SHARING GRATITUDE

A Testimony of Healing

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Did you know that God wants us to prosper? The Word of God — the Bible — is our authority for this. In the very first book, Genesis 24:40 reads: "…The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way." And Joshua tells us that when we follow the commandments, we prosper wherever we go (see Josh. 1:7).

Posted on my refrigerator, I have some reminders about gratitude: "Practice gratitude for the simple things," and "The more you give, the more you receive." In my business experience, I have learned that when I am grateful, I am blessed. I once heard, "The attitude of gratitude is beatitude!That phrase has stayed with me as a reminder to thank God for all prosperity that I experience. A grateful heart prepares us to receive more of His blessings.

It is with sincere and heartfelt gratitude that I share an example I experienced recently. The lease was about to expire for our tenant who rented a small office/warehouse condominium our family owns. The tenant told us they were not going to renew the lease — they had found another building more suitable for their needs. This move was certainly right for the tenant, but it meant we were about to have an empty building and needed a new tenant.

About a month before the lease expired, I placed a handwritten "For Rent" sign with my phone number on a yard sign and placed it in the ground for the public to see. As I did this, my thought reached out to God with a prayer something like: "God, I know there is the perfect tenant for this building which will meet their need and ours, because in Your divine economy there is always a balance between supply and demand, and our respective needs will be met." And I remembered the promise from Science and Health, "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need" (p. 494:10–11). "Thank you, Father-Mother God, for supplying all good."

I had only received one or two inquiries, and the lease expired on July 31, 2026. That was a Friday, and the tenant moved out. Two days later, on Sunday afternoon, I received a call from a woman asking about the building, lease terms, etc. She said, "My husband and I live close by and have been looking for a new location closer to home. When can we see it?" I responded that I lived close to the building too, and if she and her husband were willing, I could meet them at the property in 15 minutes.

When I arrived, they were waiting in their air-conditioned car. We greeted each other, and during our meeting I learned she had prayed before making the call to me; that they had been praying while sitting in the car waiting for me; and that he was a "street minister." I shared with them my prayer when I placed the sign in the ground, and we talked about how God brought us together and was present in our lives.

We expressed gratitude, knowing it was not a coincidence but God's direction for us to meet. In less than half an hour, we agreed on the rent, the term of the lease, and the start date. They wrote a deposit check, and the next day we all signed the lease. This all happened in less than 24 hours. Our hearts were filled with gratitude to God for bringing us together and for the harmony we experienced throughout the transaction. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to participate in this newsletter and share with you this example of God, divine Love, meeting the human need.

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A Little Brochure with a Big Message

Copies of the Mother Church brochure "What Is Christian Science?" are available at church. This simple, beautiful introduction to Christian Science makes a helpful handout when someone asks a question or expresses interest. If you would like extra copies for your own outreach, please see Julie or Bonnie.

Prayer Spotlight — Seeing Our Community Through Love

Outreach is not about forcing something to happen. It is about recognizing what God is already doing. Let us see our community as God's beloved children, held in divine Love.

Our prayer this season: Father-Mother God, open our eyes to see our community through Your eyes. Guide our words, our actions, and our church activity. Make our outreach generous, joyful, and receptive. Help us remember that Love is already present in our community.

"Sometimes the smallest act of sharing opens the door to a conversation that can bless someone in a much bigger way."

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