

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 Rockey

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 Reading Room 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 Nanci Newman at 323-664-4910 or CS_LA_CI@yahoo.com.
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FINANCIALS:

Total receipts: \$43,482 (including a one-time gift of \$15,000)
Total disbursements: \$47,206.

COMMITTEE on
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
WORK in
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
INSTITUTIONS

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“Come
and See
the Works
of God”

(Ps 66:5)

ANNUAL REPORT
2017

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 2017, 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,
Bibles
and Science and Health's,
Heraldo's of Christian Science,
Christian Science Sentinels & Journals
Christian Science Monitors, and
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 spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.” (Isa. 61:1)

At one of the services an inmate who had been reading *Science and Health* noticed in the chapter, “Atonement and Eucharist,” how one needs to stop sinning and that it is not enough just to go to church. The same individual

asked if we could pray for a bird he had found injured in the yard. I assured him we could and that I would and that he could, too.

In one of the Bible Lessons, the very end of the story of Joseph was told, where he forgives his brothers. I thought it wise to summarize all that Joseph had been through up to that point. After I did so, one of the men said that he, too, was innocent. Of all the Bible stories to share, this was certainly the right one for him. Certainly God is in charge and guiding us all!

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

A woman took her Bible to court. In the holding cell, seven women asked her to read some of the Bible citations I had given her. The women expressed gratitude for the peace they experienced after listening to the citations. When returning to the holding cell, they all expressed gratitude for the quick and harmonious resolution of their court cases.

An inmate awaiting trial in a holding area was reading his *Science and Health*. Another inmate saw this and asked him for his own copy. I was given the man's name and booking number, and I delivered the book to him, even though he had been moved to another facility. Certainly all of us were being led and guided!

“Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalms 46:10)

A gentleman at our service suffered a seizure and fell to the floor while I was reading the Bible Lesson. I went to him immediately. He appeared to be lifeless and unconscious. I spoke to him in a clear calm voice and said, “God is your Mind, and you hear God's voice.” After the deputy arrived, I continued praying and knowing that God, good, Truth, was the only power, and that health and harmony were present. I recalled Jesus saying to the man with the withered hand, “Stretch forth thine

hand.” The man did so, and his hand was perfect. I thought God might be saying to this man, “Stand up!” When the medical staff arrived the nurse asked him, “Can you stand up?” I knew the man was awake, conscious, expressing life, without any human intervention from the nurse. He said, “Yes!” and stood up and sat on the gurney. After they took him to the clinic, we continued the Bible Lesson. The men had many questions about the healing they had witnessed. They all agreed that knowing the truth about God and man as Jesus taught it and demonstrated – was the power that healed and restored the man’s normal sense of movement and life. The men continued talking about this healing for several weeks, and many new individuals came to the services in order to learn about this healing truth.

A young man was constantly being tempted to make a phone call while attending Bible class. We talked about the statement in the Lord’s Prayer, “Deliver us from temptation.” He quieted down. At the end of the class, he expressed gratitude for this understanding that God, Truth, Mind, delivers man from temptation.

“The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour in floodtides of Love. (SH page 201)

A woman was suffering from an abscessed tooth but received no response when she pressed the emergency button in her cell. She knew the truth and acknowledged that she was a child of God, and that God had made her pure and good. She fell asleep. The next day she went to the clinic and was scheduled to have oral surgery at a later date. Shortly after she again felt severe pain. She trusted solely in the truth that good is the only cause and power. The pain disappeared, and she never had the surgery.

“Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man.” (SH page 393)

A man began reading *Science and Health* with skepticism, but after about 200 pages he was convinced of the truth set forth by Mary Baker Eddy and decided to apply it to a painful torn rotator cuff in his shoulder which needed surgery. He was healed in a few days. He loves the logic of the textbook. Later he received news that his dad was unconscious in the hospital. He realized that God was seeing his dad as perfect. That evening his dad regained consciousness and was later able to return home. He appreciates the older pamphlets on science and business as he prepares for work upon release from jail.

Many share that when they feel anxious, angry, alone, or fearful, they read the Bible, *Science and Health*, or the Christian Science periodicals and find peace, hope, and inspiration.

A woman in a suicide gown said she was released from demons and able to now appreciate and reach out to others. No longer on suicide watch, she said of *Science and Health*, “This book saved my life.”

Another felt more peace and a greater understanding of God. She requested a textbook, and since reading it she no longer hears troubling voices.

Many share that they are able to walk away from situations which earlier would have resulted in fights.

One who usually did not take any literature because he was content with his Study Bible was upset that he was lacking in inspiration. When encouraged to take a *Science and Health*, he agreed. The next week he was

happy to share that reading the textbook was like taking a magnifying glass to the Bible, bringing greater understanding.

Another new reader asked, “Why isn’t this better known?”

A woman had suffered from epileptic seizures for thirty years. Her thought was open to being healed. She shared that she always had a seizure three days after not taking medication. This was the third day. Many truths were shared. Over the next several weeks she expressed gratitude for being free of seizures and medication.

-A man in a wheelchair received *Science and Health*, and a month later he was walking. He attributed the healing to the textbook, which was filled with notes.

-A woman joyously shared that she feels the Holy Spirit, and that after being homeless for ten years will now have permanent housing upon release.

-A man’s eyesight improved while reading *Science and Health*.

-Many are satisfied with the outcomes of their trials and go to court without fear and with the expectation of God’s will being done.

-A man in a psych ward said he was healed of a hernia problem through prayer. When he hears a disturbance in his pod he prays and has noticed that it brings peace. Many share their love of Christian Science with others.

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.” (II Cor. 5:17)

A woman charged with a felony learned about Christian Science and trusted God, divine Mind, to govern every aspect of her life. The

felony was reduced to a misdemeanor, and her teaching credential was restored. Her concept of man had been transformed from that of a mortal, material, limited being to man as the beloved, pure, wise, innocent child of God. She felt like a new woman!

In June, a man was thrilled to be accepted into membership in The Mother Church after attending weekly church services for about six months.

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