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"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, because the LORD has appointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to announce that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed." --Isaiah 61:1 [NLT]

Dear friends of those who are blind:

Did you know that a person in prison can break a side off a Bible cassette and return the player to the chaplain with the good side of the cassette visible? The removed piece can be smuggled out of the library and used as a weapon.

This is just one of the many challenges our correctional personnel face that those of us on the outside will never know. It is also one of the many challenges we face getting God's life-giving Word to those who are blind and incarcerated. A rule that might portray a warden as unreasonable might be one that saves someone's life. Another challenge is that each prison has its own administrative structure. Trying to help a Blind inmate without a relationship with the prison staff and a working knowledge of the system almost always ends in a quagmire.

But there is hope!

Library of Congress for the Blind digital audio players that replaced cassette players are almost indestructible. They have no

moving parts that can be turned into tattoo needles. The cartridges are an indestructible solid block of plastic. Many prisons that banned cassettes will allow cartridge Bibles and players.

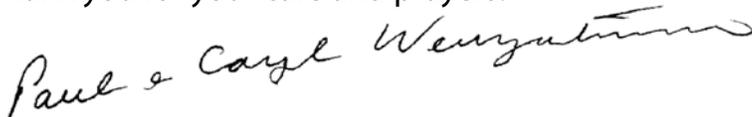
The Center for the Blind was honored by a visit from Danny Cox. Danny experienced a life transformation while in prison. He is now a certified Assemblies of God chaplain and is eager to share his faith with those who are incarcerated. He offered an audio version of his autobiography, "High on a Lie," to be converted to the DAISY cartridge format for the Blind. He will be delivering these in person to prisons across the country.

Chaplin Daniel Odean accompanied Danny to the our offices. He observed the digital players along with the Bible and Danny's story on cartridges. He will be promoting these resources to the AG correctional chaplains.

After so many years of failed efforts and tears, we will be able to place audio Bibles in the hands of people who for decades have been locked away from the Gospel!

"Lord of the harvest hear the cries from inside the prison walls. Open the gates wide to bring the Gospel to one of the most unevangelized segments of the American population."

Thank you for your care and prayers!



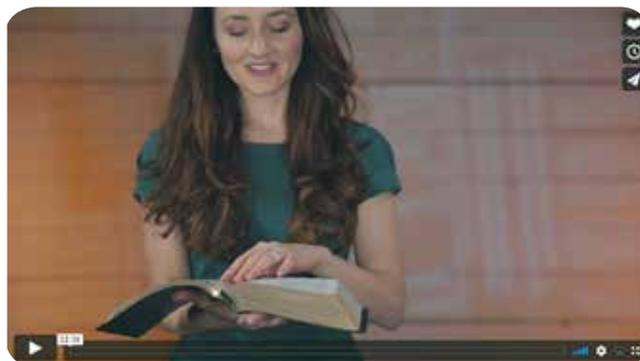
Paul and Caryl Weingartner and the Center for the Blind Staff

Prayer Request

The Center for the Blind is seriously low on funding. At a time when we are trying to increase, important services are being cut because of lack of funds.

Please pray for a longtime solution.

Center for the Blind [video](#):



To make a donation to Center for the Blind, click [here](#).



Picture 1:

“High on a Lie” is the autobiography of Danny Cox. Danny’s life of self-reliance brought him to the disgrace of prison and onto the triumph of serving the Lord.

Through taking full responsibility for his own sin, Danny is able to give full recognition to the Lord for his life of purpose and joy. “High on a Lie” is a powerfully evangelistic testimony.



Picture 2:

Danny gave a self-narrated audio version of his book to the Center for the Blind along with permission to format the book to DAISY for the Blind. Because the audio was clean and already divided into chapters, it was a fairly simple process for Sarah Weingartner to make the conversion.

The book is distributed on a National Library Service for the Blind compatible cartridge used by many blind people in the U.S. and available to many blind prisoners.

Picture 3:

The Center for the Blind was blessed to have a booth at the Southern Missouri District Council. Paul Weingartner and Will Goble introduced pastors to the concept of including the Blind in their church community. Also, the booth provided an opportunity to connect with missionaries and ministries that share similar concerns.

