

FRUITAGE REPORT – APRIL 2018

ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board meets monthly and recently sent a letter to all the Christian Science branch churches and societies in Washington State encouraging them to consider adopting and actively supporting a correctional institution in their area. We have heard back from several churches and report the following results.

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Adopting Branch Church/Society</u>
Washington State Reformatory Unit, Monroe	First Church, Bothell
Clallam Bay Corrections Center	First Church, Port Townsend
Shelton Corrections Center	Christian Science Society, Puyallup
King County Correctional Facility	First Church, Seattle
King County Correctional Facility	First Church, Bellevue
Washington Corrections Center for Women, Purdy	First Church, Gig Harbor

The Board will continue visiting churches who request a visit. If your branch church or society would like a visit to learn more about the work of the committee, please contact the secretary at csinstitutional.wa@gmail.com.

CLALLAM BAY CORRECTIONS CENTER – Susan Anderson

Mark McCurties gave a lecture at Clallam Bay Correction Center, Feb. 22. Ten men were present, six of whom were new to me. There were insightful questions from "What is the science in Christian? Who was Mary Baker Eddy? What's the difference between Christian Science and Scientology? One of the men spoke for five of the others. They all attend a Christian church service devotedly every Sunday. They are lovers of the Bible. The theme of the lecture was Jesus' words, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "Repent: means "change your thought". Mark reiterated with a physical healing of his own and an experience helping an angry young man through a ropes course. One of our regular attendees wanted to know if Christian Science can help in situations that aren't related to physical healing. Mark's example of the ropes course was an answer. He said God's Love is there always for every situation.

The lecture preceded our regular visit on the first Thursday of the month. One of the new men who came to the lecture came to our session. Two of our regulars had also come to the lecture. The new man says he calls himself spiritually minded but not religious. He wanted to focus on and know more about Jesus. The Lesson that week was "Christ Jesus".

I always ask for "scouting reports", evidence of good expressed in their lives. One man said he shares his food with others and he feels more connection with his family this year. Another man said a friend had sent him a parallel Bible.

In an earlier session, in February, we were having a discussion about Goliaths in our lives. One man said his Goliaths had been drugs and dysfunction His sling shot is the Bible Lesson we were discussing.

KING COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – Linda Lewis

The past 3-5 months I have visited two inmates. The man said he never understood the Bible growing up but that Mrs. Eddy nailed it and opened the Bible up to him for the first time. He loved going over

the Lesson each week and eagerly listened to testimonies. He really accepted Christian Science. He was release two weeks ago.

The woman has been a sparkly joy to visit and interacts with other inmates with a joyous smile whenever she makes eye contact. She had a sweet healing. When she was in the commissary, an inmate threw a cup of apple juice on her. We have been talking about not reacting and loving our neighbor. She said she said nothing to her, the guards or officers, which would have put the other inmate in the 'hole'. (isolation)

A week later without a word being said, the other inmate came up to her and apologized. She also said when I mentioned the importance of praying when going to sleep. She said all the inmates in their tank gather in a circle every night and pray together before going to bed. On another visit she said that she and the woman who threw juice on her are absolutely best friends now. That truly shows forgiveness was demonstrated.

This work is so precious. OGIGO, (Only good is going)

CEDAR CREEK CORRECTIONS CENTER – Nancy Krussel

The man I visit at Cedar Creek is being released next week. I don't think the prison will forward his full text so am looking into the possibility of getting it sent to his new address.

SHELTON CORRECTIONS CENTER – Joy Basse Emerson

Many of the sessions in the chapel have been cancelled for various reasons, so that is something needing our prayerful support. The men really enjoy and look forward to our visits and we have a wonderful rapport with all the men who work in the chapel and with many of the guards. The Christian Science Monitor continues to be very popular, so we'd love to have people's back copies to distribute.

I've been opening Sentinels to articles I think could be relevant and listening for clues in conversations with the men, as to what could help them. This way I've been able to feed them what they need.

Recently, Chaplain Garringer encouraged the men to host a Christian worship service for all chapel volunteers and select men. This was held in the visiting/dining room and included a meal, a sermon, and some speeches. The idea was started last year, but we had not attended.

It was accompanied by Christian music and showed what a lot of talent the men have. I feel genuine love and gratitude were expressed. The families of some of the men were present, so they were able to worship together. It was lovely to meet the wives and children of the men we know. What a joyous occasion! As the chapel had been closed until further notice, there was some doubt as to whether this festive worship service on Palm Sunday would take place, after all the time and effort the men had put into arranging it. At the last moment it was allowed and how grateful we can be for that. It must have been very stabilizing and encouraging for the men. The chapel reopened on April 5. In our small way, we do make a valuable contribution to the whole prison community and we need more Christian Science workers to ensure the continuity of this rewarding work.

