



## Spiritual Renewal

by D. Brian Boettiger,  
Executive Director

One of my most loved verses in Scripture is from Isaiah, "...they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (40:31). Throughout my life as a student of Christian Science, whether as an athlete or simply in daily life, I've turned to this truth and felt the uplift and spiritual renewal that comes with wholeheartedly trusting God.

If you or someone you know needs a quiet place to seek and find renewed strength through waiting on God, Wide Horizon offers a private, peaceful setting for that purpose. We invite you to experience this uplift of Love on eagles' wings, soaring to the heights of Mind, buoyant with angel thoughts of the healing presence of Christ.

Horizon House has been tastefully redecorated for this spiritual purpose. Our motive was to create beautiful living environments for those individuals who seek spiritual renewal through rest and study. The five uniquely decorat-

ed rooms and the surrounding area of Wide Horizon will help

one to focus on God in consecrated study and prayer, so that one can "walk and not faint." Our desire is to have you rest in Truth and feel the comfort of Love. Our expectation is that you shall

renew your strength in Spirit and be not weary as you run in well doing. All of us here diligently work to care for and help nourish the hungry heart. We therefore invite you to enjoy our Rest and Study program at Horizon House, which includes three meals a day and housekeeping as needed.

Please visit our website at [www.widehorizon.org](http://www.widehorizon.org) for additional information, including occasional reduced rates for Rest and Study. You may also call 303-424-4445 to request our Rest and Study application and to make a reservation.

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."*

*—Psalms 51:10*



Wide Horizon  
Annual Meeting  
September 29, 2007

### READINGS

Prepared by Pam Dickson, C.S.

#### The Bible

Josh 24:15 choose (to 1st ;)  
Luke 10:38-42  
Luke 16:13  
Luke 10:25,27-34,36,37  
Matt 25:35 I, 37,39,40 Verily  
Gal 5:13 by

#### Science and Health

79:31-32  
261:31-5  
592:25  
395:18  
365:31  
366:30-31  
367:3

#### Prose Works

My 5:27-30 Continue  
Mis 177:1-4,15

# Board Report

A warm welcome to all of you. A verse from Hymn 190 in the *Christian Science Hymnal* states:

With confident and humble mind,  
My joy in service I would find,  
My prayer through every task assigned,  
Thy will be done.

All of us have been seeking to have God's will be done as we serve Him and one another in the activities of Wide Horizon. We are most grateful for the service of our Christian Science nurses and for the healing that is taking place here. The Board is also grateful for the service of our support staff, volunteers, and our senior staff.

As we all have been praying about how best to serve the healing cause of Wide Horizon, one theme has continued to come to the fore—better healing and more Christian Science nurses willing to serve this cause. At our Retreat last February we all felt a desire to strengthen the metaphysical approach to the Christian Science nursing at Wide Horizon. This has been encouraged among our Christian Science nurses, staff, and board members. We encourage you to join us in deepening your prayers for Wide Horizon as well. As you may know, we pick a metaphysical topic for each board meeting and each board member prepares some ideas to share on the selected topic. The metaphysical topics we selected this year are: Spiritual Growth, Progress, Spiritual Causation, Spiritual Unfoldment, Gratitude, Yielding not Resisting, Spontaneity, Joy, Sermon on the Mount, Light,

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Satisfaction, Supply, and Spiritual Ideas.

At one point this past year the Board was short three members. We are happy to say that today we are again at full strength and are very grateful for the willingness to serve of our three newest board members. Larry Combs from Loveland works in the financial services sector, Pam Dickson is a Christian Science practitioner from Fort Collins, and



*The Arbor Room*



*The Pottery Room*

## Horizon House Suites



*The Tropical Room*



*The Pottery Room*



*The Colonial Room*

Carolyn Talcott is a stay-at-home mom from Larkspur. The remaining board members are Ted LaMontagne, Jeanne Salo, and Mary Louise Parsons.

A few building improvement projects have also been completed

by Rick Davis, Board Chairman

this past year. Through a sequence of events, Horizon House was vacated and we have redecorated each room with the idea that Horizon House will be used for the spiritual renewal of those who come for Rest and Study. Every room has a theme and we enthusiastically thank Travis Vardell of Boulder for her love and talent in the design of each room. We encourage all of you to take advantage of this opportunity to get away from daily demands for a day or for a few days of quiet prayer and study. Please tell your friends about this opportunity also.

