

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

Recently I read about the funeral of a prominent blind lawyer in a secular organization of the blind which I belonged to back in my 20's. Glowing eulogies spoke of all he had done to make the world better for the blind. No doubt he did well by this world's standards.

I'm sure most in that group today would think little of the work the Lord has brought me to with the Circle of Love. While my heart goes out to the blind people I know whose situation leaves much to be desired, I know that trying to make the world a better place is a distraction from sharing the gospel and preparing people to be part of the Lord's kingdom in a much better world to come.

**Pray with me** that the Circle of Love is not merely a monthly "feel good" booster for readers. It's my heart's desire that, in these strange times, the magazine brings believers closer to the Lord, and that it brings unbelievers to Christ.

**Praise the Lord** for reader interaction. Esther C. from California and Barbara H. from Missouri called to say how much they enjoy the magazine. Jeanne C. from Ohio and Richard H. from New York called to update prayer requests. Grant M. from California called looking for a talking Bible with features that don't exist on any talking Bible, but I gave him information he can use online to help with his Bible study.

**Praise the Lord** for a solution to a problem I mentioned last time. Visitors to the website can now make donations using Square.com rather than PayPal. It was a challenge to set it up, but it works like it's supposed to. There's still a PayPal button on one page for those who purchase signature writing guides from George Gray.

**Praise the Lord** a problem with the toll free number has been resolved. A new reader told me the number wasn't working. Unbeknownst to me, my account was cancelled. A few calls to the company and the bank took care of the issue.

Please continue to **pray** for the unspoken request I mentioned last month. I'm grateful for your prayers and support. It means so much.

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*