

Daystar News

Serving All Who Rely Radically on Christian Science for Healing

Board Report by Cynthia Hammar, President

In keeping with The Mother Church focus on healing this year, let us remember how our Master, Christ Jesus, gave us a 'road map' to healing. We also express our gratitude to Mary Baker Eddy who persevered through many trials to give us this Science of Christianity. We express our gratitude for the dedicated nursing staff of Daystar who daily witness the Christ healing in their work with the patients; our administrative staff who take care of the running operation of this facility; our cooks, housekeepers, groundskeepers and others who make this such a beautiful, peaceful, clean place to heal.



This past year we have seen progress both physically and financially. In the physical improvements department: shutters were put on the apartments, Wi-Fi in the facility, and a commercial washer and dryer were purchased for the laundry.

Financially, our investments grew —some due to the closing of several churches. At the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2014, we are happy to report that we are in the black!

Your continued support metaphysically and financially is needed for Daystar to provide a healing atmosphere for all who choose to rely on Christian Science healing.

The Executive Board works metaphysically on a continual basis to support the healing work at Daystar. We ask each and every one of you to add Daystar to your daily prayer list. Healing is expected and supported by the highest power there is—our loving Father, Mother God!

In our Church Manual, under the heading, "Healing Better than Teaching", we read "...each member of this Church shall strive to demonstrate by his or her practice, that Christian Science heals the sick quickly and wholly, thus proving this Science to be all that we claim for it." (Man. 92) And that's what all at Daystar are doing on a consistent basis!

"It is with great humility and joy that I share with you all a very recent healing that occurred at Daystar. I was healed of intense physical pain and grief through Christian Science. I am so grateful to have had this healing at Daystar and the wonderful lessons learned. The Christian Science Nurses and staff took proper care of me during this time and they were wonderful! I am grateful to God for His tender care and to Mary Baker Eddy for persisting in bringing "practical, operative Christian Science" to the world which includes Christianity's lost element of healing."

Administrator's Report by Beverly Luttrell

Once again we've had a busy year with patients coming in, being healed and going home. We averaged just over ten patients each month in the past fiscal year. That's a full house! They came from north FL and the west coast as well as the regional area of Miami-Dade up to Palm Beach County.

We also have three permanent residents. Residents enjoy independent living in the facility without the concerns of housekeeping tasks and meal preparation. They participate in all the regular activities such as the Daily Lesson Sermon, church services, Monitor discussions and visits from our wagging tailed four-legged friends. And there is usually a jigsaw puzzle waiting to be worked on!

My job as Administrator is interesting, multi-faceted and rewarding. On the mundane side, it's been necessary to replace motors and / or machines when they break down—usually at inopportune moments! (*Why do they quit when they're only 25 years old!*) But it gives us the opportunity to demonstrate God's continuous supply.

Recently the Board passed a motion to replace the old rusty cooling tower which provides air conditioning to the facility. A few days after that board decision, the tower holding tank completely rusted out and an emergency repair was needed. The total cost of a new tower, including permitting, tree trimming, rerouting of the water into a drain will be about \$50,000. Contributions for this will be most welcome!

When we needed a new computer system for patient charting, I reached out to other facilities to see what they were using. The administrator in the Colorado facility introduced me to their consultant. He created a Patient Charting Program and keeps in touch via phone and email; or logs directly into the computer when needed. He also developed a Donor Program for the Office Manager, which enables her to keep track of contributions and bequests.



A patient opened a piece of chocolate the day she was admitted at Daystar. The candy wrapper said: "You are exactly where you are supposed to be".

How very appropriate!

The rewarding part of my job?

Witnessing healings is one of the most satisfying portions of my job (*you will find healings throughout this newsletter*). In addition, I am humbled at the personal sacrifices the Christian Science nurses have made to be here, whether moving from another country or across the United States. I've watched them grow and mature into confident ministers of Truth. Many of them have been at Daystar for several years and have progressed from Christian Science Nurse 1 up to *Journal* listing. *Service awards were then presented.*



Director of Christian Science Nursing Report by Charles Mwanga

Thank you all for coming to attend this wonderful celebration of our Christian Science nursing ministry. Christian Science nursing is witnessing to the healing presence of Christ. It is a selfless and humbling activity. Christian Science nurses work around the clock to make sure that the needs of our fellow brethren who need Christian Science nursing care are well cared for, in a loving manner and with expectancy of a complete healing.

Our leader, Mary Baker Eddy, defines a Christian Science nurse in various ways. In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p 395, she writes that, “The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, receptive to Truth and Love”. These are qualities which Christian Science nurses practice and they heal!

“I am so grateful for the loving care and Christianity Scientific support of all nurses and other workers at Daystar. Embraced in love and healing words of Truth, I have been able to listen to God, and lean more on His strength and feel the healing presence of the Christ.”

In the *Manual* by-law Article viii Section 31 it states: “ A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room and who can take proper care of the sick. The cards of such persons may be inserted in The Christian Science Journal under the rules established by the publishers.”

Christian Science nurses provide care in accordance to the theology of Christian Science practice. The care is given to individuals who rely radically on Christian Science treatment and who are working with a *Journal*-listed Christian Science Practitioner.

“Thank you so much for making my stay at Daystar such a loving, healing experience. Your tender care and precious prayers were so essential in such a time of need. My love and gratitude to you all.”

The Christian Science nursing care includes; reassurance, reading, bathing, bandage and covering, food preparation, feeding, assistance with mobility and many more. The care is given with love and expectancy of healing. We have witnessed wonderful healings of bandage and coverings, mobility, loss of appetite, and many more.



Daystar provides various categories of Christian Science nursing care. We provide Medicare for the individual who qualifies. We also provide Christian Science nursing care to our Day-care patients. Give us a call to learn more of our Christian Science nursing levels and our rates. We have wonderful comfortable rooms for Rest and Study guests. Please come and utilize the quiet time to commune with God. It is a refreshing moment.

We are pleased to have our wheel chair/stretcher van for transportation. We have had opportunities to go to patients' homes and bring them to the facility. This has been a big blessing to the community and the facility. "…whatever blesses one blesses all…" (S&H 206:16)



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"I felt angels jump in and enfold me... when I came to Daystar. In the following days, Christian Science nurses continually provided words of deep conviction and encouragement that God is good and 'meets every human need'. Later I was able to leave the haven of Daystar and continue my spiritual growth journey at home. I remain humbly grateful for every aspect of [Daystar's] being and purpose and mission as it extends its commitment for the cause of Christian Science and Christian Science Nursing care. Daystar's blessing is liberation beyond its borders."



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