

## STA OUTREACH REPORT FOR 1/7/16

**From Tina:** It was "exceptionally quiet" today, except I want to remind Bob of the Navajo fellow who was hungry both for food and for a prayer.

I arrived just as the man returned to thank Bob for his help, and after Bob left he asked for another prayer. He is returning to his Arizona territory by hitch-hiking. He said he knew he 'had God with him' [and S&H!]

Another Native American stopped by and she wanted to take a copy of Science and Health, after reading the back cover of the book. I offered her a copy of A Century of Christian Science Healing, too. It turned out that with a little visiting I learned that she was the sister of someone I knew while doing work at our local museum. She told me he had recently died. Who knew that two strangers could bond over comforting words in a bus depot. The connections that expand unexpectedly into other facets of my human path astound me. Truly, truly, truly, "What blesses one, blesses all."

A young lady was lingering around the area we set up our outreach table. After over an hour she approached and asked what 'this is about?' I here to read the back cover of Science and Health and when she finished reading her first words were, "Right On! - I'd like to have it."

After leaving my shift I visited a cool little store to buy some delicious home-made yogurt. The proprietor/owner and I visited for over an hour. Her inquiries about my STA volunteer job led to my explanation of how our outreach works. For her, homelessness, addiction, poverty and mental illness are so far off her personal radar that she said she thought she would be

very judgmental. I guess the purpose of even mentioning our conversation at all is that outreach isn't just within the confines of a bus station here in Spokane. The reason I know this is that this same week a long-time friend asked me what it is I "do" every Thursday at the bus station. I've always had a sense that my friend was longing for some sort of introduction and connection to God but was put off by the varying theologies she has witnessed over a long life, theologies that negatively impose on humanity's innate spirituality. As we parted she asked where she could 'start' in learning about Christian Science and I recommended A Century of Christian Science Healing, The Ultimate Freedom, and Science and Health. (I just happen to have access to copies through our outreach bounty.)

I am convinced that our circle of "outreach" has no perimeter or geographical boundary!

So with that, I am going to ask our Christian Science Literature Distribution Committee located in western Washington, if we can get another boxload of Century copies mailed to us. Currently an order is in for additional copies of Ultimate, and, thanks to our kind and generous donors, we already have plenty of Science and Health copies to share.

And what does The Message Bible translation say about all this? (I Corinthians 13, 14, 24): "Keep your eyes open, hold tight to your convictions, give it all you've got, be resolute, and love without stopping.

And I love all of you in the Messiah, in Jesus." "God delights in his people, festoons plain folk with salvation garlands!" (Ps 149:4); accompanies the Navajo fellow hitchhiking home in deep winter, comforts she whose brother died, illuminates the searching heart with His presence, feeds the hungry, and rejoices the heart.

**From Bob:**

It was exceptionally quiet on the upper level of the plaza today, especially with the escalator out of service, so I've nothing significant to report. Just FYI.