

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

My intention was to have this report out much earlier, but I've been busier than usual, including opportunities to preach at our church. But the devil has been doing his part to thwart ministry. **Your prayers are greatly appreciated.**

Around the time I issued my May-June report, computer issues developed which affected several daily activities, including tasks for the Circle of Love. It took nearly two weeks and numerous phone calls to various tech support people to get things resolved. **Praise the Lord everything is working again.** Technology is wonderful—when it works.

On May 9 I had a laser procedure done on my left eye to reduce glaucoma pressure. Recovery slowed me down for a few days, but **praise the Lord** all has gone well since.

On July 6 a friend from church was helping me put a cabinet together, and the heavy lid at the top part crashed down, smashing my left index finger. The small bone near the fingernail was fractured. I'll lose that fingernail. When the time period for wearing a splint is done, I'll still need to keep a covering on that finger for a good while. As you might imagine, this has hampered daily activities, including typing this report. **Please pray** for continued healing of my finger.

We continue to lose address cards from the Circle of Love mailers. We're doing what we can to resolve this, but it is frustrating to make so many new cards. **Please pray** we don't lose any more address cards.

**Please keep our readers and their families in prayer.** On June 25 the husband of one of our readers, Sally E. from California, died unexpectedly at age 65. She's living with other family members now. Also, as near as I can determine, another reader, Cindy S. from Washington state, has graduated to glory. She battled a number of health problems. Labelle M. from Ohio, became critically ill after moving to a nursing home.

**Praise the Lord** we added one new reader in July, Korina U. from Ohio. In spite of the trials mentioned above, God is good. Great is His faithfulness!

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*