

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

God continues to bless the Circle of Love in ways I could never have imagined. Not only has He blessed financially, but choosing the content for each issue and doing the necessary audio editing is enjoyable for me. I'm privileged to use skills the Lord has allowed me to develop over the years. Also, new friendships have come about as I get to know our readers more. I believe I'm learning and growing along with our readers as time passes. I stand back and am amazed by what the Lord has done when each issue is released.

Allow me to share the testimony of a couple from Ohio who sent a generous gift. "Thank you for providing a worthwhile audible magazine for the blind to enjoy and to strengthen us in our Christian walk."

That said, I do ask that you continue to pray that I'll be sensitive to the Lord's guidance to know how to best minister to Circle of Love readers.

Praise the Lord for a generous gift at Christmas from Evergreen MBC, Marston, MO. Their support is most welcome.

Please pray for smooth operation of the postal service. Cartridges are taking longer to get to readers and back to me, even after the holiday season has passed.

On a personal note, for the past few weeks this work has been conducted under the overshadowing clouds of family tragedy. On January 5 my 87-year-old father was promoted to glory. I was honored to speak at his funeral. At that same time my mother was convalescing in a nursing home after falling and breaking her right hip back on December 1. On January 12 she suffered a stroke that affected her speech. Due to her weakened condition, she is now in hospice care. This has brought me and my two sisters and our families closer together. We can see the Lord's hand at work in numerous ways, and we know He is in charge. We earnestly covet your prayers during this time of upheaval and grief.

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 December 2025-January 2026

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 \$50.00)
\$200.00 support from Aultman Baptist Church, Aultman, PA (2 X \$100.00)
\$250.00 Support from Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church, Marston, MO
\$200.00 Gift from a reader
\$2,958.00 Brought forward from December

\$3,708.00 total income

Expenses:

\$400.00 Ministry support for John Smith (2 X \$200)
\$2.00 Charge for toll free phone number
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Funds in reserve: \$3,306.00