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Did you know that BGMC publishes interactive “True Missionary Stories” for children? One of those stories is about Mildred Whitney and the founding of what is now the “Center for the Blind of the Assemblies of God” and “The Whitney Library for the Blind.”

Sadie Smith, children’s pastor of Maranatha Church in Decatur, IL shared Sister Whitney’s story with the children in her church. She was thoughtful enough to share the encouraging results with the Center for the Blind staff.



“I’m a children’s pastor in Illinois and we just got to the BGMC lesson on the center for the blind this past Wednesday. Firstly, as a testimony we listened to the story of Mildred and I had all the kids pray and ask, “God what do you want me to do?” like Mildred did! It was so cool! I had one say God called her to be a missionary, one say God told him to be a pastor, another one said God told him to tell

his class at school about Jesus and be a youth pastor, and two said God told them to be children’s pastors! I didn’t even talk about that, but God was doing something great! I had another couple of amazing things God was speaking to the kids!

But I also saw on that lesson that you need volunteers to record books on tape and I would love to do that! I wasn’t sure if I could do it from here in Illinois, but I wanted to ask. Thanks for all you do!”

— Pastor Sadie Smith

When Sister Whitney, who was pregnant at the time, began hand punching Braille in her small farmhouse with no electricity or running water, do you think she knew her life was going to touch these children 65 years later?



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Apparently, the Israelis did not expect much from Zerubbabel's foundation as he began rebuilding the temple that had been destroyed 70 years prior. God told Zechariah to tell His people, "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand." Zechariah 4:10 [NLT]

Please pray! The changes in leadership in U.S. Missions and the national offices will bring a new look at the operations. Please pray for wisdom at all levels of leadership. Let's pray for changes that will expand the

Paul & Caryl Weingartner

Paul and Caryl Weingartner and the Center for the Blind Staff

Trivia!

Question from the August letter: Most people using the services of the Center for the Blind learned of the ministry from their pastor or Sunday School teacher. True or False?

Answer: False! Most people learn about us through the internet or a government agency. Very few learn through an Assemblies of God church connection.

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

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.

Please join our staff in celebrating the 65th anniversary of Center for the Blind by participating in the "Not By Sight Call to Prayer" explained in the attached flyer.



Happy Birthday

to the Center for the Blind!

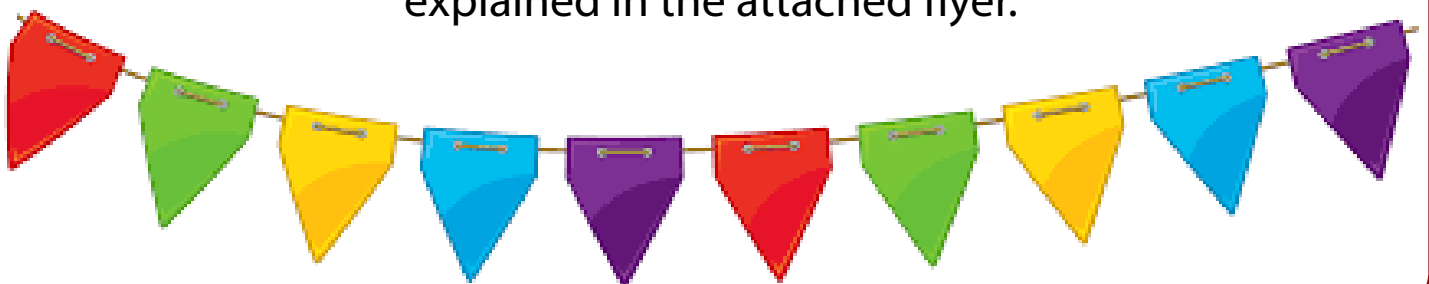
This ministry,
that began in the heart of a humble and willing servant,
turned 65 this year.

God alone knows how many lives
have moved closer to the eternal Savior
because Sister Mildred said yes to the call of the Holy Spirit!

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