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“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7 [KJV]

What does this verse really mean? Is it meant to be an integral activity in the daily life of those of us who call themselves “Christians?”

Caryl and I were convinced the Lord was calling us to make a ministry trip to south Texas to participate in a wedding and to reconnect with some people who used to be active in the ministry of Center for the Blind. But Center for the Blind funds were insufficient so we chose to make the trip at our own expense.

After making the commitment, friends opened their home for part of the trip and used accumulated hotel points to provide rooms for the other nights. Their kindness saved us hundreds of dollars.

The conversation on the way to Texas turned to the National Federation of the Blind national convention. We were so sure the Lord wanted us to attend this year. However, the pledge to cover nine days of meal in restaurants, eight nights in hotels, and 2,400 miles in a car did not come in.

After a few minutes of silence, Caryl said, “What is keeping us from going?” I said, “money.” After another pause, Caryl said, “Just money? We have our vacation savings.”

At that moment, we knew what we had to do and were completely at peace with it. Upon returning from Texas there was just over a week to prepare our personal and ministry affairs before leaving for Florida.

Once again, the Lord provided through a friend who used hotel points to give us five nights in a hotel in Orlando that included a full cooked-to-order breakfast! This gift saved hundreds of dollars.

National Federation of the Blind conventions are always a learning and challenging experience. It is a place to get in touch with the latest trends and technologies for the Blind, a time to meet leaders and people looking for answers, and a time to connect with both the saved and unsaved Blind cultures. It reminded us of our original call to the conventions 20 years ago and stirred up a passion to pray and plan for 2018.



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Both the trip to south Texas and the trip to Orlando were a “walk by faith.” Please pray that the fruit of these trips becomes evident in the effectiveness of the Center for the Blind. Please also pray for sufficient funds to bring more staff next year.

Thank you for your persistent faithfulness in prayer, giving and volunteer work that keeps Center for the Blind bringing hope to those who cannot read standard print.

*Paul & Caryl Weingartner*

Paul and Caryl Weingartner and the Center for the Blind Staff

Picture 1: The NFB national conventions are a time of meeting longtime friends. Caryl and Donna Posont--Donna was the first person to sign up for service under Paul and Caryl's leadership in 1994.



Picture 2: Paul and Jim Portillo--Jim and Paul met online after a convention in 1995 and have continued their friendship.

Picture 3: Paul and Caryl with Jana Jackson, daughter of the late Gene Jackson, superintendent of the Tennessee District for many years.





Picture 4: The exhibit hall is a great place to meet vendors to learn the latest technologies and creative solutions to the challenges associated with blindness.

Picture 5: Over 2,000 people armed with great mobility skills, white canes and guide dogs moving through the crowded halls.



Picture 6: Paul and Caryl enjoyed dinner with Harry and Tambar Staley on the River Walk in San Antonio. Harry volunteered his knowledge of computers to resolve many issues for the Center for the Blind.



Picture 7: Greg Aikins was an active volunteer with the Center for the Blind and benefited from its services while he worked on his MDiv at AGTS.

Greg is a man of skill and character. The Lord brought Anna into his life. She also is a gifted and godly person.

It was a joy for Caryl and Paul to be a part of their wedding. Time will prove the impact their marriage will have for the Kingdom of God.

## Not by Sight Call to Prayer

October 15 is the national White Cane Safety Day. Most states have their own derivative of this event sometime in October.

You and your church are invited to acknowledge the occasion by fasting "vision" and praying for the needs of those who are Blind or severely vision impaired. Please read the attached invitation. Help us blast Heaven with our prayers this October!

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