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November-December 2024

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It was my privilege to represent the Circle of Love 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 were refreshing.

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.

Though I covet your prayers for me as I oversee this ministry, pray for our readers as well. For example, Melissa F. in Georgia wants to be rid of a besetting sin so she can live a more holy life. Praise God for her heart's desire, but pray for her solid assurance of salvation and growth in Christ.

Praise God the Circle of Love continues to be well received. Larry H. and his wife from Ohio sent a generous financial contribution which included a note with an encouraging word of testimony.

"Thank you for providing a worthwhile audible magazine for the blind to enjoy and to strengthen us in our Christian walk."

Praise the Lord! I find their words to be quite gratifying.

In the day to day operations, we're still losing some of the address cards when readers return their cartridges. **Please pray** for a solution to this so we don't have to keep making new cards. Plus, in recent weeks we've lost a couple of cartridges and their mailers. Please pray the postal service can get magazines to and from readers without difficulty during the holiday season.

Your prayers and support continue to be a blessing to me. May God richly bless you and yours this Christmas season.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR October-November 2024

Note: All figures represent two months of income and expenses and are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Income:

\$2,739.00 Brought forward from September \$100.00 support from Northwood Baptist Church, Columbia, MO (2 X \$50) \$200.00 support from Aultman Baptist Church, Aultman, PA (2 X \$100) \$50.00 Contribution from a reader 1 X \$50)

\$3,089.00 total income

Expenses:

\$300.00 Ministry support for John Smith (2 X \$150) \$0.00 No charge for toll free phone number (Too few incoming calls to be charged.)

\$300.00 total expenses

Funds in reserve: \$2,789.00 (as of the end of November)