

The Circle of Love Ministry to the Blind
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Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord for the opportunities a new year brings. God is blessing the Circle of Love in ways I couldn't have imagined. Isn't that how He works so often?

Praise the Lord that an announcement I submitted to a national magazine for the blind appeared in their January issue. I've welcomed one new reader as a result, and more may be forthcoming. Recently I learned of a secular British audio magazine for the blind, and I've submitted an announcement to them. **Pray** this draws overseas readers.

Pray with me that the Lord will add twelve new readers this year—seven here in the U.S. and five from overseas. If that sounds like a small number, then may the Lord surprise me with more. I'm hoping a number of overseas readers will be able to download the magazine online. However, some may need it on thumb drive or SD card. Time will tell.

Most regular Circle of Love readers have made it known they want to continue getting the magazine in 2023. I expect others will before long. I appreciate the vote of confidence represented by each renewal. I've reached out to each reader to say thank you.

Please **pray** that I'll be able to resolve a behind-the-scenes issue that affects individuals who want to make contributions through the website.

Praise the Lord for readers who look after one another. Though many are on fixed incomes, they make contributions to cover the cost of cartridges and mailers used for sending the magazine. However, some readers can't do this. In November I took George Gray's suggestion and invited readers to send a few extra dollars to bless readers who are unable to share. I was touched by the response. By December several readers chipped in to help out. Jeanne C. from Ohio and Helen F. from California each gave \$100! This will help defray the cost of providing the Circle of Love for overseas readers.

Finally, please **pray** with me regarding an unspoken request. While I'm waiting on the Lord, I count it an honor to serve Him. To God be the glory!

In Christ's service,
John Wesley Smith

"And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them." - Isaiah 42:16