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Dear Friend,

Christian Scientists Healing In Africa, Inc. is dedicated to sharing verified Christian Science healings from Africa, which haven't been shared publicly through any other media. In doing so, we're seeking to support and extend the successful practice of Christian Science healing among all people worldwide.

DECEMBER 8, 2020 NEWSLETTER OF HEALINGS FROM AFRICA

We hope you and your family had a Happy Thanksgiving (if you celebrate that holiday – since this newsletter reaches people around the world). Thank you for joining us in sharing and supporting Christian Science healing in Africa. We hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter of testimonies. Today we're sharing healings of an apparent death of a child, of superstitious beliefs and anxiety over school exams, as well as of a mental problem and aging beliefs.

(In case you missed the opportunity to read October's Newsletter with medically verified Christian Science healings of cancer and HIV/AIDS, please visit our website.)



*"Here from prisoning pain and sorrow
Have we all a sure release,
Only God can bring us gladness,
Only God can give us peace."
(Christian Science Hymnal, Hymn 263)*



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.



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GIVING TUESDAY

Christian Scientists Healing In Africa joined the annual GivingTuesday global generosity movement this year for the first time. Over the past eight years, GivingTuesday (generally observed the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving) has inspired people like you to join forces with nonprofits around the world to promote generosity.

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