



A Testimony of Healing

[The following is a testimony of Christian Science healing gratefully received by Wide Horizon more than 10 years ago. The testifier's name has been withheld as was requested at that time.]

I submit this testimony with the hope that it will give courage to others who may be facing severe physical difficulties. In the late 1990's I became limited in my movements with considerable discomfort. Since I am a widow and live alone, there came a morning when I was having extreme difficulty and the Christian Science practitioner who was praying for me said, "You need to be in a Christian Science nursing facility." I was taken to Wide Horizon and put in intensive care where I remained for five months, though part of that time I was in a wheelchair. I grew worse for a while and lost weight; however, this was a time of significant spiritual growth.

I spent all the time I could striving to thoroughly digest the teachings of the Bible and Mary Baker Eddy's writings, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* and *Prose Works*, as well as other Christian Science books and literature. I also spent many hours in silent prayer for the world and myself, especially in the evenings sitting in the dark and looking out at the stars. I poured out my heart to God. Desiring to obey Christ Jesus'

first commandment to love God supremely above all else, I told our heavenly Father-Mother over and over that I loved Him with my whole being, and that no matter what the human condition seemed to be I loved Him (Spirit) more than all flesh. My motive was not to just have a comfortable body but to keep on loving more both God and His idea man. I thanked Him for fashioning me after His own likeness and for my being His spiritual child only. Beyond doubt and darkness, I affirmed that God was my Mind, my Life, my substance, my intelligence, my all, and I claimed no other. I knew my true selfhood to be His idea, His image, and not physique. My highest prayer was and still is: "Father, let you and me be one and let that One be you."

The physical condition seemingly affected my body from the top of my head to the tip of my toes. One time a nurse was helping me shower, and when I looked down at my body she must have seen my shocked expression, for she said, "Don't believe the appearance." I had to do that to keep from being terribly frightened.

There was a point when I began to gradually improve. I tried to be helpful to others at Wide Horizon. I read Christian Science books and

literature to other patients, read their mail to them and helped write their letters. When it was evident that I was getting well enough to go home, the nurses started preparing me for this event. In order to regain my confidence in driving, one nurse urged me to get into a car wearing house slippers on my feet and had me do some driving in a residential area. Shortly after that she took me to a shoe store where I was fitted with shoes two and a half sizes larger than I am wearing now (my normal size) and then had me drive in traffic. I was and am so grateful for the loving and strong support of such wonderful nurses who helped me demonstrate my God-given dominion.

I was still recuperating when I returned home. Friends from church cleaned my house and brought me food. But it wasn't long before I was entirely on my own with the One God.

I am now in my mid-eighties, and my movements are free and easy. In fact, I am agile and feel strong. I easily do my house and yard work, and take care of all my affairs. I'm active as usual in my church. A visiting friend has said, "You haven't changed in twenty years." How wonderful it is to know that Divine Love is infinite and good to all! I rejoice that all healing is possible to God.

Gratitude & Healing

“This demonstration happened years ago. At that time, I suddenly experienced pain, itching on my back. I was scratching! After some days of this I realized it needed real attention. It was a Saturday night and I looked at my back. A large area was bleeding, very painful. The word ‘shingles’ came to me. I had no idea of what that was. I began to deny the itching, then the inflammation – denying the appearance. I was God’s child and this was no part of me. As I was praying along these lines, the mental directive came very strongly ‘deny liability.’ I thought it was a very strange thing to come to my thought. I had been taught to obey angel messages. I began to deny any liability, and rather affirmed I was an emanation of divine Mind. I didn’t sleep very well, but when awake, I continued to deny liability. I accepted the inspiration from Spirit. In the morning as I was dressing, I discovered my back was perfectly normal, and that has continued to be the case. The whole thing of error passed into its native nothingness. About 6–7 weeks later, I saw in the newspaper a small article that indicated that if you had a specific disease in childhood you, were liable to experience shingles. Whenever this ‘liability’ is reported on TV I deny it—with authority, because I have demonstrated it to be untrue. It has been more than 20 years since this healing. Since that time there never has been any return of any of the symptoms.”

— M. B., Guest

“My stay at Wide Horizon was very nice. I thought the quality of the nursing care was exceptional and the nurses were very kind. The facility is very clean and well-organized. I’d feel very comfortable recommending Wide Horizon to my friends if there was a need.”

— J.T., Former Guest

“I am very grateful this Thanksgiving (2013) for all the love and support my mother and I received while she was your care. Your continual kindness is so appreciated. We are blessed. We repeatedly talked about how grateful we were that she was able to be [at Wide Horizon]. The family members and visitors who called and came to see Mom were treated with respect. They all expressed appreciation and comfort that she was well cared for. Thank you so much.”

— J.H., Family Member

“Thank you all for the wonderful care my mother ... is receiving!”

— C.A., Family Member

“I was raised as a Christian Scientist. About 20 years ago, my mother needed support during a physical challenge. Wide Horizon came to our attention, so we moved my mother there from a distant city. We immediately felt that Wide Horizon was a wonderful place for her to be, and the nursing care she received met the need. While I am no longer practicing Christian Science, I have made contributions to Wide out of gratitude for the care my mother received all those years ago.”

— M.K., Family Member

“It was always my mother’s wish to be cared for at Wide Horizon, if there was ever a need. Having [her] there is a blessing. My sisters and I are grateful for the wonderful, supportive care [she] is receiving.”

— P.L.D., Family Member

Another guest’s family member expressed gratitude for her mother’s care, especially in view of it being her birthday. The daughter spoke of how much joy her mother expressed for the day!

An individual indicated that she had been a patient at Wide Horizon during

the '80s for over a year. Her gratitude has made her a consistent financial supporter for all these years. She says that she always will be supporting Wide Horizon financially.

