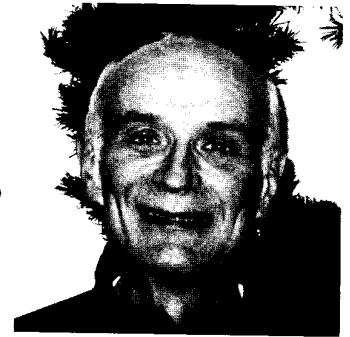
YOU ARE MY MOTHER AND MY FATHER.

-KENYA

For more information on *Prayer without Borders*, as well as how to order it through SERRV International, visit www.crsprayer.org. Or call SERRV International at 800-685-7572. To learn more about Catholic Relief Services' grassroots advocacy efforts visit www.crs.org/grassroots.cfm. To drop Barb a line, write to anniewim@juno.com.

Spotlight

on Board Member
Mark Malangoni MD



What is your involvement with Beacon Street?

I had seen a Beacon Street presentation at our son's PSR class a number of years ago. I have also heard a number of favorable comments from others who have been exposed to Beacon Street

Your occupation?

Chair, Department of Surgery,
MetroHealth Medical Center Cleveland

Your birthday: November 3, 1949

Tell us about your family:

Nancy and I have been married for 32 years. We have 3 sons, ages 28, 25, 22 (how's that for Type A family planning!). Joe is a financial analyst in New York City. Mike is a salesman at Everything Birkenstock at Shaker Square. And Jon is a senior undergraduate student at Cornell University.

Do you have a favorite author?

I love to read. Right now, John Steinbeck is my favorite author.

Favorite movie: Stars Wars

Beacon Street's best attribute:

Exposure of young people to the importance of faith in their lives

Personal motto: None

Editor's note: At a recent board meeting, I shared a short story about Nkosi Johnson, a youngster from South African, born with AIDS, who lived with great courage and hope. Near the end of his life, he share the following motto with an ABC correspondent who would write a book about Nkosi. Dr. Mark later asked me for the reference. He liked this motto:

"Do all you can with what you have in the time you have in the place you are."
(from *We Are All the Same* by Jim Wooten.)