A patio has been built off the south side of the North Building. This protected area provides a lovely area for our guests, Christian Science nurses, and others to enjoy the outdoors a bit more. One guest in particular has been extremely grateful for the change and has spent considerable time outside. It all fits with another recurring idea that has resonated with both the Board and the senior staff, namely: "To do what is most loving."

Some of you have asked about development and plans to sell property. At present, there are no plans to sell any land, nor have any large scale development plans crystallized. What we are seeing are modest, cost effective ways to improve our services—such as the remodeling of Horizon House and the addition of the patio. Our financial resources also continue to grow. Though individual giving is down, income from estates has boosted our investments considerably.

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Thanks to all of you for your continued financial support.

In thinking about Wide Horizon's service to mankind, I found the closing paragraphs of *Retrospection and Introspection* to be quite illuminating (pp. 94, 95). Mrs. Eddy writes:

"I am persuaded that only by the modesty and distinguishing affection illustrated in Jesus' career, can Christian Scientists aid the establishment of Christ's kingdom on the earth. In the first century of the Christian era Jesus' teachings bore much fruit, and the Father was glorified therein. In this period and the forthcoming centuries, watered by dews of divine Science, this "tree of life" will blossom into greater freedom, and its leaves will be "for the healing of the nations."

And then she closes with a quote from A. E. Hamilton:

Ask God to give thee skill  
 In comfort's art :  
 That thou may'st consecrated be  
 And set apart  
 Unto a life of sympathy.  
 For heavy is the weight of ill  
 In every heart;  
 And comforters are needed much  
 Of Christlike touch.

— A. E. HAMILTON

# Expressions of Gratitude

*Written by a Wide Horizon staff member*

One morning as I was walking with one of our guests to the living room, another of the guests said something a little "edgy" to the [Christian Science] nurse, Nancy Stafford, and she responded so lovingly. As we walked on past the room, the guest I was escorting said to me, "I think it's just wonderful how all those [Christian Science] nurses are so nice to people."

At an evening testimony meeting, one guest gave a very lovely testimony of gratitude for our volun-

teers, specifically those coming on Thursday evenings to share the inspirational readings they have prepared.

At the same testimony meeting another guest expressed gratitude for all of the staff. She stressed how everyone really tries through divine Love to meet the human need of each one, such as helping each one to be comfortable or to be more independent by being dependent on God.

## Charitable Distributions from your IRA

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 permits you, if you're more than 70½, to give directly from your IRA to a charity without claiming any increased income or be required to pay any additional tax. To use this provision to benefit both you and Wide Horizon, you'll need to act before December 31, 2007.

### Donations Needed For

One day of Christian Science Nursing Care (highest level)	\$ 350.00
One week of Christian Science Nursing Care	\$ 2,450.00
One month of Christian Science Nursing Care	\$10,500.00
Painting 20 plus bathrooms & rooms for guests/staff	\$ 6,000.00
Asphalt parking lot repair	\$10,000.00
Tree pruning & removal	\$15,000.00
Tractor repair	\$ 500.00
Work "Golf" Cart (used vehicle)	\$ 3,000.00
Minivan to transport guests (used vehicle)	\$25,000.00

# Reports of Healings

Welcome to each of you. Thank you for coming today to learn more about Christian Science nursing as the primary activity of Wide Horizon.

So what's new in Wide Horizon's Christian Science nursing department? The need for more Christian Science nurses in the world is not new. Therefore, our commitment to making Christian Science nurses training available here at Wide Horizon is renewed this past year. We see this as an important part of our effort to increase our staff size so that we can better serve our field. Lack of Christian Science nurses is more likely to be the limiting factor in deciding whether we can accept a new patient than lack of rooms. In March we had a beginning Christian Science nursing class with two students. One of them is currently using her skills to take care of a family member, and the other has

become a valuable member of our Christian Science nursing team.

