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Inspiration



This journey began around 2015. Our city of over 100,000 includes California State University, Chico. It is a hub of other smaller towns and has had a challenge with unhoused people. In this city is The Jesus Center, a facility with a kitchen, supported by volunteers, grants and donations where folks can get meals.

Next door to the center was a store where free newspapers were offered, in their stands. I asked the owner of the store if I could set out free literature as well. He would only allow it if I had a newspaper stand. My friend's husband was just getting into welding and I asked him to make the stand. At first, other free papers would use our stand for their giveaways. People would put their cups on it and leave them there, etc.

I read that eyes on the person, even if in a picture, helps to remind them that someone is watching. I found these beautiful eyes online. But just as I was enhancing our stand with the eyes, the store exchanged hands and the new owner didn't want news stands in front of his store.

It took some searching, but eventually this spot came to mind. It's at a train/bus depot and this location is next to the place where travelers wait to catch trains. Behind this building is a shaded grassy park where people like to spend their days.

When I service the Monitor stand, I'm ready to clean it. I wear my garden gloves, bring a spray bottle, rag, hand broom and dust pan. Debris gathers at the base, which looks better when swept clean. I also pick up any trash around the area. In this way, our presence enhances the area. I have never seen any of our literature tossed to the ground.

Back when the stand first appeared in front of the store, as I was serving in the Chico Reading Room downtown, a man came in and bought a Science and Health. He said he went to Christian Science Sunday School when he was a boy. He recently started reading the Sentinels and the Monitors that he found at the stand next to the Jesus Center, and wanted to read "the book." I can't help but think there are others with similar stories, or folks just curious about Christian Science.

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To find more inspiration, please visit the inspirational articles section on the [Reading Room Resources](#) page of [christianscience.com](#). The inspirational articles, which are a mix of current and older articles, are found about halfway down the page. They get refreshed monthly.

We want to hear from you! How have members of your church and Reading Room staff been praying in support of the healing activity of your Reading Room? Please send your submissions to: opendoors@csp.com.

NEW PRODUCTS

NEW PRODUCT: Variety Pack 11mm Chalk and Chalk Holder

We are delighted to announce a new variety pack of five 11mm pieces of chalk, which comes in four unique colors:

- Purple (x2) – Highly visible, very good erasing
- Blue (x1) – Highly visible, good erasing
- Luminous Purple (x1) – Visible, excellent erasing
- Luminous Blue (x1) – Visible, excellent erasing

This new wider chalk is more economical than our 5mm chalk. Also available is a black plastic 11mm chalk holder, which is optional, as each piece of chalk has a light, protective coating.

Name	Product number	Reading Room price	Suggested Retail price
Variety Pack 11mm Chalk	G600G50804EN	\$8.00(USD)	\$12.00(USD)
Black 11mm Chalk Holder	G600G51021EN	\$9.00(USD)	\$12.00(USD)

Please be on the lookout for a package with a free sample of the new chalk that will arrive at your Reading Room in late October.

CURRENT PRODUCTS

END OF YEAR SALE

Take advantage of up to 40% discounts on inspiring books, pamphlets, and CDs. Discounts available until December 31, 2023, or while supplies last.

