

“THE FIELDS *are already* WHITE FOR THE HARVEST”

Since 1927, Christian Science branch churches and societies have brought the healing ministry of Christian Science to jails, juvenile camps and correctional institutions operated by the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department.

During 2018, this Committee has shared the message of the Christ, Truth, with over 10,000 “unprejudiced minds,” through:

- Christian Science Church Services and Sunday School
- Christian Science Lectures
- Sharing copies of: *The Bible, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, The Herald of Christian Science, Christian Science Sentinel, The Christian Science Journal, and The Christian Science Monitor*
- Thousands of interviews, many followed by requests for Christian Science treatment.

This Committee is distinct in our governance, staffing and funding from the State-wide Institution Committee while sharing the same commitment to this healing work.

The fruitage that follows is shared with the knowledge and consent of the inmates involved, and is taken from reports on file with this Committee.

“The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” (Psalms 100:5)

• One young man said during class, “I feel so peaceful right now.” Another said, “I love hearing passages from the Bible. They are so helpful and inspiring.” One week, another young man said, “I’m seeing good in everyone. In fact, I think God made everyone good. We’ve just been taught some things that aren’t true.” (This was from a young man, who a few weeks earlier, adamantly said we were all born in sin.) Last week he said he believed we are all the children of God.

• While quoting John, “As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you;” (Isa. 66:13), I asked the men, “Who of you when growing up felt like a friend’s mother was like your own?” Every hand went up. Each gentleman told a story of how a close friend would make them a member of their family. Then I said that if they could feel this motherly love from another man’s mother, they could feel this love from their Father-Mother God.

• A man whose mother had been addicted to cocaine and who had never known his parents was adamant that he

was born in sin, that evil is real, and that God makes evil. But he was willing to explore the Christian Science perspective of God, and I gave him some jsh-online articles and some references from Miscellaneous Writings. He was relieved to see that he might find freedom from evil in this new way of understanding God.

“...be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” (Romans 12:12)

• A gentleman covered in gang tattoos intelligently expressed his desire to follow the ways of the Lord. I saw through his enslavement to his true identity as a child of God: free, pure, joyful, and expressing dominion over the earth. I thought about him on the way home. This is what we do! It is simple yet powerful. We express the Christ and offer it to the world.

• A young woman who was covered in tattoos devoured the copy of *Science and Health* I had given her. Her appearance had absolutely no connection with the joy and godness she expressed. She had been sharing the gospel

of CS with anyone who would listen. She told me she had been healed of earaches and a sore leg. We both laughed when I handed her a *Sentinel* with its focus on "peeling off labels." She was certainly doing that!

- A gentleman who has attended church services for about 2 months, and is reading *Science and Health*, told me several weeks ago that somebody had taken all of his books, including his copy of *Science and Health*. He believed that if he told the deputies, the deputies would check every individual's bunk and turn everything upside down, and the other men in the module would be very upset and might cause this man a great deal of anxiety. He felt he had no choice but to remain quiet and accept the loss. I told him he could turn to prayer and begin by acknowledging the truth that God made man all good, honest and upright. Stealing isn't a part of God's man. He agreed with the truth. The following week he was so happy to tell me that all of his books had been returned. At first, he wanted to say it was a miracle, he was fortunate or lucky. I reminded him that a child who follows the laws of math and gets his homework correct doesn't believe it was a miracle or that he was fortunate or lucky. I asked him if he did something. He agreed that he had acknowledged, with me, that man is honest and free from the belief of stealing. We rejoiced in the return of his books and the proof that knowing the real truth about man does set man free.

"By lifting thought above error, or disease, and contending persistently for truth, you destroy error." (*Science and Health*, page 400:18)

- A young woman who has attended the Christian Science church services regularly for about a year, reading *Science and Health*, striving to understand the teachings of Christian Science and refusing to take a plea bargain because she is innocent, recently had a breakthrough in understanding Christian Science. The allness of God, good became real in her consciousness. Having endured monthly menstrual pains for many years, she felt impelled to know the truth that God made her all good. Since God didn't make pain, she couldn't suffer from something that really didn't exist. As she lifted her thought above the belief of pain and held to the truth, the pain disappeared. This clear proof of the power of Truth strengthened her faith and trust in this law of God. Several days later, she started to suffer from a headache. Immediately she rejected the belief and acknowledged that she expressed only good. The headache was gone. She shared both healings at a church service and encouraged others to stay with this truth until the light of understanding dawns in consciousness. The following week the woman went to court and was set free. I was informed later by some women in her module that all charges were dropped and she was set free at the court and didn't return to CRDF.

- A man experiencing severe pain was asked if he would like

prayer. We talked and prayed, and the man said that he felt a healing effect. The pain greatly lessened, and in two days it was completely gone.

