

The Christian Science Committee on Institutional Work in Texas 2020 Year End Report

It is with deep gratitude for the receptivity and desire for the teachings, practice, and understanding of Christian Science by those we serve that this report is shared.

Distribution Activity: Distribution results for 2020 from the State office are as follows:

- *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* – 138 English and 65 Spanish
- Bibles – 79 English, 2 Spanish
- *The Christian Science Monitor* – 11 facility & 361 one-year subscriptions for individuals; hundreds of donated copies distributed to the inmates
- *Christian Science Sentinel* – 205 subscriptions; hundreds of donated copies
- *The Herald of Christian Science* – 426 mailed from office
- *Christian Science Quarterly Bible Lesson* digital edition – 600 subscriptions through bulk license; 485 weekly recipients – 115 copies are mailed to volunteer chaplains to share with newcomers to their program
- 143 new requests to be added to the Bible Lesson mailing list; 114 names were removed
- Spanish Full Text edition - 481 mailed – began year with 33 recipients, now have 38 recipients
- **Letters from this office to inmates – 2,907**

2020 Annual Meeting: DFW volunteer Chaplain Bobby Radke gave an inspiring talk sharing how vital the volunteers' prayer and work with the offenders or "new students of Christian Science" are to help to "Encourage, Enlighten, and Empower" as well as how receptive thought is to this Christ light of Truth to the student. Please contact the office if you would like the link to the recording of his talk.

Our deep gratitude goes to our outgoing Board members Hal Shrewsbury, CS, and Suzanne Davis for their wonderful support and work on the State Committee Board. Here are your new State Committee Board members and officers:

Chair – Allan Vivian - DFW Zone – thru 2022

Vice Chair – Anita Baker – Houston Zone – thru 2023

Robert Cowart – Austin Zone – thru 2024
Susan Bowden – San Antonio Zone - thru 2024
Brian Hall – West At Large Member - thru 2022
Carolyn Rook – East At Large Member - thru 2023

Lectures: A couple lectures were held prior to all of the lockdowns. We really appreciate the support and love from these special speakers, Patricia Woodard, CS, and Philip Hockley, CS.

Where We Serve: The Committee is in contact with individuals throughout the state encompassing federal, state, and county jurisdictions! As offenders are transferred between state units and/or systems, e.g., from county jail to a state unit, the number of facilities changes. This has ranged from 72 facilities up to 89 facilities on any given day. In March all “in person” activities were stopped but support for these new students continues unobstructed!

Offender Quote: B.G. Telford Unit – referring to Christian Science, “... it exposed misconceptions and error in my old thinking patterns. I understand that just talking about it isn’t enough. You got to ‘be about it’ to increase your spirituality. I just love Christian Science.”

Volunteer Experience: In Houston, "There have been healings of forgiveness from family members, staying quiet in prayer in the face of tormenting and bullying, when they would have usually reacted in retaliation, and several big physical healings. There have been a lot prayers to overcome depression, unhappiness, uncertainty and fear. It’s been a struggle for several to maintain their trust in God and stay above the material picture. Some of the letters from them are so inspiring in their success in seeing the good and true all around them, shining their Christ light on others who are suffering, and comforting them.”

2021 Needs: Mentors thru Mail VOLUNTEERS! Do you have time twice a month to share your love for Christian Science and the Bible? You can contact your Zone Board Rep or the Executive Secretary to find out how to become a “mentor thru mail” volunteer.

Amarillo area - Clements Unit has 22 men
Gatesville area - Hughes Unit has 16 men

Abilene area – Robertson Unit has 16 men

Beaumont area - Stiles Unit has 22 men

Livingston area - Polunsky Unit has 14 men

Huntsville area -Walls Unit 9 men; Estelle Unit has 34 men; Wynne Unit has 12 men

Wichita Falls area – Allred Unit has 10 men

Palestine area – Michael Unit has 42 men; Coffield Unit has 95 men

Kenedy area – Connally Unit has 13 men

CONTRIBUTIONS - Checks can be made payable to the CS State Institutional Committee and mailed to the Executive Secretary at the address below or you can contribute online through Pay Pal at: http://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=HXPX7RJJKU56G

Here’s what you’ll be immediately providing! This year, along with the Thanksgiving lesson the State Committee inserted a reply postcard offering additional Reading Room material asking the men to **“please select what additional materials you would like to receive.”** The response was amazing! **The following requests will be mailed in January, 2021.**

Holy Bible – 113

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy -88

Prose Works other than *Science and Health* by Mary Baker Eddy -84

Manual of the Mother Church – 121

Christian Science Hymnal - 71

Biography on Mary Baker Eddy - 106

Books on spiritual healing - 154

Christian Science Sentinel - 161 (89 new & 72 renewal)

The Christian Science Monitor - 188 (100 new & 88 renewal)

Thank you for your faithful metaphysical and financial support of this statewide healing church activity.

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