

BRAILLE MINISTRY
Reporting Period--October 2024

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord.

We represented this ministry at the meeting of the Central States Baptist Association on October 18th and 19th at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Sikeston, MO. The preaching and fellowship was refreshing. One of the greatest highlights of the weekend was meeting Mark Clements, chief editor at Bogard Press. He's the one who sends the literature files to be put into Braille.

My home church insisted on reimbursing expenses for the trip to the Association meeting, so those expenses are not reflected in this month's financial report.

The Orbit Reader refreshable Braille displays mentioned in last month's report have not yet been put on the market for resale. This is largely due to time constraints. As noted previously, proceeds from the Orbit sales will be deposited in the reserve equipment fund.

The translation of the Winter literature was completed this month, and work on the Spring literature has begun. Bogard Press is revamping BTC literature for this coming spring and has renamed it BDS (Baptist Discipleship Series). Translating it into Braille is more of a challenge than the BTC literature has been. Your prayers for this are greatly appreciated.

The need to refine our accounting practices has come to our attention in order to insure more accurate financial information in these monthly reports. I've solicited the help of my wife Carol because she has a background in small business bookkeeping.

On a personal note, vision in my right eye is almost back to what it was before the laser procedure for glaucoma in late July. I praise the Lord because I value what little vision I have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Financial Report for October 2024

Income:

\$706.00 Brought forward from September (Amount corrected for bookkeeping error last month.)

\$50.00 Northwood BC, Columbia, MO

\$225.00 First MBC, Salinas, CA

\$50.00 Calvary MBC, Sheridan, AR

\$100.00 First MBC, Antioch, CA

\$155.00 First MBC, Fresno, CA

\$100.00 Landmark MBC, Casa Grande, AZ

\$55.00 Lone Oak BC, Plant City, FL

\$34.00 New Bethel MBC, Hazen, AR

\$1,475.00 Total Income

Expenses:

\$200.00 Ministry support for John Smith

\$50.00 Monthly service charge for internet access

\$17.00 Monthly service charge for cell phone

\$37.00 Office supplies

\$80.00 Hard drive for computer

\$60 to Nathan Smith for tech support

\$444.00 total expenses

Funds on hand: \$1,031.00

Reserve Equipment fund: \$12,805.00