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Christ Faith Mission

AND HOME
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS
FREE MEALS, BEDS AND CLOTHING
Services at 1 and 7:30 P. M.

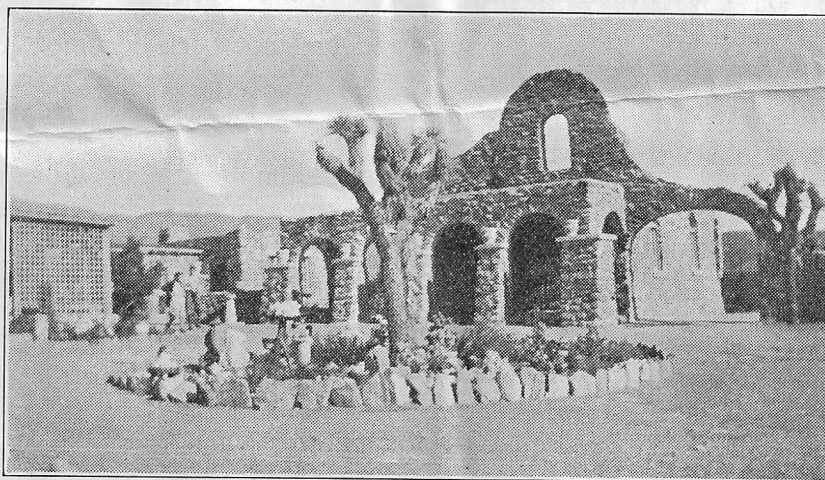
252½ South Main Street

Los Angeles, Calif.

WELCOME!

To all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tired and need rest; to all who are friendless and want friendship; to all who are lonely and want companionship; to all who are hungry and need food; to all who pray and all who do not, but ought to; to all who sin and need a Saviour, and to whosoever will—this Mission opens wide its doors, and, in the name of Jesus, the Lord, says:

WELCOME!



GOD HONORS FAITH; FAITH HONORS GOD

Christ Faith Mission is not an organization. It is founded on Faith and is interdenominational. Supported by individuals, not by churches, organizations or Community Chest.

No plan of solicitation has ever been adopted; no collection taken; no questions asked. We have always stood on Philippians 4:19; it has never failed us.

THANKSGIVING GREETINGS

Thanksgiving Greetings to all friends of the Mission, far and near; those who pray for us, and those who, by their gifts, help to keep the Mission open!

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

How we need to praise and thank Him, this Thanksgiving Day, for all His goodness to us! For health and strength, for food, for sweet sleep, for peace and friendship; for all the blessings of our

everyday life, as well as for His unspeakable loving kindness, His mighty forgiveness, and for everlasting life! The Psalmist says, 'Every day will I give thanks unto Thee and praise Thy Name forever and ever.'

How wonderful that our puny praises should be pleasing to the Almighty and Everlasting God! He says, 'Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me.'

Thanksgiving Day is a day of joy and good cheer, a day when our great nation pauses to offer thanks to the 'Giver of every good and perfect gift.' It is a day when Christ Faith Mission loves to gather in the hungry to a bountiful table, to cheer sad hearts, and speak the comfort of the Gospel to troubled souls. It is also a day of deep communion and special praise to Him 'Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.'

Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL

The Bible School opened September 11, 1934, at eight o'clock. The blessed Holy Spirit had complete control for four hours. There were no classes, but a seal upon the school, that God was well pleased. Praise His holy name! A wonderful beginning!

Sister Emma Burgess, a teacher sent of God, teaches Bible Synthesis, Bible Introduction, Bible Geography, Harmony of the Gospels, Child Study, and Prayer. Brother Patmore teaches Instrumental Music. Brother Briscoe teaches English, Latin, Vocal Music, and Piano. Both are men of God.

It is surely a God-sent privilege for those who want to receive this free teaching of things of God and something for eternity. Psalms 119-89. 'Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.'

GOOD NEWS

This little paper is to strengthen the faith life in all who read it, for truly God has taught us to live by faith for nearly nine years in Christ Faith Mission, Praise His precious Name.

We started with one dollar, four quarters given by dear Sister Dillon, who is now with the Lord. For four weeks, she saved twenty-five cents a week on her food and brought me the dollar. At first I rejected it. Who could start a down town Mission on one dollar? Then with bitter tears, I asked her forgiveness.

Within six days, I had thirty dollars given by friends and I started out to find what rent would be. The second place I went into on Spring Street was dirty and had not been occupied for over a year. There were eight rooms. I went to see the agent and found he wanted \$250 for the lease for eighteen months. I asked him what he would let us have it for, just as it was, dirt and all, and he said \$100, with three weeks' free rent. He was willing to take fifty dollars down and the balance in three weeks. I know God was working.

