

THANKS FROM 2016 CAMPERS

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. (Luke 2:52)

I grew so much as a Christian Scientist. I had beautiful healings at camp, overcoming sickness and fear. Seeing old camp friends was awesome; I had missed them so much. This year I have made even more friends to last a lifetime. Again, I can't thank you enough for the opportunity. It is so special.

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During the third week of camp, one of our evening activities was "foxes and hounds." I was playing hard and was having a lot of fun. We had played a couple of rounds, and I was back to playing defense when I seemed to have collided with someone from the other team. My knee seemed to take the bulk of the impact, and it became painful to use it normally. I sat out for a bit trying to correct my thought, but I couldn't seem to get my thought away from fear. I kept being fearful about how long the pain would last, and that it might prevent me from participating in camp activities.

When the activity was over, we walked from where were...to the lake to soap dip. On the way down, I was struggling and was with a counselor back behind everyone else. He had noticed that I was not fully participating during the game and that I was having difficulty walking. He told me to read pages 395-400 in Science and Health, and when I got back to our cabin later that night, I began to. At that point, though, I was really tired and fell asleep before I finished or got anything out of it. The next morning, my cabin woke up early for our last day to go tubing...Tubing is one of my favorite camp activities, and I was really frustrated, thinking that I would not be able to participate. However, I knew that I was wrong, and that nothing could keep me from expressing God. So, I got back to work on the pages, and as I was reading, a passage on page 397 really stood out to me. It reads:

"Suffering is no less a mental condition than is enjoyment. You cause bodily suffering and increase them by admitting their reality and continuance, as directly as you enhance your joys by believing them to be real and continuous. When an accident happens, you think or exclaim 'I am hurt! Your thought is more powerful than your words, more powerful than the accident itself to make the injury real.

Now reverse the process. Declare that you are not hurt and understand the reason why, and you will find the ensuing good effects to be in exact proportion to your disbelief in physics, and your fidelity to divine metaphysics, confidence in God as all, which the Scriptures declare Him to be." When I read that, I realized that this seeming injury was not, and that it was just as in my head as enjoyment. I also thought that if both were in my head, then there was only really room for one, and I would much prefer enjoyment to injury. At that moment, I noticed how much fun everyone else in my cabin was having, and I wanted to join them. So without giving my knee another thought, I got up, put on a life jacket, and took a turn tubing. I was so grateful to be with my cabin mates, and I had so much fun the rest of the day. I was completely free from the belief of pain in my knee. Thank you again so much...I grow so much every summer I attend.

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While at [name of camp], I had a great healing. I hadn't fenced in two weeks, and the leg I usually use to push off into a lunge started to ache really badly. I ended up getting crutches. With the support of the camp practitioner, I woke up the next day, and my leg was fine, no pain, nothing. I was grateful to be at a

camp that uses Christian Science and for this healing.

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I have never been to [name of camp], or any Christian Science camp. I'm glad I got to see how I can use what I learn in Sunday School in all areas of my life. I really enjoyed the testimony times and listening to how others had healing and use C.S. in their lives. I didn't have anything to share while at camp but witnessing others gave me encouragement and help when I got home and needed a healing.

...The thing is, with all the fun I had on the lake, I got swimmers ear, and it hurt really bad. My ear was clogged, and the pressure woke me up at night. I am new to C.S. In the past I have taken medicine for pain. But this time, my mom asked me the question, "Do you want to trust God to heal this or medicine?" I didn't even hesitate to say I wanted to trust God! It was a pretty neat feeling, and I know it's because I got to hear kids at camp talk about their healings and hear that it works.

My mom and I opened Science and Health and found a part that said, "Harmony is the fact and sickness is a dream." We focused on what the truth is about my ear being in harmony with how God created me, and I shouldn't accept anything but harmony in my life. That night I prayed like Jesus did by simply saying, "get thee behind me Satan." Basically telling mortal mind there was no room for anything but His divine harmony in my ear. The next morning, the pain was practically gone, and my ear was unclogged... Without your donation, I don't know if I would have said, "I want to trust God" so fast, if I hadn't been able to hear how other kids my age had healings by using what they learn in Christian Science.