

Committee on  
Christian Science  
Work in Los Angeles  
County Institutions

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*"...I was in prison, and ye came unto me."*

-Christ Jesus (Matt.25:36)

*"...Christ, Truth, the spirit of Life and the friend of Mortal Man,  
can open wide those prison doors and set the captive free."*

-Mary Baker Eddy ("Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," p. 433:31)

*Our Chaplains and workers tell of activity that runs the gamut of Christian Science. Physical healings, as well as healings of fear, ignorance, anger, hardness of heart, hopelessness, and discouragement are reported every month. Misunderstandings about Christian Science are also corrected. Lives are being transformed as the Bible Lesson is read in the county jails each week. (The Bible Lesson includes readings from the Bible and the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy.) The Committee is very grateful for all of the healings reported by the Chaplains in the past year.*

"IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD." (JOHN 1:1)

## **The Word of God Heals:**

After the Bible Lesson on "Spirit," a man came forward to say "I really felt the Holy Spirit here today and I feel wonderful." Another man said that he wasn't feeling well when he heard the call to the service so he wasn't going to come, but he did and now he felt fine! Part of this Bible Lesson spoke about forgiveness. Another attendee said that the Bible Lesson taught him that he must forgive and now he can do that. He felt liberated from the feeling he had when he arrived at the service.

Before a service, a man said, "I feel sick." The Chaplain told him that he must do what he felt was best for himself, but that this was a healing service and he could expect to be healed. The Chaplain said, "The topic is 'Love' from the Bible Lesson Sermon and it's a very powerful statement of Love's all-presence and power to heal you." He remained and after the service he said he felt fine. Then he asked for a copy of the book (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*) by Mary Baker Eddy.

A woman came to an interview (a one-on-one prayerful conversation between the Chaplain and the inmate) holding her jaw in pain. During the interview, she gratefully acknowledged she was free of pain. She expressed gratitude for the healing and for the interview.

A woman, who'd attended several church services and had received a copy of *Science and Health* several weeks earlier, came to me in tears following a church service. She said she had a sore throat and had pains in her chest. She was very fearful and concerned. I tenderly comforted her and assured her of God's ever present love and care for her. I gave her some citations to read from the Bible and S&H and told her I would pray for and with her. Several days later, I went to see her. She said the sore throat was healed and the pain in her chest had disappeared. She was so grateful and thanked me for all she was learning about God and Christian Science.

A regular attendee had a painful lump under her arm. She prayed. Before the biopsy was performed, the painful lump had disappeared.

## **Primitive Christianity Blesses All:**

An inmate who had served with the military had been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He had done some bad things as a result, and had been