I had a diamond ring that I pawned for twenty dollars, and in a few hours was in the place cleaning it up. We had a broken-leaved table and a dry-goods box for furniture, with forty cents in money. But God was able to do abundantly above all I could ask or think. Praise His Name. He gave His All for us. What have we given for Him?

Every day is Thanksgiving for us. Just come in to the prayer meeting from eleven to twelve o'clock in the Mission and in the mountain home, or send your requests in, for we know God answers prayer. We rely on Him for our daily bread and rent. We believe that we shall have a Christ Faith Mission without rent some day. Wouldn't that be heavenly? Pray for us.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING DINNER

We have always had a free Thanksgiving dinner in the Mission. The one I want to tell you about, the most outstanding in the nine years, was the first one. Times were very hard at that time, and many needy people came in the day before Thanksgiving to ask for food. During the day we gave out all the food we had and God seemed to multiply for we helped many.

At six o'clock the cupboard was bare with the exception of two small cans of corn and a dozen or more sweet potatoes. My heart almost failed for there were only three hours before the markets closed, and I had announced a free Thanksgiving dinner for all needy women. But God undertook and a friend, Mrs. Hall, called me by phone from Highland Park and asked about the Thanksgiving dinner. I informed her with trembling voice that it had not arrived.

"With loud exclamations she said, 'Why, Mother Green, why did you not let us know?'"

I told her that that was the Lord's business and it was all up to Him now. I had done my part.

Well, before nine o'clock, one of our long tables was loaded with good things for a complete Thanksgiving dinner for over one hundred. God never fails. So, dear ones, have faith in God.

CHRIST FAITH MISSION

Christ Faith Mission has been established nearly nine years. Many who receive the little papers have a part in this work in prayer and gifts, and we want to thank them and say that we **always** pray for them and ask God's blessing on all the dear ones that have made the Mission possible. It has housed and fed thousands of needy souls, and many have found Christ as their Saviour.

HE HEARETH US

When I cannot understand my Father's leading

And it seems but hard and cruel Fate,
Still I hear that gentle voice ever pleading

'God is working, God is faithful,
Only wait.'

And to those of us to whom he has entrusted the work, He is growing more precious as we learn to lean harder on His faithfulness. Phil. 4:19, 'But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus,' is becoming more real every day and our 'expectation is from Him.' Praise His holy Name!

1 John 5:14, 15. 'And this is the confidence that we have in Him that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us. And if we know that He hear us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petition we desire of Him.'

Come in and see what God is doing in our midst. We want Him to have all the glory and honor and praise.

Our class song is 'More about Jesus,' and our Scripture verse, 1 Tim. 2:15, 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'

ON STRETCH FOR GOD

I Cor. 10:4. And that Rock was Christ

Up and down Main Street, coming and going, hurry and rustle all day long, and most all night, the busy throngs have not time to look up at the notice, 'Christ Faith Mission.'

But there it stands, and the lonely, when they see it, wander in, to find a haven. The fearful also to find peace, the sinner to find a Saviour Who cares, and all to find kindness and shelter in the time of storm. Often at the mid-

night hour, the bell will ring and a patient little sister will leave her warm bed to go and admit the weary wayfarer with kindness, and lead her to a clean bed. Night closes down on all, and we remember His eye, His care, His safety—He is our Rock, Christ Jesus.

Morning dawns and the breakfast bell is a welcome sound. After this, the Word of Life is read, we have prayer, and the theme song, 'More about Jesus would I know' is sung. Then before going out, each one takes a part in making every part of the Mission shine, as cleanliness with Godliness is what we like. Some one comes along, sick, and special prayer is offered, and as a rule, relief comes at once.

At eleven o'clock, we have a general prayer hour when all requests are brought before God, and prayer is offered for all who give to the Mission, and for all who pray. For God, Who is rich, still keeps us in the place where we have to pray much.

ANOTHER THANKSGIVING DINNER

I thank God for the wonderful services we have had at the Christ Faith Mission during the last three and one half years. We always look forward with delight to Wednesday night, for that is the night we reserve for the Christ Faith Mission. How I thank God for the girls and women who have laid their all on the altar there; and have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

One day, especially, stands out in our memory when Mother Green asked us to take the afternoon service on Thanksgiving Day, 1933. Praise God! That was a wonderful day at Christ Faith Mission. And how the Lord blessed! The Mission was filled and God had supplied so abundantly the lovely din-

ner of turkey with all the trimmings. How happy every one was! Many hungry women were fed and hungry souls found Jesus. How wonderful it was to hear those girls in the Mission testify to the saving power of Jesus Christ, and thank God for Christ Faith Mission.

We are looking forward to a greater Thanksgiving this year than ever before. We pray that many souls may be won for God on that day. Praise His name!

Bro. and Sister Pence.