"Truth is affirmative and confers harmony." (*Science and Health*, page 418)

- A man to whom I had previously given a *Science and Health* was walking back to his cell, accompanied by a guard. He called out to me and thanked me with great enthusiasm thanking me for the little book I had given him. He later told me he was quite sure he had fractured his wrist and he couldn't move it freely or put weight on it. He requested to see a doctor and while waiting he decided to use what he was learning from *Science and Health*, knowing that an injury is not of God and therefore is unreal. He was healed! He did a push up for me to show how complete the healing was. He admitted that when he started reading the book he was somewhat skeptical. He is also not taking medication any more after seeing the results of Christian Science in his life. Also he said that his sister tearfully apologized to him for the poor treatment his family gave him due to his disabilities. His understanding of *Science and Health* has shown that he no longer has learning disabilities due to his new reliance on God. If he doesn't understand a sentence or word he asks God for clarity and gets it. He is very grateful and enthused about praying for others and seeing good results.

- The name of an individual kept coming to mind, so I decided to stop at her module. I was informed by the deputy that she had just collapsed and had been rushed to the main clinic. When I arrived at the clinic, I recognized her on a gurney outside the doctor's office in severe pain and having difficulty breathing. I asked the head nurse if I could speak with the young woman and read to her. I then spoke to the young woman and she let me read several passages from the Bible. I asked her if she would like me to pray for her. She nodded her head. She began to calm down and the nurse wheeled her to a private room. I told the girl I would continue praying for her. I drove home, praying about the situation. A clear sense of the absolute presence of good and harmony filled my consciousness. The following morning, I went back to the clinic and learned that she had been returned to her module and was doing fine. The nurse even made a call to the module and told the deputy I was on my way to see the young woman. During our visit she asked me how she could know this truth or activate this power. I shared some ideas. Knowing where the light switch is in a room is very important. However, it is not enough to make the light destroy the darkness. You must turn on the switch. In other words, one must know where the truth is found. God is Truth. The power that heals is found in the Bible and *Science and Health* and the "still small voice" speaking peaceful and true thoughts. We must trust and act upon the peaceful and true thoughts. After sharing these ideas and referring her to statements in *Science and Health*,

she seemed more confident. Several days later she went to court and was released. I was so grateful for our conversation, her experiencing healing, and her desire to learn more about Christian Science and how it heals.

"Let Truth uncover and destroy error in God's own way, and let human justice pattern the divine." (Science and Health, page 542)

• About three months ago, after a church service, a young man asked for a one-on-one interview. He was facing a serious charge of felony. He was extremely fearful about his court case, remorseful, confused, disappointed, and disturbed about how he got himself into this situation. He thought his job, career, home, and everything he had worked for were destroyed by this incident. We turned to the Bible and *Science and Health* for guidance and a sense of justice and peace. Each week I visited him and shared fresh healing ideas. Each week he studied the passages, listened for thoughts of peace, and filled his consciousness with truth. Week by week I could tell he was more peaceful, humble, receptive and more confident in the allness of God, good. Conversations were filled with Truth and an assurance that God was in control, and all was well. Several weeks ago, I went to see him and was informed that he had been set free. There was great joy in the pod.

• A young man said he believed in God and wanted to feel more Godlike and to stop being angry and upset. We read many Bible passages about God's goodness and man being the image and likeness of God. He liked what he heard and said he would come back the next week. I told him to listen for God's voice during the week and asked him to think about Psalm 85:8, "I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace unto his people." He returned the following week. I asked him how his week went. He said it was very peaceful. I shared more Bible verses, which he read. I also shared how the truths in the Bible heal and set us free. I shared a few experiences. He wrote a lot of ideas in his little notebook. He said he'd see me the next week.

"I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people,..." (Psalms 85:8)

• I was particularly touched when at the end of the repetition of the Lord's Prayer one of the attendees said, "Can we say that again?" I felt very clearly this was proof of the healing power of that wonderful prayer and of Mrs. Eddy's spiritual sense of that prayer that was new to that man.

• As we entered the facility a social worker expressed gratitude for our being at there. At the end of the day as we left, a nurse entering the facility asked us to pray for her 13-year-old daughter who had attempted suicide. We were certainly willing to do so and knew that everyone in that

situation can be blessed by God.

• For almost a year I visited a well-educated woman who was angry at everyone, especially God. She was cynical and bitter, but she respected the *Christian Science Monitor* and Mary Baker Eddy. She read the *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy* series, as well as the *Monitor*, *Sentinel*, and *Journal*. Then she accepted a copy of *Science and Health* and asked good questions each time we met. Before she was released, she expressed heartfelt gratitude for the church services, our talks, and the literature. She had been transformed and regenerated. Even her appearance was changed. She fairly glowed with happiness. She said, "I used to be mad at God, but I am not anymore."

