

## **STA REPORT 1/8/15**

### **From Bob:**

Happy new year all, and it's nice to be back in the "trenches" so to speak. This was the first outing of our seventh year on site and it lived up to normal expectations with a typical wide array of people and activity. Have you ever met a certified mythologist? We hadn't either, but a young man today was reportedly one test and certificate away from gaining that status. He mentioned the job entailed being able to tell the difference between the real and the unreal...and we mentioned that's our challenge, too! He happily took a book.

An older gentleman looked over our book tower collection of several sizes/covers and languages, shook his head and said, "No Spanish. I no speak English." I signaled for him to wait a moment, dug into the bottom of our supplies box, found our last brand new Spanish version that had been used in the main display, and handed it to him. He seemed quite pleased to get it. Several more interesting people spent most of their time with Tina so I'll let her tell about them.

For the first time ever, a medicare/medicaid provider company set up a booth near us. At a quiet time for both of us I went over to talk with the lady. She mentioned that the demographic at the bus plaza was their client base...I said it was Jesus' client base also, for the most part, and she got a kick out of that. She knew of CS and was interested enough to take a book when offered. I told her we were in her same general line of work and were doing our best to save her company money...she got a kick out of that.

Eighteen books went out today, including the last of the large print editions. If anyone has extra of those they'd like to donate we can certainly use them!

### **From Tina:**

"As you are sharing Christian Science you are not doing it as a mortal. When there is a receptive heart they are not looking at you, they are looking at the Truth." Lois Herr, CSB. November 6, 2014 Sentinel Audio Chat.

The “One Step” poster brings visitors to our table – some days not, but today it did. A fellow smiled at us and said he didn’t need our book, because he is free of alcohol dependency, declaring, “It’s wonderful to be sober.” Yes, it is wonderful! Thank you, God.

A grandma who had been homeless for a year shared that she has been sober for months, and is grateful. She wanted Science and Health for her son who will be getting out of jail in six days. She visited him yesterday and discovered he has been reading the Bible. She said, “It is the first time in several years I was actually talking to the son I used to know – he has been changed so much by reading the Bible.” She accepted the book and a photo copy of a CS Sentinel testimony which relates a very convincing healing of addiction. And then she danced around and hugged me when I gave her an entire copy of a Sentinel with its cover statement that its contents focused on “angels”. She danced because she feels she has been receiving angel messages from God, including a recent one that occurred when she opened her refrigerator and a packet of mustard fell to the floor. It reminded her of the parable of the mustard seed, a parable giving her much hope that her recent progress and that of her son will continue to grow.

Over the holidays I have been going through storage boxes (mine) of CS literature . I discovered about 25 unread-still-in-their-plastic-wrappers 1991-1992 CS Sentinels. I decided to bring them to Outreach and share. I didn’t guilt trip myself for not having read them (the outpouring of fine CS periodical writings sometimes overwhelms me, as in this case.) Instead, what came to mind was gratitude for the amazing output of exquisite spiritual writing which pours forth more than one can accept. Surely our Church is unique in its cadre of lay authors! As I laid the little magazines below the book rack this Thursday I was confident that each one would find just the right/receptive reader. And it was so.

Those who approached our table today were many – clearly they sought spiritual refreshment, and as angel thoughts hovered, beckoned and welcomed, they took good “looks at the Truth.”