

STA OUTREACH REPORT FOR 12-17-15

From Bob: Rather quiet today but there was plenty of good cheer. Any number of people going by our table smiled and said "God bless" or "Merry Christmas", and several who we've chatted with over the years came to specifically wish us well. Very nice!

A young gent of college age said that he really loved S&H...he had been a student at a (local) well-known fundamentalist school for six years, he said, and reading this book gave him a whole new way of looking at things which he'd never considered. I offered him a copy of *A Century of Christian Science Healing* which he took with him; a maybe-girlfriend came along as he was leaving. He told her she should read S&H but she declined because she "doesn't like to read". He then said he was the same way but thought this book was worth changing for! (She didn't take a book even after that recommendation.)

Another older, well-worn fellow, mentioned that he'd studied CS and been to churches but said the religion is similar to a lot of others in that it was more about "doing church" than having the love of the Creator in one's heart. He called it Churchianity in lieu of Christianity. He said if we were practicing what is inside our book, instead of focusing on practicing "church", we'd really be doing something. That's an affirmation and a reminder, all in one.

From Tina: My report for today's outreach consists of the same ol'

same ol'. Isn't that wonderful! It never gets boring or uninspiring. "There is a dearness deep down..." and we witness it every week. The variations on the descriptions of our encounters with the people we mention in our reports are as unique as the population we visit every week. Yet the theme remains the same: treat everyone we meet with respect for their innate dignity; share what we treasure most - the truth that man is spiritual and God is love; honor the wisdom which closes our lips and leaves it to Truth to reveal Itself; love the Word (the Thought and thought expressed/expressing itself); let heaven and nature continue to sing in everyone's heart involved with outreach at Spokane Transit.