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With heartfelt gratitude for your thoughtfulness,
The Morning Light Board of Directors

A MESSAGE FROM THE MORNING LIGHT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Friends,

Recently, many of us were able to come together for a wonderful time at Morning Light's *Annual Meeting*. Our morning together was awesome. The reports and stories from the Morning Light nurses were uplifting, the music was lively and fun, and the talk given by Christine Irby Williams was truly inspired. Joe De Frisco from Arden Wood shared very helpful information about health insurance for Christian Scientists. We loved sharing the many instances in which God has nursed Morning Light in the past year, as well as discussing our theme from *Acts 13:22* – “*[A Christian Science Nurse] after God’s own heart who shall fulfill the will of the Father.*” We’ve discovered that everyone has a story, and we loved telling the Morning Light story to you at our annual meeting...

How God has nursed Morning Light: There are so many ways! In January, we held a workshop for nine Christian Science nurses, ranging from those newly interested in C.S. nursing, to those currently in training, to those who have been in the ministry for many years. We explored new ideas and lifted thought to infinite possibilities! One tangible outcome of this meeting is a new partnership with the *Albert Baker Foundation* to fund mentoring workshops with these new nurses at Morning Light. Through other funding, we’ve purchased a new car for the Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service and are planning driveway and patio repairs at the Lodge as well as the purchase of a new clothes dryer and laptop computer. In spite of a financial loss in 2008, in 2009 we came in under budget and recorded an increase in the net assets of our general fund.

How we nurse each other: The rest of our story is about a *room*, thoroughly furnished; a Christian Science *nurse*; and *you*. This room is that quiet sanctuary where we enter in and shut the door to have audience with Spirit. Only Truth, Life and Love are present. In the Bible, Elijah found a loft, Jesus a room where his disciples witnessed healing, and the Apostles an upper chamber where they were of one accord in one place. To nurse, you need a “room” though it might be your car, a booth in a restaurant, or your home. The one essential thing is a witness full of faith, love, and expectation of healing. This brings it back to you - your effective prayers and your genuine love for God and your fellow man! We have a story: a *room*, a *nurse* “after God’s own heart”, and *you*.

Please enjoy reading more about our Annual Meeting in the rest of this newsletter!

With love, *The Morning Light Board of Directors*

The mission of Morning Light Foundation is to provide excellence in Christian Science nursing.



STORY OF A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE

Florence Roberts, Christian Science Nurse

My story began in Ghana, West Africa, as a young girl with a genuine desire to help people feel better. This led to a career in medical nursing right after high school. After twenty years in this profession my father suffered a stroke with a medical prognosis of death but was healed by a Christian Science practitioner in Ghana. This changed my thinking radically.

I started to study Christian Science and soon discovered an opposite way of thinking from the one I was used to in medical nursing. Unable to reconcile the two conflicting viewpoints and because of the peace I was gaining in my new study, I forfeited my medical nursing license. I went to work in a retail store where customers would tell me their problems, and I would share the spiritual facts I was learning. Many came back with gratitude. When the way unfolded, I took formal classes in Christian Science Nursing.

It is this radical change in thinking that has helped me so much in my work. I understand that right where any disease seems to be is the *omnipotence, omnipresence* and *omniscience* of God, good. This understanding gives me strength which shows forth as compassion and love. It helps to uplift and encourage my patients to trust more in their spiritual selfhood.

The discipline and practice of making beds, cooking, cleaning and helping with showers - all from a spiritual perspective - is invaluable. I study and sincerely pray that I will grow every day so that the *Morning* and the *Light* can shine through to bless, to comfort and to heal wherever I am led to go. ☀️

STORY OF A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE

Joy Miller, Christian Science Nurse

My practice of Christian Science nursing began at the age of 5 when I recognized the nursing qualities in myself. My girlfriend and I were lost in our apartment complex. I remember remaining calm and comforting her since she was very frightened and had become sick, and I found someone who drove us home on a golf cart. At age 10, my mom and I volunteered at the Christian Science nursing facility in Dallas. The nurses there let me wear a nurse's aide apron and help them with their duties. I took my job very seriously and decided that was what I would be when I grew up. My next memory of nursing was in high school where the same little friend was my roommate. She was ill, and I cared for her.

After that I forgot about my interest in Christian Science nursing and proceeded to acquire a college degree in Fashion Merchandising. Now you might think that field has nothing to do with nursing, but it did! Intuitively, and without greed, I assessed what each store uniquely needed for their shops to succeed. Intuition and correct assessment of individual needs are also necessary skills in nursing.