Another individual supports Wide Horizon because it is a way for Christian Scientists to support other Christian Scientists in need. She indicated that she might need the services that Wide Horizon provides herself someday. But whether she did or not, at least we’re taking care of one another.

Community Service / Volunteer Opportunities

Wide Horizon can provide an opportunity for you, your family, and/or friends to fulfill a community service requirement or give back to your community. There are numerous opportunities to complete a community service plan or hours at Wide Horizon, such as:

- Assisting in activities with our guests
- Helping with the coordination of volunteers and activities
- Assisting in the Administrative Offices with organizing, filing, projects, etc.
- Helping out on the grounds with seasonal tasks
- Designing your own unique service gift based on your skills and talents
- Giving a musical performance or slide presentation for the guests
- Beautifying the garden areas by weeding, pruning and tending these special areas

Contact Jan Dillingham at ext. 3028.

Healing Mission of the Benevolent Associations

Excerpts from an article in the *Christian Science Sentinel* of December 17, 1927:

"This home is not only providing a place of shelter for those seeking relief from human ills who are able to assume the expense incident thereto, but at the same time the generosity of Christian Scientists throughout the field is providing for those who may be able to pay their expenses only in part or not at all, thus meeting the need of individuals, irrespective of personal financial circumstances."

"Christian Scientists everywhere should feel within themselves a thrill of joy in knowing that through this beneficent charity they are bringing to a great number of people the healing which they seek. They should also feel that it is an influence in the world as an example of that Christianity which is so important as the animating spirit through which humanity is ultimately to find liberation from all its ills, and to discover what constitutes the eternal kingdom of heaven, now and everywhere."

"The idea of our Sanatorium, as

presented by Mrs. Eddy, must be regarded as one of the most compassionate undertakings of our great movement."

(Also see the pamphlet "The Healing Mission of the Benevolent Associations." In addition, see *Christian Science Sentinel*: January 25, 1919; April 8, 1922; December 17, 1927; "Forget not all his benefits," January 10, 1953; "The Christian Science Nurse," November 28, 1942.)

Welcome to the TEAM!

We are grateful to welcome **Laurie Hickenlooper** to our Activities team. She will be joining Jan Dillingham (who recently requested to cut back her hours) and **Judy Fryberger** in coordinating activities and events for our guests. Welcome aboard, Laurie!

Dee Baughman joined the Christian Science nursing team six months ago. Dee loves working the night shift. We're very grateful!

We're also grateful to have **Chovane Vang** rejoin the team in Food Service. Chovane is now an Assistant Cook.

Lastly, **Bob Reiman** of Colorado Springs joined the Board of Directors in 2013, so the bowl of gratitude is filled up full!



Clearway Foundation Matching Grant Met!

We are sincerely grateful to all of our donors who generously contributed to the Clearway Foundation matching grant of \$10,000. This match for benevolence was met the first week of December 2013. In fact, after the match was met we received an additional amount toward benevolence of about \$9,000.

THANK YOU Clearway Foundation and all donors VERY MUCH!

Christian Scientists and Health Care Insurance

With all the talk and information about health care and the Affordable Care Act (ACA, often known as Obamacare), here are a few related thoughts from the perspective of a Christian Science nursing organization.

First of all, anyone who is retirement age and able to draw Social Security, is eligible for Medicare and does not need to purchase any additional health care insurance. It is important to note because there are many different insurance companies advertising their "Medicare Advantage Plans." Regardless, the best Medicare coverage a Christian Scientist can have is the primary version that comes directly from the U.S. government. Note: **Medicare Advantage Plans are not an advantage for Christian Scientists.**

While Wide Horizon occasionally has been able to get payment for a patient who has been at Wide Horizon from one of these insurance companies, often known as a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), (such as Kaiser Permanente and Aetna), or as a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), (such as Blue Cross Blue Shield), it is always very difficult. In the case of an HMO, the most important factor in whether Wide Horizon is paid or not is that the patient must be "pre-authorized" by someone in the insurance company before the individual can come to Wide Horizon. The insurance company (instead of Wide Horizon's very experienced Christian Science Nurses) then decides how long it determines the duration of the coverage. This may even entail a physician or agent of the

company to visit the facility to check on the patient to determine his/her progress.

What we know about the Affordable Care Act for individuals under the retirement age is that so far the professional representatives of The Mother Church have not been able to gain any accommodations or exceptions to the law. Note at this point, Christian Scientists are still required to purchase health care insurance (of a policy that meets the standards set forth in the law) prior to March 15 or pay the penalty. During this first year (2014) the penalty for not having insurance is 1% of the individual's gross pay. So an individual who made \$40,000 (before taxes) in 2013 would have to pay a \$400 penalty. This is considerably less than purchasing health insurance.

Wish List

- Toro Dingo TX-420 (new: \$16,000; used: \$8,500)



- Additional paved walking paths for guests (\$20,000 - \$30,000)
- Computers & software upgrades from Windows XP to 7 Professional, MS Office 2003 to 2010 (\$7,500)
- Used large luxury sedan in good condition for transportation of guests (lower mileage & leather seats desired)

We are sincerely grateful for divine Love's abundance expressed through the generosity of those who give as the widow's mite and those who give so unexpectedly with figurative pots of gold!



"I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing."
— Christ Jesus, John 15:5

Recent Events at Wide Horizon

- Principia Club/Discovery Bound “Christmas Sing” with vocalist Tanya Perkins on Dec 15.
- The Board of Directors “hosted” a Christmas party for the staff on December 17. (see photos)
- Scott Huffman performed on our circa 1880’s Steinway upright piano for our guests on Jan 10.
- “Hawaii Day” was a fun celebration in mid-winter for guests and staff on January 23.
- Monthly meetings of the ongoing Bible Study group.



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Thank you!