



Christian Science Committee
FOR INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE
IN THE STATE OF OREGON

Bringing light and healing within the setting of Oregon's penal institutions

Greetings Fellow Branch Members!

June 2018

We are excited about a project sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Corvallis at Oak Creek Youth Facility in Albany. After our quick newsletter you will find a couple pictures of the work designed by Alex Cook and painted by the girls in custody. Oak Creek houses and treats up to 75 young female offenders and is the only such facility in the state. Members of Albany and Corvallis church regularly visit, bringing Christian Science thought to the facility each Sunday afternoon. More pictures can be found on our website at csisoregon.com under "Healing and Progress".

What things are happening in the CS Committee for Institutional Service in Oregon?

- A church representative meeting/conference call was held via Zoom on March 4 and another will be held June 10 at 3pm. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/5569652476>; by phone +1 408 638 0986 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 646 558 8665 or +1 669 900 6833; Meeting ID: 556 965 2476. A separate communication to churches, volunteers, and known representatives will be sent with the agenda about 1 June.
- Your committee would like your support with identifying church representatives to participate in the video/phone call and to directly receive the agenda and minutes.
- A volunteer chaplain has held her first service at the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution in Madras. Thank you Bend church for being so active in your support of this work and volunteer.
- Helped churches fund three lecturers at four institutions: Eastern Oregon and Two Rivers in November with Mr. Matas, Santiam in Salem with Ms. Nesi, and Columbia River in Portland with Ms Nanouche. Your committee plans to continue to support churches to hold about three lectures in institutions each year. We have a fund so churches and individuals can give specifically to this part of the work.
- A fruitage letter is scheduled soon and is to resume quarterly publication as in the past.
- We are receiving many requests for literature—CSMonitor, CSentinel and CSQuarterly subscriptions. We have created a fund to receive specific donations.
- In addition to having two Executive Committee members openings, our current Executive Committee chair, Joyce Merritt, must rotate off the committee October 1, 2018. We must have a replacement by that time. Please consider serving the committee in this way.

Below are photos of the Oak Creek mural project, designed and facilitated by Alex Cook. It was a wonderful creative week for the girls at Oak Creek, a very successful project! Though the murals were a gift from Corvallis Church, each mural says "A gift from the Christian Science churches of Oregon." Most of the girls return to other Oregon cities and the volunteers wanted each girl to feel a collective hug from the whole Oregon Christian Science Field and know they are welcome at any Christian Science church.

A poem included on the mural on a wall reads:

Look at a Tree
When you lose hope
First it was a seed
Below the ground
And only with patience
It was able
To touch the Sky
Above





You are needed.

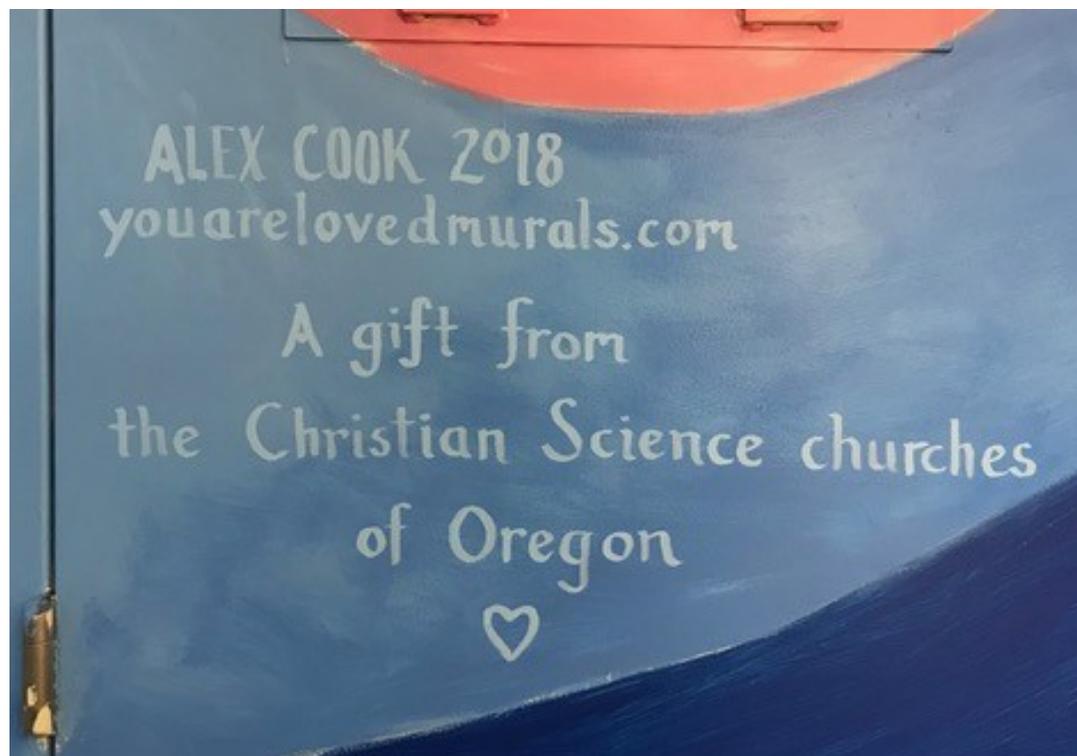




Starting point

And finished wall.





More pictures are available to see on the CSISC website : csisoregon.com

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