

STA REPORT FOR 6-4-15

From Tina:

Mrs. Eddy stressed the importance of location - being well located. And though she was referring in the Manual to reading rooms it certainly applies to our outreach location at the bus depot downtown. We ARE well located right at the top of the ascending escalator. But the escalator has to be functioning to assist our work. Well, after weeks and weeks, and a major motor replacement, it is back in business and so are we. What a rich, good outreach day today:

A lady came by to see what we were sharing. She was already tuned in to spiritual healing and was eager to read Science and Health. Two brain tumors had beset her. One was removed surgically. The other solely/simply through spiritual means alone. We loved listening to her victorious experience, especially when she departed with, "I am just out here giving praise." Why, that is what we are doing too!

Dana has visited our table over the years. She is the young lady who encouraged her Bible Study group to use Science and Health along with the Bible. She is living in a home where a new baby has just been welcomed in. She said the baby cries a lot. It reminded me of something I could share with her that would heal the situation:

Thirty nine years ago there was a Christian Science Youth gathering in Banff, Alberta. I had been invited, along with my infant and toddler sons, to ride with several other CS'rs from Spokane to travel together in a van for an 8 hour trip. Sleeping accommodations were provided for the many attendees in a gymnasium. Everyone was pretty worn out from the trip, and sleep was so welcoming except that both of my sons were crying out of control and I couldn't comfort them. In desperation, in the dark, I heard myself beg the other attendees to pray for us. In seconds, the gymnasium was absolutely silent and remained so for the rest of the night. What a precious memory of the effectual, tangible, fervent prayers of support. There is much more to tell of that wonderful event provided for young Christian Scientists, but I did want to share just that episode with Dana so that she could help the new baby make a undisturbed transition into a loving home. (I hope there is another time someone at the bus station shares something that is troubling them, and I can tell "the rest of the Banff story.")

A lady accepted our book and said that she had been addicted to Vanax and had been free of its attraction for three whole months. And if she remained 'clean' she could get her own apartment. She said, "I need help. This will help me."

A man walked past, shaking his head, and then returned. He had been staying in a shelter out in the country and was now back on the street. He said he suffered from dementia and depression. I told him the author of Science and Health recognized God is Mind, and that he, as God's beloved son, had this same Mind. "Do tell yourself that," I said. "Oh, but if I do I won't be able to

get disability money." "Of course," I told him, "I wasn't asking you to pull your only rug of support out from under yourself, but by declaring you are God's whole, pure, Mind-filled child, is a means of healing. From now on, even if you have to use two ways to survive, do declare who you really are, and accept it." He left with the book. Shortly he returned and quietly asked for a dollar to buy a slice of pizza. We had a coupon that would cover a meal from the nearby pizza place for just "such a one."

What a purposeful day! And I want to thank all our dear supporters. You know who you are - and we could not be so generous with Science and Health if it weren't for each of you. Thank you.

Tina



From Bob:

Our escalator was back in operation today and business definitely picked up...quite a few books went out. Just as I was setting up a man walked up and asked if I would pray with him. He said he'd been kicked out of the Plaza for conduct reasons but was now reinstated and wanted help in maintaining appropriate behavior. (That's another one of those "different" kinds of things we encounter.) I said I'd be more than happy to pray for him. So he said, "Go ahead." I said I pray silently and would be happy to do that but if he wanted to pray out loud I'd be right there with him. He offered up a short prayer about God keeping him out of trouble. We amen'd together, exchanged names, shook hands, and I silently saw him as the expressing of all Godlike qualities. He took one of the older small S&H's and left.

Several others read the back of the book, acknowledged it sounded interesting and said a simple "thanks" without further ado. One older couple said not a word but took the book; a young woman from the Marshall Islands was quite effusive. A full range of expression!

Most of the overall action occurred at Tina's end of the table and she'll have a lot to say about the day. It's always interesting and a learning experience to hear another describing Christian Science or answering questions to someone who knows nothing about it. And so useful talking to each other in the slack times about aspects of this theology. I just wish more students of CS would unabashedly and openly take the opportunity to talk with each other---and members of the public---like we have this opportunity so to do.