

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

God continues to bless this ministry. On Friday evening April 21st I was privileged to give a report at Heartland Baptist Church, Ashland, MO, at the missions rally for the Central States Baptist Association. The services that evening and the next morning were a good time of blessing and encouragement. I was pleasantly surprised and blessed to receive a nice financial contribution for the Circle of Love.

As for day to day operations, for some reason we've been losing a few of the address cards used on the read-and-return magazine mailers. Each mailer is labeled with the Circle of Love address, so we haven't yet lost the magazine cartridges because they come back to me. But then my wife Carol has to make a new address card for the next mailing. **Please pray** we don't lose address cards or even the cartridges and mailers.

Carole P in Missouri requested I put a Braille label on the magazine cartridge so she could keep better track of it. This prompted me to purchase labeling tape and a Braille slate with a slot to hold the tape. The slate is a small handheld Braille writing instrument. I put Braille on the cartridge, the mailer and its address card. **Pray this is helpful.**

Two of our readers in Ohio and California have had trouble calling the ministry's toll free number. However, after doing some investigation, this may be a problem with some phone carriers. **Please pray** for smooth operation of the toll free number for all involved.

Praise the Lord for some good conversations with readers as we continue to get to know each other better.

On the personal front, on May 9th I had a laser procedure done on my left eye to reduce glaucoma pressure. This slowed me down for a few days. Thankfully the May issue had already been sent. **Please pray** for inflammation and pressure to stay down in that eye.

Please continue to **pray** that I will be a wise steward of the time and resources God has given me for this ministry.

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