Please step up to join the team. You will feel the blessing!

Sometimes it's hard to put a finger on exactly what the fruitage is, but we can feel the leavening of thought, the genuine uplifting and healing that is going on, and the correction of misconceptions.

LARCH CORRECTIONS CENTER – James Phillips

The Institutional Committee from First Church Christ, Scientist Vancouver Church has been meeting with inmates of Larch Correction Center for the past two years. We've been meeting with one inmate for some time. Sometimes others would join us. Our discussions with this inmate led us to realize that there was an opposition with our visits, so we began to know that there can be no power opposed to God, good. Soon the inmate invited another inmate who was very receptive to learning about Christian Science and he invited two other inmates. Well, the first inmate was relocated, but we had the three attending until one was released. The two remaining inmates were interested in learning more about Christian Science and one helps the Chaplain. He convinced the Chaplain to let us have the Chapel for our upcoming lecture. The Chapel is normally reserved for another religious group. Recently, another inmate transferred in from another correction facility and was familiar to Christian Science. He looks forward to our service.

A note about our upcoming lecture. They never have had a lecture and so we have no experience for putting one on. But, with much prayer we have been met with kindness and love by the Chaplain. We have a great venue, the Chapel, and the Chaplain is doing much to share information about the lecture with inmates and staff. We are looking forward to this wonderful experience.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM INMATES

Hello

My Name is [REDACTED]
my doc. # is [REDACTED]. I am now in
Walla Walla State Penatentiary unit
[REDACTED]. I recieved your address
at one of WCC church events.
I am writting to ask you
may you please Send me a copy of the
Book by Mary Baker Eddy. The name of
the book is Science and Health with
~~the~~ key to the Scriptures

I would like to say
thank you And if there is any other
reading that you can send please do
Thank You For The
Blessing

Hello my name is [REDACTED]
and im curenly locked up in a
Washington prision. But a none active
yard. Ive recently Decided to leave the
gange life, and Have given my life to
our heavenly father Jesus Christ. I
was in a reciving for about 4 1/2 months
and I was going to church, when I ran
into the magazine Christian Science and
it all is really interesting. I am wond-
ering if you could please send me
a new magazine every month please.
Because there are still a lot of things
I do not know or understand. and thres
my dedication I have given to Jesus
and myself. I am all for learning.
I definatly am interested in your
publications. If there are any request
from my part let me know and to
the Best of my ability I can work
something out. I will pray that all
goes according to plan with your daily
and yearly devotionals. Thank you.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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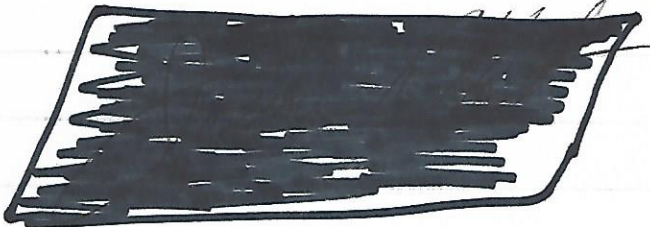
Dear Martha Niemi And everybody else
who helps with the free literature,

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for
All you do for those of us who
are unable to afford the printed
materials you send to us in prison.

I pray for you all and my hope
is that you realize we too love
the news that is true and unbiased.
From my count at least twelve
people reads each and every
issue I get. Since the monitors
are left on the book cart for
at least six months I sure
even more people read them.

Thank You Again And yes please
renew my subscription for the
next year.

Yours in Jesus Christ,



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April 16th 2018

Dear Martha,

Thank you very much for sending me this renewal, you have no idea what a blessing this magazine is. I really don't like watching the news because each channel is so biased, your magazine is straight down the middle and honest. I don't consider myself Republican or Democrat, I am a Christian who simply prefers the best person for the job.

I ask that your church pray for me, my family, and my family's ministry. I am currently sitting in segregation under investigation for illegally running a business while in prison. I help as much as possible but my mom, and friends ~~are not allowed to visit~~ run the ministry, so, I am sitting in prison for being involved in helping inmates and their families. Been here 18 days now.

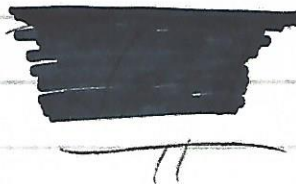
① When I first requested the Christian Science Monitor thru you guys, I got

a message from our chaplain asking if I'd like to meet with the Christian Science people who go to WSP. I said yes but never did see anyone. Hopefully I will soon be back to Twin Rivers - God willing - and then maybe I can meet with someone.

Anyhow, you can pass on to whomever the info to my families' ministry
Cornerstone Ministry www.go2cm.org

Thank you again for your generosity,
please share my thanks!

God Bless,

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