"...the kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:21)

• Jesus said, Luke 17:21, "Behold, the kingdom of God is within you." This verse from the *Weekly Bible Lesson* really resonated with one of the new attendees at the church service. After reading the *Bible Lesson*, we had a very thoughtful conversation, and I commented that in the kingdom of God there is no place for a "pity party." Within a few moments he responded, "That's just what I needed to know. I've been having a pity party. That's why I'm here." He shook my hand warmly and said, "Thank you so much. Christian Science is so enlightening."

• A gentleman was much affected by the church service. He came up to us in tears and was hardly able to speak. He said how wonderful the Scientific Statement of Being is -- how simple and logical! He was given a copy of it as well as a copy of *Science and Health*. What a grateful heart he was!

"Mankind must learn that evil is not power." (Science and Health, page 102:30)

• "Mankind must learn that evil is not power." (*Science and Health*, p 102:30) When thought awakens to this spiritual fact and realizes that evil is a lie, an illusion of mortal mind, thought is transformed and seeks salvation through an understanding of the allness of God, Good, Spirit. One week at a church service a man had come to this realization that evil was not power. Recognizing this belief as a lie, he shared his concern about attending other religious services, which he had done for some time. He wanted my advice. Since he'd found the Christian Science services most comforting, logical, harmonious, and freeing, he wanted confirmation that he was doing the right thing by attending only the Christian Science church service. I told him that I could not give advice or opinions, but that listening to God, divine Mind, an answer of peace would come to him. The Bible says in Psalms 85:8, "I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace unto his people...." Shortly thereafter, he said he received his answer. He's been attending our church services ever since.

- After picking up and reading a jsh-online article left on a table in the dayroom in his pod, a gentleman came to a church service filled with joy, inspiration, enthusiasm, and conviction that he'd finally found an explanation for God and man that sounded right and true. He said he'd been searching for a true sense of God and Truth since he was a teenager. As soon as he heard the words, "If you wish to attend the Christian Science church service, line up at the door fully-dressed," he made a beeline to the door and was the first to take a seat, mind you, in the front row. He told me about the article and his hunger and desire to learn more of this truth. He asked many questions as the others arrived and sat down. He was fully engaged and sat rapt at attention. After the church service, he took one of every article, a *Sentinel*, *Journal*, *Full text Bible Lesson*, *Bible* and *Science and Health*. He had never heard of Christian Science before reading the article. He was an inspiration to the other men and articulated his amazement in finding the Christ, Truth in jail.

- Some months ago, a gentleman who'd attended church services in the Hope unit at MCJ was so grateful to see me at Twin Towers. I was grateful to see him and glad that he had been moved to the general population and was no longer

wearing a suicide gown. He was extremely happy and grateful for the opportunity to continue his study of Christian Science. Over the next few months he attended church regularly, read the Spanish *Science and Health*, Bible, and full-text Bible Lessons, as well as jsh-online articles and *Heraldos*. He'd had many proofs of God's goodness, love, protection, regeneration, harmony, transformation, and peace. He always had a smile on his face and kissed my hand after each church service. Then one day he asked the deputy if he could speak to me privately in a one-on-one interview. The deputy agreed. During the conversation he expressed much gratitude and progress in his life, with his wife and family. Then he told me he'd been diagnosed with a rare blood disease. He indicated that the doctors held little hope for his recovery. with little hope for recovery. He asked for me to pray for him. I wrote down some verses from the Bible and statements from Science and Health and asked him to think about them each day. I said I would pray for him and see him the following week. Unfortunately, he was at "visits" the next two weeks, so I wasn't able to see or talk with him. I continued to pray. The week following, he came to the church service very joyful and privately told me that he was healed and that all was well. He had a hard time expressing his gratitude in English.

This Committee is SO grateful for all our dear chaplains, workers and the church representatives for all their selfless work, and the chaplains and workers have expressed their gratitude for being part of this healing ministry!

FACILITIES WE SERVE:

- Men's Central Jail
- Twin Towers
- Century Regional Detention Facility
- North County Correctional Facility
- Peter J. Pitchess Detention Center
- Camp Glenn Rocky

MONTHLY FRUITAGE MEETINGS

We hold monthly in-person fruitage meetings on the fourth Friday of each month, (except in February, November and December) in the Sunday School of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Pasadena at 80 South Oakland Ave at Green St. Conference call-in available, and visitors are always welcome!

To join with us in the holy work, or for additional information, or to make a contribution to this Committee, please contact our secretary:

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FINANCIALS:

Total receipts: \$38,407 (including a one-time gift of \$15,000)
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