

STA REPORT FOR 6-18-15:

**From Bob:**

This was another one of those days where you recognize your presence was specifically important to several people.

It started off with a young man whose tough appearance would never suggest an interest in reading a book, any book...prison tattoos, shaved head, wife-beater T-shirt, etc...but he read the back cover, we chatted about man's spiritual nature, I aimed him at the definitions in the Glossary, and he left with a book for himself and one for a friend. After a few paces he turned back and said, "God bless you."

Tina did a wonderful job of sharing with a woman in despair about life, trust, and God's nature. She'll write up more details but it was a situation that made the whole time worthwhile.

Another young man had been a student at a Christian school system for six years, and enjoyed it, but is interested in differing ways of looking at spirituality.

There were a number of others, of course. And one of the great benefits of this outreach is doing it with another person with whom you can have honest, in-depth conversations on the subject matter. That's worth a lot.

**From Tina:**

There are such brave souls who come to our outreach to find out what it is we offer. Just a few opening words on the subject and a dialogue ensues that is often very gratifying. I mention brave, because many people who are willing to investigate something new are hurting inside. Their eyes well up in tears when learning about a religion that is uplifting and healing. Krista was the person today who just soaked up the freshness of a new way of thinking about God, and hence, herself. When I suggested that she read the three paragraphs on the back cover of Science and Health she asked me to read it to her so she could really concentrate on what it said. Before parting she hugged me across the little display table that stood between us. Another woman came up who was cradling an eight week-old puppy in her arms. I offered her a book. "I can't read." "Well, I think you would really like this book. Is there someone who would be willing to read it to you?" She called her husband over and I asked him if he would read the first chapter titled Prayer to her. He looked a little puzzled but said he would. He put the book in her bag. I petted her pup that in turn gave the softest little licks to my hand. Perfect.

A dozen times today we were asked if the book we were offering was Scientology. Not once did anyone balk at our reply nor defend that belief system - in fact, the usual response was one of relief.

During quiet intervals between sharing, Bob and I discussed the recent Annual Meeting, talked about demonstrating rather than just talking about what we know and how much we both long to demonstrate/prove what we know about Christian Science. And we talked about what it would look/feel like to be in a church of healers. On that last subject I affirm that I feel like we are touching the healing hem of the Christly garment while doing our outreach at the bus/church/plaza - just the hem so far, and yet how stirring and satisfying.