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**ANNOUNCING A NEW MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
HEALINGS FROM AFRICA**

Read three healing testimonies below: a healing of a poisonous snake bite; a healing of stroke symptoms; and a healing of swollen legs and high blood pressure



In challenging times such as these, the Bible reassures us that "... safety is of the Lord." (Prov. 21:31) "... for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." (Ps. 4:8)

Our Leader also admonishes – and promises – in "What Our Leader Says":

"Beloved Christian Scientists, keep your minds so filled with Truth and Love, that sin, disease, and death cannot enter them. It is plain that nothing can be added to the mind already full. There is no door through which evil can enter, and no space for evil to fill in a mind filled with goodness. Good thoughts are impervious armor; clad therewith you are completely shielded from the attacks of error of every sort. And not only yourselves are safe, but all whom your thoughts rest upon are thereby benefited." (My. 210:2)

Time and time again, when facing overwhelming dangers and attacks – both individual and global – the Jews in the Old Testament would turn back and remember the wondrous deliverances and mighty works of their God throughout

their history. Opening their thoughts and lives to a more spiritual sense of God and man, as well as to a greater obedience to their Maker's holy Word, always drew the Jews closer to their Deliverer and enabled them once again to repeat the freeing wonders of divine Love. In the midst of trouble, the Psalmist sang:

"I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. ... Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou has declared thy strength among the people." (Ps. 77:11, 12, 14)

At this time, it would be helpful for all Christian Scientists to remind themselves of the mighty works of the Lord that have abounded over the last 150 years, in our lives and in the world, through the faithful study and practice of Christian Science. We also need to remember that "...everywhere, when honestly applied under circumstances where demonstration was humanly possible, this Science showed that Truth had lost none of its divine and healing efficacy, even though centuries had passed away since Jesus practised these rules on the hills of Judæa and in the valleys of Galilee." (S&H 147:6)

Throughout our years of involvement in Africa (both through I Want To Help Africa, Inc. and Christian Scientists Healing in Africa, Inc.) literally hundreds of testimonies of wonderful (and often profoundly simple) Christian Science healing have poured into our office, enthusiastically shared with us (so often on scraps of paper or even by word of mouth) by individuals with profoundly grateful hearts and altered lives. Some of these testimonies have described an individual's own healings. Others have described healings of family members, friends, or even of other people in the public that an individual prayed for, following the teachings of Christian Science. Interestingly, none of the healings have utilized the assistance of an authorized Christian Science practitioner. And so many of the healings have been accomplished by people completely new to our religion.

These testimonies of healing shared with us from Africa have always thrilled and deeply inspired us over the years. So many of them have been written in broken English, because English isn't the writers' native language. Many of them also have exhibited a beautiful simplicity, using very few words, but still filled with the Holy Ghost and with power. We've consistently urged the writers of these testimonies to submit them for publication in the Christian Science periodicals. And a few of the healings have been submitted and published. However the technological logistics of getting a testimony to the Christian Science Publishing Society (especially from very rural parts of Africa) often are simply insurmountable, since so many people do not have reliable access to the Internet – or even to international postal service. Plus, sometimes some of these testimonies have appeared to be so spectacular and instantaneous that the veracity of the testimony has been questioned when submitted. However, because of our extensive involvement in Africa during the last couple of decades, we have been able to either verify the healing testimonies we received or at least get corroboration from people we know concerning the reliability of the healing reports or of the character of the individual sharing them.

So as a spiritual counter fact to the current world-wide focus on the supposed power of fear, disease and death – as well as a testament to outstanding and consistent Christian Science healing taking place in Africa – we have decided to begin a regular series of newsletters that will share some of these healing testimonies from Africa which have been shared with us. At this time, for a number of reasons, we have decided to keep the names of the testifiers anonymous. But we assure you that each testimony we will share with you is a legitimate Christian Science healing. There will be some minor editing on our part for the purpose of clarification, but we will be striving to let the "African voice" shine through as much as possible. We hope what people will get from these newsletters isn't just a respect for the good healing work going on among Africans. These healings should also remind us of what our God is constantly doing in all of our lives and in the world. All of us, through Christian Science, are capable of repeating His mighty works for ourselves and others – wherever we are and under all circumstances.