Christ Faith Mission,
Dear Mother Green,

Some time ago I read an article by Alma Whitaker in the Times about the work at your Mission. She said, "No registration is necessary, no questions asked." That seemed to me such a beautiful contrast to the "hard-boiled" methods of most professional social welfare people that I resolved to send you a contribution as soon as I could find the money. I got an unexpected \$5.00 for Christmas so I'm sending \$3.00 of it for your work. May God bless it and you.

A friend in Nevada.

ANOTHER LETTER

Prayer

I know not by what methods rare
But this I know, God answers prayer.
I know not when He sends the Word
That tells us fervent prayer is heard;
Therefore we need to pray.

God has been very good to us this last month in particular, so I am sending \$5.00 instead of the customary \$1.00. May Divine Love bless and multiply it.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again. Prov. 19:17.

Thanksgiving

*For sins forgiven, and lessons by the way,
I thank Thee, Lord!*

*For counsel "not to faint" but rather pray;
I thank Thee, Lord!*

*For plans upset, which thrust me on Thy care,
For hope that soared in face of blank despair;
For Thy blest presence with me everywhere,
I thank Thee, how I thank Thee, precious Lord!*

*For consolation of Thy holy Word,
I thank Thee, Lord!
For messages that oft my spirit stirred,
I thank Thee, Lord!*

*For journeys over land and over sea,
To witness to Thy truth so great and free,
Bespeaking love divine at Calvary,
I thank Thee, my Redeemer and my God!*

*For fellow saints to cheer my pilgrim way,
I thank Thee, Lord!
For Thy "new song" that turned my night to day,
I thank Thee, Lord!*

*For faith—Thy faith that would not be delayed
By faithless souls, but to the Father prayed,
And with assurance on Thy promise stayed—
I thank Thee, how I thank Thee, precious Jesus.*

My Dear Mrs. Green:

Enclosed find a small free will token of our appreciation for the wonderful work you are doing, in the likeness and spirit of God. I am deeply impressed with the whole manner in which you are caring for the flock and in the lovely spirit as evidenced the day I visited your mission.

May God bless you in the wonderful work you are doing and make easy your way and prosperous.

Yours in the Spirit of God.

FAITH MISSION

Alma Whitaker in the Los Angeles

Times:

Everything about the Christ Faith Mission is a little incredible—but it works.

In a modern world obsessed with efficiency it has operated successfully for seven years on the sketchiest bookkeeping and no statistics.

Its very location, at 215 South Spring Street, reeks of incongruous drama. For that is the old Hoffman Cafe, scene of gay parties in pre-war days.

Today the front part of the building is devoted to missionary services, the walls covered with texts from the Scriptures. Balconies, alcoves and private dining rooms are filled with beds for destitute women and babies.

Mrs. Arglee Green, formerly a smart and successful dressmaker and milliner in New York, has dedicated herself to the rescue of the unfortunates of her sex. She founded the mission seven years ago. It has no endowments, no regular income, no contributions from Chest or county.

"But the Lord always provides if we have faith in Him," beams Mrs. Green.

Her faith obviously is justified, for she houses and feeds, comforts and encourages 75 women who otherwise would be shelterless.

Another curious anomaly is that, while organized charity disapproves her

methods, because of her insistence that no registration is necessary, no questions be asked and no records be kept, relief agencies galore pass women along to her care for whom they can make no provision themselves.

"We never turn anyone away. Sometimes we all have to share our beds with sorrowing strangers, but we are glad to do it," says Mrs. Green.

"But it takes money to run a place like this. Where do you get it?" I asked.

Whereupon Mrs. Green recounted tales of answers to prayer through the years. She likewise told proudly how a Sundial story about her work in the Christian Science Monitor brought her donations from all over the country, and even as far afield as China and South America.

Many of her contributions come from former inmates now restored to self-supporting status. While I was interviewing her a young girl entered, kissed her, proclaimed that she now had a job, and donated \$1 from her first week's pay.

There are almost no rules. No woman has to divulge anything about herself that she doesn't wish to. But one rule is sternly held to—all who can must attend the prayer services before breakfast, and they must keep up their beds.

They are, however, free to go job hunting for the rest of the day.

Wednesday is set apart for an all day prayer and fellowship meeting. Everybody invited to come and pray. Friday, all day sewing. Nothing to be sold but to be given to the needy. Come and help and be blessed.

Christmas Tree and party for children, December 22, at one o'clock. All invited.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Dinner for needy women and girls, 12:30, Nov. 29 and on December 25.

HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD

'Tis so sweet to feel His presence,
Just to know He lingers near;
Just to lose all thoughts of sadness,
Of anxiety or fear.

Deeper—deeper—ever deeper,
O, my soul lie still, lie low;
Let His bosom be thy pillow,
Rest and wait and thou shalt know

That thy shelter is His mantle
Of love encircling thee;
That His heart throbs give thee life
And spiritual energy.

