

**The Circle of Love Ministry to the Blind**  
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**March-April 2025**

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

Praise the Lord for a spectacular blessing that came our way in the form of a generous financial gift from Mt. Calvary MBC, Sikeston, MO. They served as an intermediary for another church that closed their doors and dispersed funds to several ministries. It's a distinct honor to be among the ministries to receive this blessing. (It was my privilege to give a brief presentation about the Circle of Love last fall at a church association meeting held at the Mt. Calvary church.)

Back on January 31<sup>st</sup> I was interviewed about the Circle of Love on a podcast for the blind called In Perspective. While no new readers have come our way yet, seeds have been planted. Please pray those seeds bear fruit. The podcast is available online as #397 at BrancoEvents.com.

Production of the March Circle of Love came to a standstill for several days in the latter half of February when I contracted a case of the flu. Though getting caught up has been a challenge, the March and April issues went out on schedule.

Richard H., a long-time reader from New York state, graduated to Glory in March after battling cancer since last summer. I enjoyed getting to know him through our personal correspondence. A GoFundMe page has been set up for his widow who is also blind.

In March someone tried to claim ownership of the Circle of Love website domain name using Google info about the ministry's website. It's complicated, but a few hours of effort online appears to have solved the problem.

On a positive note, Cynthia H. from Hawaii shared a word of encouragement in a recent e-mail. "Thank you for providing information, inspired teachings, and articles containing inspiration, challenges, and humor each month."

Your prayers and support mean a lot to me and to the continuance of the Circle of Love.

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 February-March 2025

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

### Income:

\$100.00 support from Northwood Baptist Church, Columbia, MO (2 X \$50)  
\$200.00 support from Aultman Baptist Church, Aultman, PA (2 X \$100)  
\$1,000 gift from Mt. Calvary MBC, Sikeston, MO  
\$3,142.00 Brought forward from January

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\$4,442.00 total income

### Expenses:

\$300.00 Ministry support for John Smith (2 X \$150)  
\$2.00 Charge for toll free phone number

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\$302.00 total expenses

Funds in reserve: \$4,140.00