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# NEAR-DEATH HER CAUSE

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TORONTO — The winds were howling, the snow was blinding and the icy waters were waiting to freeze or drown her but Yvonne Kason was as calm and peaceful as she'd ever felt.

The Toronto-area physician — along with three other people — went down with a disabled twin-propeller plane in a blizzard in Northern Ontario in 1979.

Following the crash-landing on ice, Kason scrambled out of the sinking plane and swam for land.

"As I swam, I felt my consciousness lift and expand out of my body until my viewpoint was about 15 feet above my body," she says.

"At that point I felt embraced

by a loving intelligence, and I felt full of rapture and bliss. There was also a sense of a pervading white light. I was watching my physical body as it nearly drowned, and I was feeling the best emotion I've ever had in my life."

She felt the same sensation as she pulled herself to shore. Kason recalled later after her rescue and while in hospital: "Suddenly, I was back. I was rubbing my legs, enjoying the sensation of being back in my body. I knew I was going to live."

Since then, Kason has come to believe she had what is now known as a near-death experience.

Kason has spoken to more than 300 patients who say they have felt



YVONNE KASON push for acknowledgment

completely changed by the spiritual experiences that came through illness, threatened death, prayer or meditation.

Kason has also formed a network of international physicians with similar interests. Together, they are participating in a study that involves collecting 500 case histories.

They aim, Kason explains, "to present this to the medical and scientific communities so they will acknowledge that it is real."

This month, Kason is also announcing the establishment of the Spiritual Emergence Research and Referral Clinic in Toronto, in which eight doctors will accept referrals of patients who have had such experiences.

nine days ago.

In another poll, the Apoyo organization Fujimori's approval rating was

United Press International

LIMA, Peru — A polling group said yesterday that President Alberto Fujimori's approval rating in the capital leapt to 75 per cent after

Fujimori