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Dear Special Friends of the Center for the Blind:

Thank you to all the courageous souls who participated in the "Not by Sight Call To Prayer!" A special *thank you* goes to all who shared their testimony with us. If you haven't shared your story with us yet, please take a moment to do so. We'd love to hear how it went!

Sharron Stevens, Center for the Blind volunteer librarian, has a unique story that will touch your heart. Sharron's experience demonstrates the purpose of the "Call to Prayer."

"I spoke to my church recently, encouraging them to join the Not By Sight Call to Prayer. But, if I was asking them to do it, I ought to participate, too. I decided to get ready for bed without using my vision. It seemed simple enough. After all, it's a routine I perform daily on a path I know by heart.

I put on my homemade blind fold, got my walker, and started out. I was doing OK and was ready to make my way from the restroom to my bed. First I walked to the left to go around the dog's bed. So far so good. BANG! Oops, that was the fan. I had gone a little too far to the left. Thankfully it wasn't on and nothing fell over. I shook off my surprise and got started again, taking a right turn to reach my bed. Once there I was ready to sit down. But, because of my mobility issues, I thought, 'Just to be safe, I'd better take this blind fold [off] and make sure I'm in the right place before I sit.' I'm glad I did! What I thought was a nice, sturdy wall was thin air! If I had sat down before checking I probably would have ended up on the ground.



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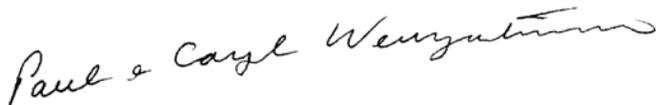
Every time I think of that night's adventure my [I] imagine how difficult it must be for those who are blind but also face other physical challenges and my heart goes out to them. I've seen blind people use white canes, but I keep asking myself, 'What do people do if they are blind but also need things like support canes or walkers like me?' And, even though I might not know the answer, I know that God knows exactly what they need. So I pray He will provide 'according to His riches in glory.'"

Because blindness affects so many older people, multiple disabilities are very common. The consequences are often overlooked. When vision loss happens at or before birth or very early in a child's life, a person grows up with blindness skills. Losing vision when a person is older makes acquiring the skills so much harder.

Thank you, Sharron, for sharing your story with us!

Please remember those who are blind during the holiday season. So many of the activities associated with Thanksgiving and Christmas can be especially challenging. Many people using the services of the Center for the Blind will find themselves isolated and lonely. Pray they find a measure of fulfillment in the presence of the Lord.

The Lord be with you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul & Caryl Weingartner".

Paul and Caryl Weingartner the entire Center for the Blind staff.

Trivia!

September Question: According to statistics, there are 6,800 adherents to Assemblies of God churches in the United States. True or False?

The Answer is False! According to statistics there are 68,000 people who are considered adherents to Assemblies of God churches in the U.S. who cannot read a standard print Bible because of a vision impairment.

Prayer Request

On November 16, the Center for the Blind is hosting an Open House for the 800+ employees of the national office of the Assemblies of God. Most of the employees do not know what this ministry does. Some don't even know we exist. We hope the Open House will help us make connections with other departments to better serve those who are blind.

Each semester Evangel University has a "Make a Difference Day." Students are encouraged to give up a Saturday afternoon to volunteer their time to make a difference. The Center for the Blind has been fortunate to benefit from these services for many years.

This Fall semester continued the trend. Karen and Carrie thoroughly cleaned our office in preparation for the upcoming Open House. Hanna, Victoria, Erin and Rebekah helped Sarah assemble the winter Braille Adult Student Guide.

As always, they were a joy to work with! We love Evangel University and their students!!!!



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