



Desert View

Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service

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From the Desert View Board

Wouldn't you like a visit from someone who is "cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, — receptive to Truth and Love"? These qualities Mrs. Eddy used to describe a nurse (S&H pg 395) are so apparent when our visiting nurses go on calls. They are deeply committed to bearing witness to the healing Christ and to providing practical, tender care. What a precious gift they give our community.

We're so very grateful for your support and prayers since the opening of *Desert View* in August. The transition from being a care facility to a visiting nurse service has gone smoothly, and we are now in full operation. We're pleased to still offer quality Christian Science nursing care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to the greater Phoenix and Tucson areas. Only now we offer "on-call" visiting nursing, given in your home.

Our nursing team of Dan and Patty Watts has been meeting with many Christian Science churches to introduce themselves, share information, and answer your questions. They love the opportunity to get to know you better and to help everyone understand what *Desert View* has to offer. If your church has not yet had a meeting with them, your Clerk can give us a call to arrange for one.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the progress made this year, and we join with you in cherishing this Manual provided gift.

From the VN Service

Since *Desert View* started visiting nurse services in August, we have visited 12 reading rooms and spoken at 7 church meetings, to acquaint the Arizona field with what the service offers. The VN Team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We have a small van which is well-supplied and ready to go when we receive a call. We love supporting an individual's decision to turn to God completely for healing and wholeness. Challenges that come up are golden opportunities to gain a clearer sense of our unaffected relationship with God, infinite Love. And while we help to meet the practical human need, we share and acknowledge spiritual truths. It's a joy to do this work and witness healing and regeneration. *Patty Watts*

Welcome A-Board, and a Departing Thanks!

A new member has joined our Board. We are pleased to welcome **Carol Rockwood** into our *Desert View* family. Carol and her husband, Andy, moved from Massachusetts three years ago. They live in Peoria and are members of the Sun City West church. Carol says she has great admiration and respect for Christian Science nurses, and has seen first hand how their inspired thought contributes to healing. She looks forward to being a part of this fresh, new approach to providing Christian Science nursing care to the Phoenix and Tucson areas.

And as Carol joins us, at the same time we offer our thanks and deep gratitude for a job well done to departing Board President, **Skip Carney**. Skip served on the *El Dorado Vista/Desert View* Board for over seven years. He will be missed!

Gratitude and Healing

My husband was pruning the orange tree and fell off the ladder onto the cement sidewalk. A large area of his arm was skinned. We immediately called the *Desert View Christian Science Visiting Nurse Service* and a Christian Science practitioner .

He needed to have his arm bandaged, and we were so grateful to know about *Desert View* and Dan and Patty Watts. They are both dear and experienced Journal-listed Christian Science Nurses. We especially appreciated having a Christian Science nursing service that could come to us and give my husband the gentle, loving care and practical instruction he needed. My husband is a new student of Christian Science and was very happy to have such wonderful care and healing.

With much appreciation,
Joan and Clarence Feiereisel, Mesa, Arizona

Update from the Treasurer

We are often asked about this, so you should be aware that the income *Desert View* receives from providing visiting nurse services does not meet the expenses we incur. We very much need your contributions in order to continue providing a visiting nurse service. The way to let us know that this is an important service to offer Christian Scientists in Arizona is to “vote” with your financial donations. Thank you for your continued support.

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“CHERISHING THE HEALING CHRIST”

By Dan Watts

In quiet, lucid praying, holding our Field in love,
we feel the presence divine tenderly enfolding all,
impelling us to embrace, by nudgings from above,
the Christly care we may need, be it big or be it small.

The kind and thoughtful touch of an earnest, prayerful friend
goes far to quiet fear, establishing our thoughts in peace;
our Father-Mother God for our aid does always send
the angels we most need to bid the storm to cease.

Isn't this the nature of the constant Shepherd's care,
always nurturing, always healing, always bringing light?
And can we keep from lifting our thoughts in reverent prayer
to Him Who marks the sparrow, and holds us in His sight?

In gratitude for healing, we feel a peaceful gladness,
held in the holiness of Science, our deepest tones passed voicing;
we've proved that Christ is greater than seeming pain or sadness,
our sheaves of Spirit safe in our barns, we forward go, rejoicing!