After a decade or so, I found myself seeking to do something more significant with my life. I became a secretary for Morning Light Foundation. Soon I became aware of the qualities of the nurse as described by Mary Baker Eddy in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, pg. 395: "An ill-tempered, complaining, or deceitful person should not be a nurse. The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, - receptive to Truth and Love." It became obvious to me that Christian Science nursing was my destiny! I had been dwelling on the last line from Mrs. Eddy's hymn, *Christ My Refuge*: "My prayer, some daily good to do to Thine, for Thee; an offering pure of Love, whereto God leadeth me." I recognized this as my prayer being answered, and I announced to my family what I was meant to be doing with my life. The rest is history! ☀️

HEALTHCARE INSURANCE FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS

Joe De Frisco, Arden Wood

The following is a condensed version of a talk given by Joe De Frisco of Arden Wood on how Christian Scientists can approach the issue of healthcare insurance. Churches and groups of Christian Scientists may contact Joe at 415-379-2104 to ask questions or to arrange a presentation. *(Concluded on page 7)*

Robiny Rhea of Durham, NC joined us at Annual Meeting to offer a practical approach to insurance for Christian Scientists. She can be reached through her website, www.CSPartners4u.com, or by phone at 919-321-0170.



ANNUAL MEETING ADDRESS: *Captivity Captive*

Christine Irby Williams, C.S.

“I’m in the *kingdom business*.” The study and practice of Christian Science is about discovering what Jesus meant when he said that “the kingdom of heaven is at hand” – and even “within you!” It’s about realizing that what is infinite and eternal is here and now. He devoted his ministry to showing that this different way of seeing brings freedom to those who may be suffering from what might be called “captivities” of various kinds.

If the kingdom of heaven is at hand, why don’t we *feel* this and *experience* it all the time? Why do we often feel as if we’re “stuck” within limits?

It’s because we’re looking at reality – at the kingdom of heaven that’s at hand – through what amounts to a “peephole.” Jesus helped enlarge the “peephole” for those around him. He lived BIG right in the midst of the small-mindedness all around him and stretched back the curtain, so others could catch glimpses of what he could see.

Catching even a quick sense that we’re looking through a “peephole” awakens the dominion and authority and power to break through all kinds of mental barriers that define man as “stuck!” These barriers make us feel as if we’re captives – that we’re slaves of a sort (to our bodies, the world around us, habits and personal history, genetics, relationships, and so on)!

The kingdom business is about learning that the problem isn’t really that we’re “stuck.” The problem is that we’re not seeing correctly. It’s really just a “vision problem.” We’re not seeing the whole picture of what’s really going on.

Captivity Captive

The phrase “captivity captive” occurs three times in the King James Version of the Bible – in Judges, Psalms and Ephesians. Each of the Bible authors who used this phrase was an active witness to the fact that a God’s eye view of reality “unsticks” “stuckness” – or turns “captivity captive.” It’s a phrase that describes what happens when the Christ turns things upside down!

The early disciples were referred to in Acts as “these who turn the world upside down” (Acts 17:4). It was their Christly perspective that earned them this reputation – they worked from the point of view of the Mind “which was also in Christ Jesus” – and it turned “captivity captive.” It’s an

important part of Christian Science healing practice and Christian Science nursing practice.

Why we feel stuck: “morte”

The dictionary tells us that the original root of the word mortal is the Latin word, “mors,” which meant “subject to death” or “to die”. But there’s more. The word “mortal” came from a root that originally meant “limit.” *Morte* came to mean death. But, originally, *morte* meant limit!

“Mortal mind,” then, is simply a term that tells us to be alert to the limited and limiting perception of the fullness of the kingdom of heaven at hand! Mrs. Eddy says: “In league with material sense, mortals take limited views of all things.” (S&H 255:12-14)

“Mortal mind” is just the “peephole” view of the fullness of the one and only Mind and its expression! It’s like looking at the night sky – or the Rocky Mountains or the ocean – through a viewfinder the size of a dime! Likewise, “mortal man” is a limited, “peephole” view of the man who is given dominion and infinite capacities by his Creator, God. This man is not limited, not mortal. He is IM-MORTAL, UN-LIMITED and UN-LIMITING. Our nature is this real man, this true or im-mortal identity. Understanding this is what turns “captivity captive.”

