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Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed
John 20:29

Dear Friends,

"Seeing is believing." Of course our eyes can be fooled by trick photography, computerized images and many other modern devices. The Christian answers, "Believing is seeing". And so comes the certainty that the unbeliever scarcely dreams possible. Thomas had to have physical evidence to believe. Many of his fellow-countrymen would not believe regardless of the evidence. The miracles Jesus did could not convince them because they had hardened their hearts. Today the same situation exists. Some people absolutely deny the supernatural. Miracles can't happen. The Resurrection is an impossible myth. Others are always looking for proof. But, finally, the blessed ones still believe with joy indescribable and full of glory.

For almost ninety years Washington Street Mission has shared the joyful news of Christ's Resurrection and proclaimed the glad tidings of divine forgiveness through the cross and the empty tomb. In His name and in His power the Mission has served the needy of Springfield all these years. For almost twenty years it has been our privilege to be servants to the needy, the elderly, and the children. It has been a joy to be your hands and feet in this endeavor. Now it is time for us to commit the responsibilities and opportunities to younger, stronger minds and bodies. We will always treasure the friends we have found through the Mission and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

In Christian love,

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