

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

Production of the Circle of Love continues on schedule for release at the first of each month. In late July I had surgery to fix trigger finger in my left index finger. That slowed me down for a while, but it did not seriously hinder this work.

My wife Carol and I were blessed to attend the national meeting of the American Baptist Association in Hot Springs, AR, June 22-25. It was invigorating to be among so many brothers and sisters of like faith and practice. The Monday evening share time for missionaries and ministry helpers gave me the opportunity to briefly present the Circle of Love ministry. During the week I shared exhibit booth space with the Central States Baptist Association and made a number of contacts.

I am truly grateful to our sponsoring church, Northwood Baptist Church, Columbia, MO, for covering our expenses to attend the meetings in Arkansas.

Praise the Lord for positive feedback. Two of our readers are from England. Here's what one of them wrote in an e-mail recently. "I wanted to let you know that I'm really enjoying the circle of love and I think you are doing a great job. Many thanks and God bless..."

Once again we're having trouble losing cartridges in the mail. I've had to replace the cartridge for two readers recently. **Please pray** each issue gets to and from their intended readers.

The extended warranty purchased in the spring for the specialty player/recorder I use was put to use quicker than expected. It has already paid off because it was necessary to have the device repaired in July. **Praise the Lord** it's working fine now.

Finally, my sincere heart felt gratitude to Bible Baptist Church, Indiana, PA, for their generous offering from their week of VBS. Their gift will be reflected in my next bimonthly report.

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 June-July 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)
\$3,072.00 Brought forward from May

\$3,372.00 total income

Expenses:

\$400.00 Ministry support for John Smith (2 X \$200)
\$2.00 Charge for toll free phone number
\$20.00 Annual website domain renewal fee

\$422.00 total expenses

Funds in reserve: \$2,950.00