Captivity is not turned captive by changing outward circumstances. We don’t get unstuck by changing outward circumstances! It’s not outward situations that are the problem. It’s a VISION problem. It’s the “peephole,” the “mortal,” “limited and limiting” view of things, which needs to be exchanged for a larger view of where we’ve been all along – right smack dab in the middle of the kingdom!

The peephole never had the power to make you believe you were limited! It can never make reality smaller. It can’t make us stuck. It only limits the view and SUGGESTS. Devilish suggestions and limited points of view have no power to DO anything.

But we can choose not to react to this limited view with fear, anger, discouragement, confusion, etc. We can choose to *remember* what we’ve already glimpsed of what is BIG. We can put to use the dominion and love and truth-knowing which are mental muscles that stretch the peep-hole view, expanding not only our VISION, but our whole EXPERIENCE! Mrs. Eddy talks a lot about the necessity



to expand our view. Here are a couple quotes from *Science and Health*:

- *Mortals must emerge from the notion of material life as all-in-all. They must peck open their shells with Christian Science and look outward and upward. (552:16-19)*
- *This scientific sense of being, forsaking matter for Spirit, by no means suggests man's absorption into Deity and the loss of his identity, but confers upon man enlarged individuality, a wider sphere of thought and action, a more expansive love, a higher and more permanent peace. (265:10)*

Some Biblical examples

The Bible opens by showing us how to start from the other “side” of the peephole – from God’s All-presence and All-power! Genesis 1 is the record of a people who caught glimpses of a larger view in varying situations and used it to challenge captivities of various sizes and shapes.

I often find myself “living” with a Bible character or two at a time. What’s fun is that they’re ALWAYS available to help me. All I have to do is think about them, and they come to my assistance. I ask them questions, like:

- What would you do, Moses, in this situation which seems to be like a Red Sea blocking the progress of me/my family/friends/my church?
- Hey, Jacob, what can I learn from you about how to heal this relationship issue?
- Ruth, what’s it like to move lock, stock and barrel to a strange land – new territory where you know no one and have to start from scratch?
- So, Jesus, what’s for dinner?
- Yo, Paul, I feel as if I’ve been bitten by a viper of sorts – a snakey thought that snuck up from out of the fire! Help!

These characters are ordinary people whom I know about today because they demonstrated “captivity captive.”

Joseph. Remember the Old Testament Joseph, who was thrown into a pit by his brothers? One of the coolest things about Joseph is that he didn’t drag around his past with him. No matter where he was he lived in the present.

Joseph left the “pity” in the “pit” and moved on from

both of them! This was his practice – keep moving forward, taking only gratitude and love. He didn’t carry extra baggage. Joseph dropped the baggage of self-pity. It’s important not to pick up anyone else’s baggage out of anger, sympathy or personal sense of responsibility. Joseph left it all behind and lived in the *presence* – the hereness and nowness – of God. Several times, the record in Genesis says, “And the Lord was with Joseph.” Omni-PRESENCE was with Joseph. And this turned captivity captive – for himself and for others, including his own family years later!

Moses. Moses is THE model for deliverance – turning the tables on captivity! “Let my people go!” “Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward!” As they went forward, Moses gave them the tabernacle in the wilderness, reminding them that God was with them, that He camps right smack dab in the middle of us always! “Certainly I will be with you,” were the words he’d heard at the burning bush. And the people learned to trust that divine presence, step by step. Through the BIG understanding of God’s presence and power, Moses turned “captivity captive” each step of the way – the captivities of fear, doubt, discouragement, impatience, etc. and moved forward to a mental landscape where his people could see a broader view based on an understanding of divine law.

Elijah. Then there’s Elijah! Why did he appear on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus and Moses? Because Elijah enlarged the concept of God dramatically; from him, a whole new view of God emerged for all mankind. When Elijah is discouraged, this once mighty prophet is reduced to hiding in a cave (definitely a “peephole” view) and asking to die (he thinks he’s reached “the limit of his life”). When he finds himself in a state of sheer mental and physical exhaustion, discouragement, frustration (he’s STUCK in a mental state that’s not very pretty!), he is commanded to “GO, STAND UPON THE MOUNT!”

Once when I was in a similar mental state – wanting to disappear into a cave and self-destruct – this account of Elijah was in the lesson. When I read it that day, what came to me was “GO, STAND ON THE MOUNTAIN OF TRUTH THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED!” Stand tall, and see what you see from up there! It’s not a peephole view!