Description	Format	SKU	Discount	Reading Room price	Suggested Retail price
Alabado sea Dios	CD	G425A50651EN	40.00%	\$5.40(USD)	\$7.20(USD)
Big with Blessings	Hardcover	P150B34207EN	40.00%	\$9.00(USD)	\$15.00(USD)
Comfort's Art	CD	G425A50526EN	40.00%	\$7.20(USD)	\$9.60(USD)
God Governs	CD	G425A50761EN	40.00%	\$7.20(USD)	\$9.60(USD)
He Loves You a Lot	CD	G425A50826EN	40.00%	\$7.20(USD)	\$9.60(USD)
Healing	CD	G425A50704EN	40.00%	\$7.20(USD)	\$9.60(USD)
Jesus' Little Parables of the Kingdom	Hardcover	G500B61543EN	40.00%	\$6.75(USD)	\$11.37(USD)
Majestic	CD	G425A52182EN	40.00%	\$7.20(USD)	\$9.60(USD)
Solitary Freedom	CD	G425A50625EN	40.00%	\$5.40(USD)	\$7.20(USD)
The Reforming Power of the Scriptures: A Biography of the English Bible	Hardcover	G925B85252EN	40.00%	\$14.38(USD)	\$23.97(USD)
Triumph of Good	CD	G425A50703EN	40.00%	\$7.20(USD)	\$9.60(USD)
Wings of Healing	CD	G425A50592EN	40.00%	\$5.40(USD)	\$7.20(USD)
Wiser Than Serpents	CD	G425A50701EN	40.00%	\$3.30(USD)	\$5.97(USD)
My Little Book About Prayer	Board Book	P150B34351EN	35.00%	\$7.00(USD)	\$11.70(USD)
Celebration	CD	G425A52181EN	30.00%	\$11.20(USD)	\$17.50(USD)
Embraced	CD	G425A50525EN	30.00%	\$8.40(USD)	\$11.20(USD)
Christmas	Pamphlet	G450B91055EN	25.00%	\$3.90(USD)	\$5.99(USD)

Product discontinuation

Markers – Bible, Newtype II Edition (G600B91026EN) have been discontinued.

Resources to help share *The Christian Science Monitor*



The Christian Science Monitor has taken a step unique in the news industry by focusing on the *values* behind the news—values that connect us all, including hope, cooperation, and compassion. These provide readers a deeper view of the news and highlight the solutions that unite rather than divide.

This approach is reflected by founder Mary Baker Eddy's description of the *Monitor's* purpose: "To injure no man, but to bless all mankind."

You can explore the *Monitor's* values journalism at CSMonitor.com/Values.

To help Reading Rooms share the *Monitor* with those searching for a news source with an uplifting, purposeful mission they can trust, promotional materials (posters, flyers, fact sheet, digital slides, and an announcement you may include in your own church's communications) are provided in the Reading Room Press Kit. A [Reading Room press kit](#) with supporting promotional materials (fact sheet, posters, and more) is available in the Reading Room Dropbox.

Interested in sharing a photo of your display? Let us know how your Reading Room is sharing the *Monitor* with your community by emailing us at opendoors@csp.com. Thank you for your support of the *Monitor*.

An upcoming series from *The Christian Science Monitor*

"Climate Generation: Born into crisis, building solutions"

Coming in November: A global project by the *Monitor's* Americas Bureau Chief, [Sara Miller Llana](#), and Environment and Climate Change writer, [Stephanie Hanes](#), will look at climate change as the world's most powerful driver of innovation and progress – a transformation that one generation in particular is poised to lead.

The series will focus on the role of those born after the UN's significant codification of children's rights in 1989 in addressing climate change. The stories will include vivid *Monitor* photography, and will be written from Indigenous Northern Canada, Bangladesh, Namibia, and Barbados.

The first story launches in early November and will be followed by weekly individual cover stories for six weeks through late December. Each article will be featured in the Weekly and on the *Monitor's* website with a dedicated, interactive landing page to explore and share. Reading Rooms may fill out [this form](#) to order additional copies of the Weekly issues.

The [Reading Room press kit](#) includes supporting promotional materials (fact sheet, posters, digital slides, and more), added to the Reading Room Dropbox in time to share with your community in creative ways.

Thank you for your support in sharing *The Christian Science Monitor* with your community!

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Fall Zoom chat series

Join us for our final Zoom chat this fall.