Closer—nestle closer to Him,
He will never let thee fall.
Is He not thy burden bearer,
Is He not thy all in all?

Softer still, sink down deeper,
O, my soul, into His love;
Let Him fill thee, teach thee, thrill thee,
With His messages of love!

NOTICES

FREE

Christ Faith Mission Employment Bureau, 252½ So. Main St. TUCKER 4592.

Visitors are welcome at the Mission at 252½ South Main street, and at the Mountain Home and school at any time.

We ask all readers of this little paper to please send in the names and addresses of friends who would appreciate this paper.

We need brothers in Christ who can do cement work or building, to help if only for a few days, to finish up the buildings at the Bible School. We know God will bless them.

We also need women who will help with the work, as the students have very little time apart from school and study.

ARTCRAFT STUDIO

The rear of our Mission has become a Biblical Artcraft Studio. Professor Peter Plotkin, Ph. D., the world's greatest Jewish artist, marvelously converted to Christ has dedicated his wonderful talent to the salvation of lost souls, especially among his Jewish brethren. He is now painting "Calvary."

God has given him a unique ministry of contacting these neglected people through free art exhibitions in ghettos. His three large paintings of David, Isaiah, and Christ as Kings of Kings have been the means of turning eighteen Jews to Christ, recently.

We covet your prayers for this 'modern Paul' as he renews progress on a scriptural portrayal of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ called "God So Loved the World."

This is a painting fifteen feet tall and ten feet wide and may well become a mighty masterpiece of the ages and used of God to draw men and women to Christ. Please enlist prayer that God will use this talent for a rich harvest of souls in these days of great apostasy.

The language of the eye is universal! Eighty-six percent of the knowledge we gain is brought to us through the "eye-gate." Easily understood by every tribe and tongue of earth's myriad nations will be this flaming canvas missionary.

Never in all the centuries has God had a spirit filled artist to portray the suffering and agony of the Son of God in its real Jewish setting and in strict accordance with the description of the Word of God.

Praise the Lord for regenerating this great soul and enlist prayer that the Holy Ghost may monopolize him, body, soul and spirit for this unique ministry of art.

Beginning December sixteenth, Dr. Plotkin will unveil the painting each Sunday at three o'clock, P. M. to show

the progress achieved from week to week. Artists seldom show unfinished work but Dr. Plotkin makes this concession to enlist your prayer, for is it not a gigantic undertaking to attempt to depict the love story of God with paint and brush? Only God can enable him to finish this mission because all the powers of Satan are arrayed against this humble child of God who would have God use him in this graphic modern manner to bruise the Serpent's trail. May God richly bless you as intercessors for this loving ministry of a regenerate heart.

TALKING WITH GOD

or

The Secrets of the Prayer Life

Many times the question is asked, "Why does not God answer my prayer?" Now, while no one explanation will meet all cases, I have found two facts generally present:

Ignorance of God's word, and promises, and neglect of continued secret prayer. Because of this vital need, many are now unable to meet the testings of these days. Only those who know God's word, and are walking closely with Him every moment, are able to stand firm, steadfast, and unafraid. Again, one must be fully conscious of God's presence, that He is, and that He hears.

One must also realize that real prayer is prompted by the Holy Spirit, Who knows the will of God, and will not ask amiss. There are certain conditions of mind that grieve the Holy Spirit, and which God will not hear; jealousy, hatred, pride, bitterness in heart, an unforgiving spirit, all hinder true prayer.

Nor should prayer be selfish. Others should be first. Some give healing the first place, failing to know that grace sufficient is far more precious than bodily healing. One may be in danger of

spiritual pride, and need humbling and like Paul, need the 'thorn' lest they be 'puffed up.'

One must be reconciled to circumstances that God has permitted to surround them. Only when willing that God should have His way, can He use us. God uses deaf, dumb, blind, shut-in people, broken, empty lives, that are willing to do His will.

Praise, instead of murmuring, brings untold blessing; no one need be useless. All God asks is a willing obedient heart, and He does the rest, opens doors and gives power in prayer and service. A genuine life of faith and work is not easy. It means work, strength, energy used, it means sacrifice, standing between the power of darkness and those we would help, it means love. 'Without love we are nothing.'

God always answers true prayer. If we make a mistake in what we ask, He says 'No.' That is an answer. If in doubt as to His will, leave it for Him to decide. If sure it is His will, **just take it by faith.** In such case, He gives the 'gift of faith.'

Bible references for Prayer Life.

Mark 11:24

James 1:6-7

Psa. 66:18

James 4:3

1 John 3; 20-21

Job 35; 12-13

1 John 5; 13-14

Matt. 21-22

1 Peter 3; 12

John 15:7

John 14; 13

(To be continued)

The illustration on the title page is a photo of Stone Church at Mountain Home near Saugus.

Helping someone else is the secret of happiness.