



### Archive of Healing Testimonies – Fourth Quarter 2020

#### Healing of Colon Cancer

At the funeral of my father's sister, my sister-in-law asked me whether Christian Science can heal any disease. She chuckled when I said, "Yes, of course!", and inquired what made me so very certain. I explained to her that Christian Science is actually God's law of good at work in our lives, and that both I and my friends have experienced many proofs that any challenge can be healed whenever one is receptive to Truth and Love.

She then opened up to me and asked me if I might pray for an aunt whom I had not seen in many years who had been medically diagnosed with cancer of the colon. When my sister-in-law wondered if that disease could be healed in Christian Science, I replied that nothing is beyond the healing love of God's all-power and I agreed to pray for our aunt if she were willing to work with me.

Three days later, my uncle (the husband of my aunt) phoned me to ask if I could come to his home and pray for his wife. He stated that medically speaking, all hope for her recovery seemed to be lost, and that no prayer thus far had helped her in any way. He added that since he loved her so much, he felt that there could be no harm in trying one more prayer for his ailing wife. I said that I would be happy to help, and the following day I went to see them.

On arrival, I asked the pair if we could study Psalm 91 together and to claim every promise made there as our own present reality. After the study, my aunt remarked, "I didn't know that the Word of God promises that I can be healed of any deadly disease! How wonderful! I will work with this!"

I continued to pray daily for my aunt for over six months. Each time we spoke she said she was getting stronger and stronger. But each time she saw the doctors they said that while the cancer was in remission, she would most likely suffer a relapse. When I heard this, I insisted that God's work would not be undone but was being established for His glory!

At one stage it appeared as if she were having a relapse and was about to give up, but I referred her to Isaiah 62, which states in part, "Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate." Among

other things I insisted that we must be able to see the evidence unfold that man is perfect because it is a spiritual fact of being (as we learn in Christian Science) and nothing can change that.

In my prayerful treatment of the problem I also handled the universal lie of incurability by insisting that in reality neither death nor disease exist in God's perfect creation. It didn't seem easy to argue this way due to the wide publicity given to the recent death of a certain prominent figure of so-called cancer of the colon, but I stuck to the spiritual facts of being. A few weeks later, I had a problem with my telephone and I lost my aunt's contact information.

However, six months later, my aunt and her husband phoned me to rejoice that she was completely healed. The doctors had certified that she no longer has any sign of cancer and is in perfect health! My aunt and uncle recently gave this testimony at their church. They also requested that I help them obtain a copy of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, the Christian Science textbook, by Mary Baker Eddy. Mwari vakanaka (God is good) brethren! I rejoice at this evidence of God's never-failing love for His children! - L.

#### HIV-AIDS Healed

I have been cherishing a wonderful testimony for the past eleven months that I would now like to share.

Last year, I attended my first Christian Science church service and was so inspired that I was freed from a paralyzing fear about having full blown HIV-AIDS. At that time, I was a physical wreck – skeletal and bedridden most of the time and in constant pain. Anyone who saw me thought I had only days to live.

Years ago, in 2008 after my husband passed on from what was suspected to be HIV-AIDS and myself being ill at the time, I was persuaded to go for an HIV test at our local clinic. The test came out positive for the disease. From that time onwards, I began to take drugs for the medical condition, but instead of getting better as some people seem to do when they take the drugs, my health deteriorated. I was sick most of the time.

But all that changed when I attended my first Christian Science church service last year. As the truths about God's constant love for man were shared, I became convinced in my heart that I just did not have what a medical diagnosis had said that I had. I realized that I had fallen for a lie about my life and had taken it on as my own! How happy and relieved I was to hear the promise and assurance in the Biblical question, "Behold I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?" (Jeremiah 32:27). Right then and there I made the decision not to take drugs any longer but to rely on the Word of God as my only medicine. No one persuaded me to do this. It was a decision I made in submission to God's will and love for me. From that moment onward my health improved and all the general body pains disappeared. I began to lead a life free of fear.

A few months later, I decided to go to a hospital in Mutare for another HIV test. I wasn't worried because I had decided that, come what may, I would never go back to drug therapy again! Well, the results came out negative! But I wasn't really surprised because I now knew, as Science and Health says, "Health is not a condition of matter, but of Mind; nor can the material senses bear reliable testimony on the subject of health." (120:15-17) After an additional three months, I received another negative test, and I was satisfied that my demonstration is complete and that indeed God is my Life and that nothing evil can invade that Life. I am so grateful to God!

It is now eleven months after my healing and I am convinced that the Christian Science Church was founded for me and for other suffering hearts. I am still rejoicing that I am free to live as a beloved child of God. I hope this testimony will bless you. I am so grateful to share it for the glory of God! - F.

#### Healing of an Apparent Death of a Child

Some months ago, I received a desperate phone call from a mother who requested Christian Science prayerful treatment for her beloved daughter who had just stopped breathing. Although the little girl had been very ill for a while, the mother hadn't been able to reach me by telephone until it seemed that the child's life had ended.

