

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

I'll begin with a few praise items. **Praise the Lord...**

- Mailings of magazine cartridges went well during the holidays.
- We haven't lost many address cards from the returnable cartridge mailers lately.
- Computer-related problems have developed with Microsoft updates and program compatibility with text to speech readout, but they have not significantly affected day to day operations of this ministry. This is a concern though, so **please pray** for speedy, effective resolution.
- The January and February editions went out on schedule as usual.

For the last year or so, I've used a service called Square instead of PayPal for anyone who donates to Circle of Love on the website. As of February 1, Square has deactivated my account, supposedly due to suspicious activity. All donations will need to be sent by check or money order until I can come up with a suitable online payment method. **Please pray** this won't be a hindrance to this ministry.

Angie S. is our only Canadian reader. She receives the magazine on SD card because cartridge compatibility between the U. S. and Canada is an issue. The read and return arrangement to Canada may also no longer be available for us in the future. Sending a non-returnable SD card monthly will cost more than expenses incurred for U.S. readers. **Please pray** for the best means to get the magazine to her.

It's an honor and privilege for me to share God's word and other edifying material through the Circle of Love. I continue to receive positive feedback, but the magazine is one of many voices readers encounter. Some ministries to the blind are cultish or liberal. My goal at the Circle of Love is to honor God's precious word and to ALWAYS bring glory to our Lord.

**Pray** for the edification and well being of our readers in the strange and dangerous times in which we live.

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*