Then this summer we had a student from Principia College come here to do a summer internship in Christian Science nursing. This

young man is from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and his native language is French. He is an intelligent, soft-spoken young man who immediately won everyone's affection, and had a very successful internship. This experience helped remind us that

we shouldn't have stereotypes about what kind of people can make good Christian Science nurses. It's not a question of age or gender or previous occupation. The most important qualification is being a devoted Christian Scientist who loves God and wants to use his/her understanding of Christian Science to help others.

But how does a person use his/her understanding of Christian Science to care for the physical needs of others? Christian Science nurses do many of the same things a medical nurse would do for a person, such as bathe a patient, feed them, and assist them to walk. What makes it a *religious* activity when we do it and a *secular* activity when someone else does it?

**First, the expectation.** In Christian Science nursing there is no diagnosis or prognosis—no thought that the patient is gradually going downhill. There is no expectation of complications, of a crisis, of pain, or of symptoms to follow a certain pattern. There is only one expectation—for the indi-

vidual to better understand and manifest his God-created selfhood, and for this to result in healing.

**Second, the motive or purpose behind the activity.** I often think of a First Reader in a church I attended

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many years ago who said, as part of her *announcements*, "All of our activities have a healing purpose." I like to think that all the activities of a Christian Science nurse, however mundane they may appear, have a healing purpose. In a medical setting, most of their

activities, even though well intended, have their basis in fear of one thing or another. Our work comes from pure love and what Mary Baker Eddy called "practical wisdom." For instance, patients are bathed regularly because freshness and cleanliness are natural to man, and they are pleasant and uplifting.

Christian Science nurses prepare appropriate food for each of their patients as an expression of God's nourishing, sustaining love for each of His ideas. Yet it's *divine* Love that satisfies, sustains, nourishes, and energizes man. Thus we are not afraid if an individual is temporarily unable to eat. We take the appropriate *human* footsteps while knowing that God's love cannot fail to reach and to sustain His child—regardless of what is eaten or retained.

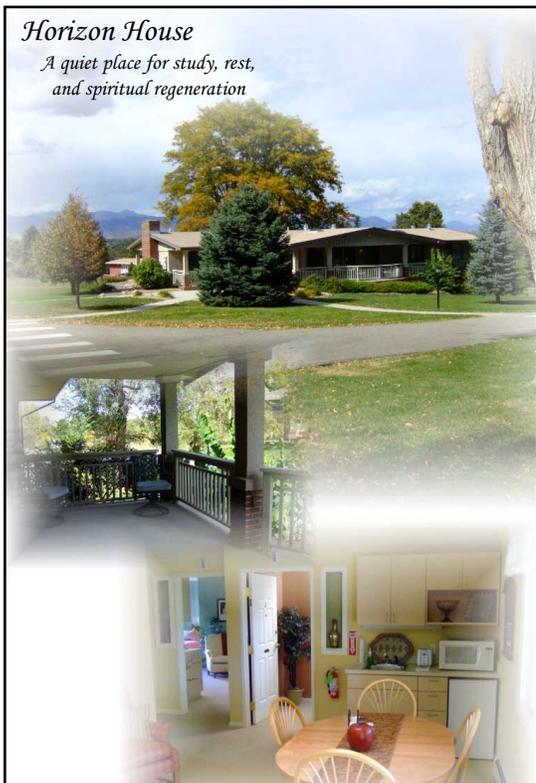
We cleanse and bind up wounds because it is more comfortable and freeing to the individual if the area is protected and everyone's thought is off of it as much as possible.

**Third, comfort and reassurance.** Sometimes a Christian Science nurse will voice the truth to a patient as she/he works with him. Probably

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## Horizon House

*A quiet place for study, rest,  
and spiritual regeneration*



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more often, her silent thoughts send reassurance to the individual under her care—thoughts acknowledging man's wholeness and God's unwavering care for each of His ideas.

Sometimes we talk about the **healing atmosphere** at Wide Horizon. We all know there is nothing magic about coming through the doors of Wide Horizon. But there is something very powerful about "dropping our burdens," our fears, the fears of our family members, at the door, and expecting that progress and freedom will be supported and promoted by the skillful, loving care of the Christian Science nursing staff. Thinking about the "healing atmosphere," one definition of "atmosphere" I like is a "pervading influence." There is a *pervading influence* of good at Wide Horizon.



