

Hello, brothers and sisters in Christian Science:

This brief nursing report is being given so you may have a glimpse into the varied ways in which Christian Science nurses are nursing.

First, allow me to introduce, or re-introduce, the Christian Science nurses present: (nurses, please remain standing until all names have been called)

Maria Heron from Burlington; Kent Hewitt (a new face from the West Coast now in Markham); Peggy Jackson in Toronto; myself, Ruth Matthews from eastern Scarborough; Beverley Moore from Etobicoke; Nora Myers (happily in town from Halifax way having just completed nursing for a two week stint at Sharon House); Rob Sherman from East York; and Jenny Solorzano from North York.

Calls to the 24/7 line 416-237-1276, or to our individual phone numbers may come at any time of the day. A few months ago, a call for help came in the middle of the night to a Christian Science nurse already on a nursing case. Unable to leave that case, the Christian Science nurse and the caller prayed together over the phone. The Christian Science nurse called in the morning to see if there was still a need. Gratefully, Father-Mother God had met that need during the night.

Four Christian Science nurses formed a team to nurse round the clock. Family had been caring for a family member and reached out to the Christian Science nurses for help. This was done in the home for weeks, until gradually and beautifully the member was restored to normal activity through the work of the Christian Science practitioner, the Christian Science nurses and the family.

Early one Sunday morning, a Christian Science nurse received a call to meet a nursing need. Skipping their local church service, they travelled a distance to a town where there is no church. Having met the need, the patient and Christian Science nurse held their own church service in the patient's home.

Whether the Christian Science nurse drives, or takes transit, the nurse spends the time in prayer preparing for the visit. This can amount to hours of commuting, but is time well spent in "communing".

For three weeks, a Christian Science nurse acted as a daily consultant and guide to a church member wishing to learn skills needed to look after a fellow church member in need. Both parties were immeasurably blessed.

A Christian Science nurse uses the phone to "nurse". Keeping in regular touch with church members and those fairly new to Christian Science, far and wide, this Christian

Science nurse finds this activity worthwhile, unfolding a good measure of fruitage and a practical way to support our wide-reaching field.

Christian Science nurses may make daily visits or weekly visits to one patient. The visits may span weeks, months or years. But each visit is a fresh declaration of the power of Truth to overcome any lie mortal mind may present. When driving a nursing colleague home, I commented what a privilege we have as Christian Science nurses. As church members, we rejoice and learn from each other's testimonies given Wednesday evenings in church. As Christian Science nurses, we get to participate in the healing. It is a privilege to work prayerfully with patients and to work closely with Christian Science practitioners.

I hope you have enjoyed this glimpse.

Please feel free to speak with any of us today, or call the 24/7 line, 416-237-1276, if you have a question, a concern, or you simply would like to know more about Christian Science nursing. We look forward to hearing from you!