

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

It's amazing to think that we're near the end of another year and that God has allowed me to do the Circle of Love for two years. Your support and prayers are a real encouragement to me.

I continue to receive positive feedback from Circle of Love readers. I give the glory to God for that. While I enjoy putting the magazine together each month, it's a challenge to know what to include and what to leave out. Please continue to **pray** for discernment and wisdom regarding what the Lord would have me share with readers.

The events in Israel in recent months prompted me to focus on Israel in the November issue. Since I don't know how many of our readers are getting solid Bible teaching about Israel from their churches or other sources, I felt compelled to share teaching and information about Israel. For example, I shared a message on Romans 11 to emphasize that God has not replaced Israel with Christians today.

Please **pray** that the Lord will use me to minister to readers when they reach out to me. A few weeks ago I was able to help Sally E. in California find a source for replacing her worn-out talking Bible. Then Cindy F. in Texas asked for prayer regarding hallucinations, which she thought might be demonic oppression. She found out that one of the medications for chronic pain was the problem. Now it's a matter of finding a less harmful medication.

Please **pray** for efficient mail service during this busy time of year as issues of the Circle of Love are mailed out and returned to me.

Pray also for my wise use of time as I balance other responsibilities.

May God bless you as we contemplate the birth of our Savior and King. May we all continue to pray for peace in Israel and for the Peace of Jerusalem. Could 2024 be the year we meet the Lord in the clouds? Here's hoping...

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