John on Patmos. Picture John in prison on Patmos. Not even a “peephole” to see the beauty surrounding him. Without any view at all, he sees way beyond what any peephole in a cave would have shown him. He is directed to really SEE with his spiritual sense. And to share with



others what it means to really SEE. In the letter which is dictated to him to send to the church at Philadelphia, he is told to write (Rev. 3:8), "...behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

An OPEN door! You are NOT STUCK! There is no captivity here! Instead, the very suggestion of captivity is itself captive! Right where you seem to be a prisoner, you are free! The door is open. And NO MAN can shut it. Nothing can close the door that God has placed before us. Not a person. Not a circumstance. Not a world economy.

Practical for us!

About a year and a half ago, during the installation of a neighbor's roof, water flooded down three stories of her beautifully remodeled house. I went to help. As I worked with my dear friend Shannon, she was not at first able to control the anger, blame and confusion that were flooding in. I reminded her that blessing was the inevitable outcome of God's presence and power and surely He was with us – guiding us and everyone. I told her that she had dominion, courage, and joy and that she could exercise these qualities right there, right then. She wasn't a victim and she could refuse to feel like one. She could think clearly.

After about an hour, all was clearly under control. So I returned to my work at home. A little later, there was a knock at my front door; it was my neighbor Shannon, asking if I would pray with her some more. She asked, "What was that word that you told me I have when we were at the house?" Dominion?! "Yes! What does it mean?" I told her that dominion means we're not stuck in mortality. It has to do with the freedom of man as God made him – immortal, unlimited! Dominion is what we've been given to exercise the authority of spiritual understanding over the suggestion that man is limited in any way. We all have it – and can use it! We can claim it with as much insistence as Moses exercised before Pharaoh: "Let my people GO!" He demanded, expected, insisted, persisted. He exercised his dominion and spiritual authority.

So that's what Shannon did! She turned the whole thing upside down. She rose to the occasion and went forward. She turned captivity captive.

Aggressive Mental Suggestion

The peephole view and its picture of limitation often comes as what Mrs. Eddy calls "aggressive mental suggestion." In "Alertness to Duty" (*Manual*, Art. VIII, Sect. 6), she writes: "It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to defend himself daily against aggressive mental suggestion."

Look at the order of words in that phrase! She spells out what's going on here. It's "*aggressive*," yes. Some of the synonyms for aggressive are ambitious, self-confident, militant, assertive, self-assertive, pushing, pushful. It's "in your face," scary; it looks very real, feels very real, sounds very real! But it's *mental*, not physical! And it's *suggestion*! It has no power to do anything, only to suggest! (Remember Jesus on the pinnacle! The devil can only suggest!)

Healing

Last summer I heard Barbara Vining speak about "Alertness to Duty." She asked why Mrs. Eddy uses the word "defend" instead of "protect" in the By-law, and she used a football example to illustrate: What if a defensive coach told his linemen to go out and "protect" themselves? If told that, they might huddle together in a corner somewhere – getting out of the way, instead of doing their job of defending their territory!

Soon after, I was waiting to board a flight, and among the people about to board was a young man decked out in a royal blue shirt and matching baseball cap. He was shining from head to toe, and I told him he looked great, to which he beamed even more broadly and replied, "Why, thank you, ma'am!" That's all we said. Two days later, I was in the security line to board my return flight, when there was a tap on my shoulder. There was the same young man, looking even *more* radiant. He'd just been offered a football scholarship to play for the Jayhawks at the University of Kansas. He was eager to share his story so we talked until time to board.

I learned a lot from Vernon. He's a defensive linebacker. His job is to not let the guy with the ball get across the line of scrimmage – to defend his team's territory. When I watched his scholarship video, I could see that he LOVES his job! Whenever the ball was snapped, Vernon fearlessly went after whoever had it. He did that over and over again. He welcomed every new opportunity to do his job with joy and courage, throwing the whole weight of his mental focus into each effort. And every single time he got to the guy with the ball, he celebrated, jumping right up, gesturing with his arms and shouting, "YES!"

So, now I go around doing this! It's my job to defend my mental territory! Not to let anything claim this BIG space for thought and action that God has provided. This is "the land ... where fetters fall and the rights of man are fully known and acknowledged!" (S&H 226:32). You, "aggressive mental suggestion," do not belong in this



territory! I love my job! I love BIG, and I'm here to defend it with joy, understanding and dominion! Captivity captive! "Yes!"