*Newly renovated Colorado room.*

Let me tell you about a few healings we have been privileged to witness this past year:

A man was in a lot of pain one night. It was a problem that had been challenging him for a while, but suddenly pain became more aggressive. A family member drove him to Wide Horizon and he was admitted in the "wee hours" of the morning. By breakfast time, he had been healed of the pain. He then decided to spend a few days on Rest and Study (rather than Christian Science Nursing Care), enjoying the grounds and the Soul-inspired beauty here—experiencing "painless progress." (And isn't that everyone's favorite kind of progress!)

Another individual traveled to Wide Horizon from out of state. She had developed a rash that was alarm-

ing to her family. In the first few hours she spent with us, the redness and inflammation disappeared, and within a few days she was completely free.

A woman who was weak and uninterested in food regained her normal activity and appetite quickly and returned home in just a few days.

Another individual had fallen and hit her head. She spent a couple weeks at Wide Horizon "getting back on her feet" and regaining her confidence. When it was time for her to return home, one of our Christian Science nurses accompanied her and spent the first night with her.

A woman had a fall, after which she could not stand or walk. We needed to care for her in bed for more than a month. Little by little, progress came. Now she is able to walk about as freely as ever. There is neither limp nor any indication that there ever was a problem.

## Inspiration

From the pamphlet *Christian Science Practice* is a most helpful affirmation of the source and substance of true supply. "Whether or not the student has a private income or nest egg upon which he may draw, he will have to prove that Love's daily provision of spiritual ideas, inspiration and vision equips him to meet successfully the needs of those who come to him for help. Then he will have proof that 'the labourer is worthy of his hire'." (John 8:31:32)

This is just a sample of the progress and healing that is constantly going on at Wide Horizon, the Rocky Mountain region's only Christian Science nursing care facility.

In closing I would like to thank each of our Christian Science nurses for their dedication. I want to thank the volunteers that come in to spend time with our guests, the Christian Science practitioners that support us, and each of you, our faithful members!

## A Reason Why Your Donations Towards Benevolence Are So Important

"A simple note can never contain the gratitude my sister and I feel for you, Sue, and the Christian Science nursing staff. We arrived, unannounced, at your doorstep at one of the most difficult times in our lives. You welcomed us with such dignity, respect, and compassion. Thank you for covering [our mother's care] under the benevolence fund and giving her the finest care available. We will never forget the moment in Sue's office when you agreed to accept [our mother]—the deep relief, your comforting words, the kindness in your faces. Words fail me, but it truly is one of the most generous gifts I have received. With deepest appreciation..."

# Treasurer's Report

by Ted LaMontagne, Treasurer

This report to you will be short... and sweet! A Treasurer's report generally resolves itself in a discussion of income and expense, liabilities and assets, perhaps a mention of future prospects—it is in essence a recital of necessities of human experience.

I will begin by reporting a brief summary of operating results. It is important to use some figures and some percentages although rounded so that you might have a sense of the costs incurred in running Wide Horizon. Our operating income went up slightly from last year. Unfortunately our expenses rose at a slightly higher rate resulting in an operating deficit of \$585,000. (Income was \$1.295 million and expenses were \$1.880 million). As is traditional for institutions like ours, our deficit is generally covered by your contributions and sometimes from the income from or the sale of, financial assets like stocks and bonds. Last year general contributions from the field dropped over 35%, but our investment income coupled with those contributions covered the operating shortfall.

It is important that the overall picture of how Wide Horizon operates be known so that you can appreciate the needs of an institution that we all love and rely upon to help our friends and loved ones. Our financial picture is definitely improving through your generosity, but we need to stay with our resolve to perpetuate the mission of this beloved institution.

Wide Horizon has no liabilities other than the day-to-day bills that are waiting to be paid, but we have an increasing level of assets.

The financial assets of Wide Horizon have grown steadily and most of that asset pool is invested in mutual funds. Investment results in

terms of value and income have been favorable to us.

Wide Horizon comprises over 21 acres of prime real estate with a view; one overused building, one recently refurbished building and one severely underutilized building.

