

November 01, 2006 Lackland Report

Our Friday evening orientation sessions are still up to about 750 new recruits coming to Lackland AFB weekly. This is their first instructional session on the religious services provided for them on the base . We have an average of 30 to 35 new trainees coming to our Christian Science orientation each Friday. It is such a wonderful opportunity to give them a short orientation about Christian Science, what it is, and what it is not.

We still have some 8 to 10 new guests worshipping with us each Sunday morning. These come to find out what it is and then bring friends the next Sunday. We have a room full of dedicated young people each Sunday from 0800 to 1000 hours.

Lt. Col Terri Erikson, Chaplain USAF, from Maxwell AFB, will be joining us for worship Sunday, November 12, 2006. She then plans to visit First Church downtown for the 10:30 am service.

Dorothy Estes, Staff Editor, The Christian Science Journal, called me and asked me to write an article for the 'Church Alive' section regarding our services at Lackland and to show why we are attracting so many young people. That article has been written and is in the process of editing at this time.

We ordered enough THANKSGIVING Bible Lessons for each trainee to take with them before THANKSGIVING, and the base is set up to have members of the city have guest airmen into their homes for THANKSGIVING and CHRISTMAS days.

Our Lackland Reports are being networked nationwide, and Ms. Estes told me that these reports are circulating all over the Mother Church . Branch church members are seeing the need to support this mission and are sending in gifts of monies and literature to help.

One new recruit came to me Sunday and asked if he could come again next Sunday. Of course he could! His remarks were: " I have learned more about the real purpose of the Bible in the last two hours, than I have learned in my whole life! I was never told that it was spiritual and not literal! What a difference it makes to know this! I was shocked to see the title of the Lesson: Everlasting Punishment, and then find out who I really am! I can't wait until next Sunday. (Sunday, he will find out that he is not fallen man, but, God's perfect , precious child, as recorded in Genesis, chapter one!) We all are!

With the love of the Christ,

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"..it is not the agitation of the waters (but) the sediment at the bottom, which troubles and defiles those 'who sit in judgement'! Where no sediment is, no impurity will follow on their agitation" R.C.Trench