All About Windows! (making posters/using Dropbox, digital displays)

Tuesday, November 28, 2:00 PM Boston Time

<https://christianscience.zoom.us/j/92144219859>

Just a note – this is different than the bigger webinar presentations and it will not be recorded. If you're not able to come to the live event, but like this topic, please let [Jan Sappenfield](#) know. With enough interest, we'll schedule a more chats. These chats are open to everyone

Reading Room webinars

Please join us for our annual holiday webinar. This 90-minute presentation will feature representatives from across departments of The Mother Church and the Christian Science Publishing Society.

Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 2:00 pm Boston time. [Register here.](#)

[In case you missed it: Reading Room webinar replays](#)

From Concord

Did you miss the Concord webinar "Top 5 tools to help you get more out of Concord"?

[Watch the replay!](#)

Some of the features you'll get to see in action include:

- Wildcard and range searches
- Favorites
- Scriptural cross-references
- Lists
- Using Print Preview to reorder citations

DISPLAY AND PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES

Spark conversations about church

Explore two new resource guides—one for teens and twenty-somethings and the other for church members, parents, and Sunday School teachers—about why we are all needed in church and how we can strengthen church and our church communities.

We hope these guides bring fresh inspiration and spark questions, ideas, and conversations. We invite you to share these guides with your church community. We hope the [Quick Sheet](#) gives you a starting place in how you and your church community can use the guides and ways to share them.

You can access the guides online [here](#). We'll also be mailing hard copies of the guides to your local branch Sunday Schools. Be on the lookout for these guides mid-November.

Thinking about Thanksgiving

As we are thinking about Thanksgiving, we'd like to remind you what is available. As in past years, the Bible Lesson will be available in a variety of formats and languages. You can find Thanksgiving promotional materials, including Save the Date cards, in the Reading Room Dropbox. There will not be new art created for promotional

pieces this year, but the beautiful art that has been available previously is available again. In addition, you can also find the covers to the Thanksgiving Bible Lessons in English, French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Display Resources

Approved Providers Program

Easy, affordable, and convenient! Approved Providers offer a wide range of services to help you with your window display needs.

- Have an idea for a Reading Room or Sunday School poster? An Approved Provider will work with you to create something special.
- Need a display and a vinyl banner for a Reading Room booth at an upcoming event? An Approved Provider is happy to help you!
- Want to easily print CSPS-produced promotional materials? An Approved Provider can ship them to you in just a few days!
- Interested in even more posters? Approved Providers sell a wide range of original posters on their websites.
- Want professional looking windows? An Approved Provider will work with you to create a unified window display.
- Need recommendations for poster and banner holders? An Approved Provider can help you with this too!

To contact an Approved Provider please see their information below.

[Convenient Posters](#)

[Lyn Drake of Inspired Designs](#)

[Melissa Johnson of MAJ Products](#) (Melissa is located in Melbourne, Australia)

To inquire about applying to become an Approved Provider, or if you have questions about this program, please email approvedprovider@csps.com

QUICK LINKS

Product List	Reading Room Dropbox of Promotional Materials
Discontinued List	All Things Reading Room Forum
Instagram (christianscience.com)	Monitor Special Events Order Form
Facebook (christianscience.com)	

Customer Service

Customer service will be closed Friday November 10, 2023 in observance of Veteran's Day and November 22-24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

- Visit the Reading Room Resource Center at <http://christianscience.com/readingrooms>.
- To inquire about ordering issues of *The Christian Science Monitor* for your event, please email sales@csps.com.

Product orders and questions; account and billing questions:

- **Email:** csrrcustserv@cdsfulfillment.com
- **Phone:** 1-800-877-8400 (US/CAN) or +1-515-362-7463 (outside US/CAN) Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:30 PM Eastern Time

Shop account & online order questions:

- **Email:** Shop@christianscience.com
- **Phone:** +1-617-450-2790, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:15 PM Eastern Time (closed on Fridays in June–early September).

General questions:

- **Email:** OpenDoors@csps.com
- **Phone:** +1-617-450-3138, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:15 PM Eastern Time (closed on Fridays in June–early September).

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