Christian Science Nursing

In the "Amplified Version" of *Mary Baker Eddy: Christian Healer* by Yvonne Cache von Fettweis and Robert Townsend Warneck, there's an excerpt from one of Mrs. Eddy letters to a very faithful student, Septimus Hannah, who was struggling with a physical problem:

You, dear one, are God's appointed to stand if others do not. ... Not but you can go apart to pray – this we all need to do, and I want you to do it. But note this, do not go where, if you get frightened, you have no one well skilled in truth to encourage you and neutralize error with Truth. (page 235)

I can't think of a better description of what Christian Science nurses do – of what Morning Light is here for! If we "get frightened," if we are mesmerized by the peephole view, we have one another, Christian Science practitioners and nurses, including Morning Light – "those who are well skilled in truth to encourage [us] and to neutralize error with Truth"!

The day before Thanksgiving last year, as I was preparing for a house full of family and friends, a finger of my right hand was badly injured when I tried to stop a glass from breaking when it fell from a cabinet. I often say, "It gets messy in the middle of demonstration!" And this was a big mess, accompanied by big lessons and a big demonstration. I grabbed a towel, in which I wrapped my hand. Then I called my husband and asked him to call a practitioner and the Visiting Christian Science nurse in our area. I simply did not want to look through the peephole at the picture and felt that I needed someone right at hand who was "well-skilled in truth to encourage [me] and to neutralize the picture of error with Truth."

The practitioner called and joined me in witnessing for the truth of my being. My husband arrived shortly, and wonderful Mary, the visiting nurse, arrived soon thereafter. She and I went upstairs while Calvin cleaned up and prayed downstairs (not necessarily in that order!). He said later that hearing us laughing and talking was a comfort to him, reminding him that all was well; he was nursed by it!

So Mary and I talked about the Bylaw for the Christian Science Nurse (*Manual*, Art. VIII, Sect. 31). How *practical* the *wisdom* of God is! The "practical wisdom"

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Mrs. Eddy requires of the Christian Science nurse is Mind and Love reflected in the immediacy of the moment. And "proper care" is care that meets the *individual need* – not as the world dictates, but as evidence of Love's presence and power to dispel fear, doubt, confusion, impositions of all kinds, because "divine Love always meets every human need." (S&H 494: 10)

What met my need was so simple that I was able to do almost everything except wash the dishes! By Sunday morning I was even able to type. I traveled to two separate cities the next week, and the day after I returned, we hosted a party at our house for about 100 people! One of the lessons I learned from this was to "stretch forth [my] HAND!" – as well as the "peephole"! I am grateful for the role that Christian Science nursing played in leading "captivity captive!"

Closing

A dear friend and mentor used to quote a poem that I think about every day. Here's part of it:

*Self-centered smallness is lost in God's allness,
And never a whisper comes back to me.*

"Not even a whisper of self-centered smallness" comes back, because there's no wall for it to bounce back against! No limit, no boundary. No morte! Just allness. Universal goodness.

Enjoy your job in the kingdom business of claiming your territory and leading captivity captive! ☀

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TREASURER'S REPORT for 2009

Karin Smith, Treasurer

We have seen improvement in Morning Light's 2009 financial position as compared to 2008 when Morning Light's total net assets decreased 25% from \$1.7 million to \$1.3 million. During 2009, net assets increased 11% to \$1.4 million. Most of this gain came from investment performance.

Morning Light's purpose is to ensure that Christian Science nursing care is available for all individuals relying on Christian Science healing. The Board of Directors takes its fiduciary responsibility very seriously. We comply with generally accepted accounting rules, which require that we separately report the activity in each of the three funds Morning Light maintains: the **Operating Fund**, the **Benevolence Fund**, and the **Endowment Fund**.

The **Operating Fund** is used for day-to-day operating expenses, which include the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, the Lodge, and office overhead. In 2009, the Fund had revenues of \$235,000 and expenses of \$225,000. These revenues came from three main categories: \$57,000 from Lodge and Visiting Nurse Service fees, \$48,000 from investment income, and \$130,000 from contributions. These contributions were comprised of foundation grants, bequests, and donations from the field and from churches. The Operating Fund, valued at \$203,000 at the beginning of 2009, increased to \$223,000 by year end.