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. ... The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works." (Ps. 145:3, 4, 9)



TESTIMONIES OF HEALING FROM AFRICA

Healing of a poisonous snake bite

Not long ago while I was sitting home with my friends outside, one of my friends yelled "Snake! Snake!" Because of panic, I accidentally stepped right on the snake. It bit me on the left leg and the leg and foot became swollen to great proportion. The snake was a puff adder. Some people said to me that victims of such snakes invariably die since they are deadly venomous (poisonous).

I immediately prayed silently, knowing that God was my Life and keeps all creation perfect. I also remembered St. Paul shook off the poisonous viper and felt no harm (Acts 28:1-5). So it is God's law that vipers cannot harm. And Jesus told us, "They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." (Mark 16:18)

After 2 days of this prayer my swollen leg and foot shrunk back to normal appearance. I praised God because of this amazing healing. I used no medical treatment at all. I was healed by Christian Science prayer only. So 2 days after the bite I started going to school again to continue my studies. I could walk properly, feeling no pain at all.

KM

Healing of stroke symptoms

Today in the morning a certain woman got hold of me over the phone and asked for me to give her Christian Science treatment (to pray for her). She told me that she just woke up feeling as though one side of her body from the jaw going down had a stroke and was in pain from any movement she made.

I assured her over the phone that she needed not worry for everything was under God's care. As I put the phone down, I reasoned that she had not a mind of her own separate from God, but that God is her Mind, therefore she cannot think any evil of herself, neither can any evil enter her life. I held in thought the spiritual truth from the Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures Christian Science textbook by Mary Baker Eddy, that "Spirit and its formations are the only realities of being." (S&H 264:20) Therefore, this woman who I was praying for was presently having only good going on in her life because she is the offspring of Spirit.

A short while after, she phoned saying she was grateful unto God for she was healed. She said earlier she was not even able to swallow saliva but had then taken a meal and was going about her usual work. I thank God for the supremacy of good.

SD

A healing of swollen legs and high blood pressure

I suffered from painful swollen legs for about 5 years. I went to some other denominations for help. They gave me the so-called “anointed waters” by the church “prophets,” but to no avail. My legs continued to swell and I had difficulty in walking.

Failing to get any relief, I went to a medical clinic. They alarmed me with their concerns that I had high blood pressure and that I would probably have to take tablets (medicine) the rest of my life. They then requested that I return for further diagnosis. I didn’t want to do that, nor did I want to be referred to a regional hospital which is common. First of all I feared the expenses of hospitalization and a lifetime of drug taking. But most of all, I wanted to be healed, not just learn to live with disease the rest of my life.

At that point in my life, I heard about Christian Science. Christian Scientists told me there is nothing called disease of the legs in the Kingdom of God. I learnt also that disease is a manifestation of wrong thinking or material beliefs, which can never destroy our health that God gives us. I was so happy to hear that disease is not real because God did not make it.

So I started to repent (change my mind) about the medical teachings I had acquired at the clinic. Two scriptures supported me during this time: Jeremiah 32:27 (“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?”) and Isaiah 33:24 (“... And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick.”). Because of the healing meaning of these verses, my legs were healed! My legs are swollen no more and I have had no more problems with them even though I walk almost everywhere, even long distances and to church.

I thank God that I am now a Christian Scientist and that I can attend Christian Science church services every week.

JM



Thank you for your support of Christian Science healing and church growth in Africa. Please feel free to share these healing testimonies and newsletters with anyone. If you know of anyone who might be interested in signing up to receive these monthly newsletters, please have them follow the link below to our website so they can sign up -- or send us their email address and we will ask them if they would like to receive the newsletters.

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