Immediately, in my silent prayer, I rebuked the claim of evil that life can be lost, when, in fact, Life is God. In the words of St. Paul, I knew "none of these things move me [or us]..." (Acts 20:24) for Christian Science reveals that none of the claims of evil can be real or have power. There is "one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Eph. 4:6)

So I assured the mother that, through God, all would be well with the girl. In my prayer, it was very clear that the girl had to be as eternally perfect as her Father is perfect and I acknowledged that this realization could not fail to restore her to normalcy. This made me feel such gratitude to "...God, which had given such power unto men," (Matthew 9:8) – who gives all of us the ability to reflect His omnipotent healing power. I also remembered Eutychus who had fallen from the third loft during one of Paul's sermons and had been taken up dead. "Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him." (Acts 20:10) This little girl's Life was still in her too. "Nothing can interfere with the harmony of being nor end the existence of man in Science." (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy – the Christian Science textbook, 427:14-16) With that, I knew that the healing was at hand.

Within an hour, I was told the little girl rose from her bed completely healed. And she has had no further problems ever since. I thank God for Christian Science, because with it we are indeed comforted! - Y.

### A Healing of Superstitious Fear and of Anxiety Over School Exams

In November 2014, I had enormous fear and anxiety. At that time I was not a Christian Science church member even though my relatives shared Christian Science literature with me. As a family, we belonged to an African apostolic church which was mainly associated with a pastor who incited fear in us by prophesying only evil things. By that time, I was also completing my upper sixth form (12th grade) requirements at Chirozva High School near Zangama in Buhera.

One day, I visited my pastor for help, who our church regarded as “a prophet from the Most High.” Instead of comforting me, or turning me to the Scriptures or to God in prayer, he prophesied to me that I was going to lose my mind! He told me that I had been bewitched by my relatives who had planned to take away my brain and kill me! I was immediately terrified. And the following day I was supposed to write my final examinations at school.

As you could probably guess, my imagination then started to run wild with fears and illusions. The pastor sold me an expensive bottle of holy water with complicated instructions on how to use it as the panacea to solve all my problems. However when I was going back home, I accidentally dropped the bottle and spilled out all the water. In my ignorance, I was tempted to believe that I had just ruined my entire life. (What a cruel experience to put a young person through!)

As I dreaded having to return to see the pastor again, an angel thought came to me from Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." I decided to go home instead.

The Bible verse, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5) became my source of strength. I prayed that this Mind which was reflected in me, being divine, included such qualities as mental sharpness, perception, and recall. I insisted that I was inseparable from the intelligence, understanding, and wisdom of my Creator. This realization gave me peace and confidence. Every time an evil suggestion came to thought, I quickly dismissed it, knowing that divine Love would never send such nonsense. In this way, I completely dispelled my fears and any sense that something was terribly wrong with me.

As I prepared for the school examinations, I simply prayed from my heart, "Thank you, Lord, for showing me that I know what I need to know. Thank you for supplying me with your ideas and knowledge. Thank you for caring for me and helping me to remember that I am Your child and that I am not alone."

Guided by God, I wrote my examinations with confidence, knowing that God always gives us the victory through Christ, Truth. (I Cor. 15:57) I passed my studies resoundingly well. I was even named the Best Student of the Year at my

school. It was during that time that our family finally left the African Apostolic Church and joined the Buhera Christian Science church family, where we are still experiencing plenty of wonderful healings as well as sharing ideas with lovely brothers and sisters. I am so proud to be a Christian Scientist and I am immensely grateful for this healing. - M.

### Healing of Mental Problem and Aging Beliefs

A couple of months ago, a relative called asking me to pray for her sick mum. The mother was believed to be suffering from a serious mental problem together with beliefs about old aging. When I received this phone call, the mother was described as not eating or able to rise from her bed. As I listened, I silently affirmed in prayer that the mother expressed "...the unchanging calm and glorious freedom of spiritual harmony," (S&H 247:31) and that she knew it. I then assured the caller that her mum would get better, even though I could hear the doubt in the daughter's voice.

Another passage from Science and Health came into my mind. "There is but one primal cause. Therefore there can be no effect from any other cause, and there can be no reality in aught which does not proceed from this great and only cause." (207:20-23) I reasoned with this statement until I saw clearly that the so-called enemy in this case was simply a belief in a cause apart from God, and that disbelieving in it would disarm the enemy. Prayer made it so clear that infinite Love alone fills all space, and that the woman could only dwell in the house of the Lord, in the consciousness of Love (S&H 578:16), since there is nothing beyond or outside His tender care.

A few days later, I heard from the daughter that her mum was much better and could eat and walk again. However she still was saying strange things which nobody could understand. I prayed to know that God's work is always complete and that she could not be merely halfway healed! Again, the words of Mary Baker Eddy came to me, "Perfection does not animate imperfection." (S&H 243:31-32) This powerful statement of Truth lifted my thought to see the impossibility that this woman's mental state could be reduced, since man is the image and likeness of God and must therefore reflect His unchanging clarity and grace.

Within two weeks, I heard that the mum had been completely healed; even the weight she'd lost she quickly regained. The whole neighborhood was very impressed by this demonstration of the mighty power of God to heal! - B.