The **Benevolence Fund** covers Visiting Nurse and Lodge expenses on behalf of individuals who are unable to pay the full cost of the nursing care they receive. During 2009, Morning Light granted \$15,000 in benevolence, and received \$5,000 in contributions. The Benevolence Fund started at \$33,000 at the beginning of the year and was valued at \$23,000 at the end of the year.

The **Endowment Fund** is a restricted fund, designed to grow for 14 years in order to attain its goal of full endowment. Once this is achieved, Morning Light's daily operating expenses will be completely paid from investment income earned from its principle. The Endowment Fund's balance at the beginning of 2009 was \$537,000, and increased to \$681,000 by year end. We are in year four of our fourteen year plan to reach our target of \$3,000,000.

We truly appreciate your generosity  helping Morning Light maintain and grow these funds so essential to the progress, growth and development of our healing ministry.

HEALTHCARE INSURANCE FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS *(continued from page 2)*

1. The first step is always prayerful listening. Not everyone wants or needs to be insured. Current laws do require some types of insurance. But for many of us, personal healthcare insurance is still a choice. And we can trust our Shepherd to lead us in the right paths without confusion or pressure.
2. The second point is to consider and understand whom the insurance is for. Once you know this, it helps to determine what kind of coverage or policy is appropriate.
3. Next is to locate and work with a knowledgeable agent or broker who knows what kinds of policies are available. It may take some time to learn each others languages so that you can be sure you understand each other.
4. An insurance policy is a detailed contract. Prepare yourself to ask for specifics, to read the fine print, and to persist. Make sure that what you get is really what you are looking for. You may need to see more than one agent or broker to find the correct coverage.
5. This point is more informational than an actual step to take. Of the 20+ Christian Science nursing facilities in the U.S., about 15 of them are Medicare-certified, which means that at age 65 you can use your Medicare Part A benefits to pay for a short-term stay. Not all care qualifies for Medicare coverage; your nursing needs will be assessed. Medicare is intended for hospital-type coverage, where skilled care is needed, not long-term nursing-home-type care or assisted living.
6. When working with your agent or broker, it can be helpful to contact your nearest Christian Science facility that successfully processes insurance claims to ask the billing manager or financial officer what types of insurance work. They are a valuable resource. Use public resources if you can for general questions. Call 1-800-MEDICARE, and visit websites like www.medicare.GOV. Arden Wood's own website (www.ardenwood.org) has a few helpful documents available to read or download in the section on Christian Science Nursing.
7. The decision of whether or not to seek healthcare insurance is yours, for the moment. The latest legislation has been signed into law, but two things will delay its impact on Christian Scientists. Parts of the law are not scheduled to come into effect until 2011, 2014, and even beyond; and it will take a long time to iron out the detailed regulations and procedures that will determine how it actually affects us.
(See the April 5, 2010 *CS Monitor* article by Peter Grier.)

During this period of development, let us pray that metaphysical healing and its blessings cannot be hidden or overwhelmed by any material, medical, or political systems of belief or ignorance. We owe it to ourselves and to future generations to preserve this open door to true health. 

STORY OF A CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE

Karrell Dowling, Director of Christian Science Nursing

Very early in my Christian Science nursing experience, I was faced with what seemed like overwhelming challenges, and I questioned whether or not I had made a mistake in choosing this career. Literally in tears, I picked up *Science and Health* and read, “Love for God and man is the true incentive in both healing and teaching. Love inspires, illumines, designates and leads the way. Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action.” (S&H 454:17-21) At the time, this passage was unfamiliar to me, but it was as though God spoke my name before I read those few sentences; it felt as if God were saying these words just *to* me and *for* me.

It's amazing what a good cry and a talk with God can do for bruised feelings! Thinking about the words I had just read, I knew that my desire to become a Christian Science nurse was a way to express my love for God and my fellow man. This idea had come to me shortly after I had completed class instruction, but because of family obligations, I had to wait until I was free to go forward. At last, things worked out beautifully, and there I was serving God as a Christian Science nurse! The spiritual growth and development was exciting and fun, and every witnessed healing was awesome.

Those few sentences from *Science and Health* became the foundation of my work as a Christian Science nurse, and they continue to support me. What a privilege it is to be an eyewitness to healing! To see weakness give way to strength and freedom is amazing. Serving guests at Morning Light Lodge and being invited into your homes as a visiting Christian Science nurse is an honor and a joy.

I found a wonderful prayer that Paul gives us in II Thessalonians that covers it all: “that our God would count [me] worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power.” 🌅



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