The South building has unused wings, but some rooms are used by Christian Science nurses who travel from a distance to help us, by our administration, kitchen and mainte-



Newly renovated Pottery room

nance functions. We have refurbished a handful of rooms to make them more comfortable and attractive as accommodations for temporary housing.

Horizon House has been given a lovely uplift and become a haven for rest and study and spiritual renewal. We hope you appreciate the newly redecorated building.

The North Building is the principal structure on our campus and needs a variety of significant changes and improvements to do the job that it really wasn't intended to do. The Board has spent a number of years studying the alternatives and needs to increase the utility and effectiveness of the building but it became evident that the important ingredient upon which every plan is contingent is having an adequate and

consistent level of nursing staff. So construction and significant change needs to wait until we achieve more comfortable levels of help and coverage. In fact, it is easy to say that our most precious asset is the least quantifiable... our Christian Science nursing staff and the employees who support this great organization.

We ask that you consider ways in which we can more effectively use our land and building assets. We have always thought that this would be a wonderful location for a Christian Science campus—a place where other efforts to further our cause could find a home and the support of fellow travelers. Let us know if you can find an inspired suggestion that might give wings to that concept.

Paul wrote in his second epistle to the Corinthians: *"For if there be a willing mind, it is accepted according to what a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be an equality: As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that gathered little had no lack."*

This divine equation is manifested in great love expressed through the abundant supply offered by you who support and pray for this institution, and reflected in turn by the healing love and the dedicated, compassionate care expressed through all that work at Wide Horizon.

# Thanksgiving Thoughts from Wide Horizon

The month of November includes our national day of Thanksgiving—a time that people near and far of all denominations and cultures are genuinely grateful for the blessings of God. This gratitude often extends to friends and families as well as strangers in need. As Christians who are students of the Science of Christianity, we recognize the Scriptural promise that each of us, "...always have all sufficiency in all things, abound to every good work...being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causes through us thanksgiving to God" (II Cor. 9: 8,11). Wide Horizon is indeed grateful for God's sufficiency of divine Love that meets every human need when the human humbly yields to the divine. We strive daily to do good works that serve God and mankind. Our Thanksgiving wish for you is encompassed within these words of Mary Baker Eddy, when in 1900 she wrote:

"New England's last Thanksgiving Day of this century signifies to the minds of men the Bible better understood and Truth and Love made more practical; the First Commandment of the Decalogue more imperative, and "Love thy neighbor as thyself" more possible and pleasurable. It signifies that love, unselfed, knocks more loudly than ever before at the heart of humanity and that it finds admittance; that revelation, spiritual voice and vision, are less subordinate to material sight and sound and more apparent to reason; that evil flourishes less, invests less in trusts, loses capital, and is bought at par value; that the Christ-spirit will cleanse the earth of human gore; that civilization, peace between nations, and the brotherhood of man should be established, and justice plead not vainly in behalf of the sacred rights of individuals, peoples, and nations. It signifies that the Science of Christianity has dawned upon human thought to appear full-orbed in millennial glory; that scientific religion and scientific therapeutics are improving the morals and increasing the longevity of mankind, are mitigating and destroying sin, disease, and death; that religion and *materia medica* should be no longer tyrannical and proscriptive; that divine Love, impartial and universal, as understood in divine Science, forms the coincidence of the human and divine, which fulfils the saying of our great Master, "The kingdom of God is within you;" that the atmosphere of the human mind, when cleansed of self and permeated with divine Love, will reflect this purified subjective state in clearer skies, less thunderbolts, tornadoes, and extremes of heat and cold; that agriculture, manufacture, commerce, and wealth should be governed by honesty, industry, and justice, reaching out to all classes and peoples. For these signs of the times we thank our Father-Mother God" (*The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany*, pp.264-265).



*The Colorado Room*

## Employee Recognition

We are genuinely grateful for the consecrated service and fine work of the following individuals, each who reached respective milestones during this year:

Peggy Henderson, Christian Science nurse & supervisor, 25 years

Gwen Harrop, Christian Science nurse, 20 years

Zina Matveyuk, kitchen staff, 15 years

Alison Erlenburg, office staff, 5 years

Cindy Goodwin, Christian Science nurse & supervisor, 5 years



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Excerpts from the keynote address are printed on an insert included with this newsletter.

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