



Christian Scientists Healing in Africa

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WELCOME!

I Want To Help Africa, Inc. has been receiving testimonies of healings from Christian Scientists in Africa – often from very remote areas – on a weekly and even daily basis. Two of their testimonies are included in this newsletter, which witnesses have verified. We are encouraging all the testifiers to submit their testimonies to the Christian Science periodicals for publication. But so many are pouring in to us that we have decided to share some of these outstanding healings through a new monthly newsletter that anyone can sign up to receive on IWantToHelpAfrica.org. Select the “Sign up for our eNewsletter” box and include the word “healings” in the comment box so you get the right email (we send out other newsletters about our humanitarian work as well).

You may share this with everyone!

FROM BUHERA, ZIMBABWE



Church service

My name is Isaac Magaya Gwara and this is my testimony. This testimony has been translated into English from my native language, Shona. Should anyone conversant with the Shona language want to interview me concerning this testimony I would be happy to confirm it. Thank you.

About five years ago I was suffering from what medical doctors referred to as leg ulcers or cancer of the legs. The sores or wounds were so deep and painful that at one stage I considered having parts of both my legs amputated. I had

had this problem for almost twelve years. And because of this physical challenge my

career as a long distance driver of haulage trucks came to a sad end, and I was broke to my last cent. I had used all my savings in seeking treatment. Apart from medical doctors, I consulted every herbalist and witch doctor I could find but like the woman in the Bible who had a haemorrhage I only grew worse. I then returned to my rural home to die. I had lost all hope of ever escaping this hell. It came to a point that I asked my wife to sleep in a separate room from mine. I screamed so much with pain that she had sleepless nights.

But now I have come to understand that man's extremity is God's opportunity.

One Saturday in August, 2009, as I was lying on a mat in the afternoon wincing with pain, a man whom I knew to be a teacher at our nearby Secondary School, happened to walk by and greeted me so cheerfully that momentarily I forgot my pain. And then he said a surprising thing! "When I return from where I am going, I want to see you off that mat of pain and healed!" I was tongue tied with amazement! Strangely enough something in me believed what he said and I said, "Yes!" He then continued his walk. But my hopes were shortlived because a few moments later the pain came back with a vengeance I had never experienced.

At around 7 o'clock that evening, I had a knock on my door and a voice telling me to get out of my room and be healed once and for all of this lie. I loved the sound of that! The Christian Scientist was back. He asked me if I believed that I would be healed and I said, "It is the power that has sent you here that I believe will heal me because you did not know that I was in such terrible pain." He then commanded me to stand up! I stood up so easily but not without some astonishment! You see, my left leg was partially paralyzed from the knee downwards that I couldn't walk anymore, but crawled around my homestead. I shouted to my wife with joy and said, "Come and see. I can stand on my own! I think I am healed!"

At that moment I felt like confessing all the sins I had ever committed, but he looked in my eyes and said that it was enough that I had woken up. I could go on with my life and sin no more. And the heavy load of a guilty conscience that I had been carrying around my neck just fell. I was free. God loved me and did not know the ugly dream of suffering I had gone through. It was the best news I had ever had. Six or so days later the ugly sores had completely dried up and for the first time in about twelve years wore some shoes. My healing was so dramatic that the whole community wanted to know how it had come about.

Later on the man told me that he was a student of Christian Science and that he had used its ideas to heal me. I am so thankful that he did and so is my wife! I am a brand new husband. You might also be interested to know that a month after I was healed, my physical weight increased by five kgs and the doctors asked what I had eaten and I said, "Christian Science!" They responded, "Continue to eat it!" Now this Christian Scientist has opened Christian Science Church services at the secondary school where he teaches and we are all eating Christian Science! I am so grateful. God is good.

ALSO FROM BUHERA, ZIMBABWE

My name is Beverly Bondai and the following is my testimony. I think you will be blessed by this!

In 2006, I suddenly became seriously ill and nearly passed on. One of the ailments I was diagnosed with was a heart ailment known as tachycardia. My heart would beat so strongly that one could literally see my blouse move. I lost so much weight that I decided to wear oversized clothes to hide the quickened heart beat and my greatly reduced body size. At



Typical home in this area

that time I had two teenage children and worried about their future since I am a widow. I sought medical treatment but would slightly recover, only to quickly have a relapse. And the cruel gossip about my health was unbearable. Even in my presence people would say that individuals with my kind of illness did not have many days to live on earth. I would pretend to smile and laugh it off but I was consumed with great fear.

Then one day I became so ill that I couldn't get out of bed. I told my daughter to go and tell a teacher at our school that I was very ill and couldn't come to work. In a very short time I heard the teacher and his wife knock at the door of my bedroom. I gasped weakly to them to let themselves in, as I couldn't get up. But to my consternation, they asked that I open the door instead! By sheer will power I somehow got up and opened the door and quickly fell back onto a sofa groaning with pain. The teacher looked at me lovingly but in a firm voice told me to wake up! Now that jolted me back into my senses! He asked me who had told me that I had a few years to live and that my time was up? He assured me, "You know very well that God is your Life and that Life can't agree with anything but itself. Wake up!" As he said this I seemed to wake up from a hypnotic sleep. The spell was broken. I felt strength rising inside me. The verse from Ps. 118:17, "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord," had a sudden healing effect on me as the Christian Scientist read it slowly but understandingly to me. I understood the verse to mean that Life was mine to express and that later I would give a testimony about how good God is! For the first time I realized how wonderful it was to be alive. Mwari vakanaka! (God is good!)

Later, I borrowed the only copy in our area of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, the Christian Science textbook. The ideas in it have transformed my life forever! I am grateful to God because He has made me sing a new song! I am now regularly attending the services of an informal church group of Christian Scientists at our school and we are grateful.

Just one more small testimony to add to this long testimony. Using ideas in Science and Health, I healed my goat all by myself, which had been bitten by a poisonous snake. The goat completely recovered within five days and now it has not a single symptom that it was ever bitten by a snake! I affirmed God's loving protection of the goat and left it at that, fully assured that no poison could exist to harm God's creation. What a healing! Christian Science is a wonder!

WEBSITE TO COME

We are also working on a new website “Christian Scientists Healing in Africa” to help all of us be more informed about these healings, as well as about activities and needs of Christian Scientists and Christian Science churches in Africa. The website is not ready yet, but it will be soon.

In the meantime, please do visit our current website by clicking here: IWantToHelpAfrica.org