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"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." -- 1 Corinthians 15:58

Great News! Persistence Pays off...

About 20 years ago, "descriptive video" was new and rapidly growing in popularity for people with limited vision. This format makes standard videos and movies accessible to people with a vision impairment. A narrator's voice is heard in breaks between voices and necessary audio. This voice describes visual content necessary to understand the story. For example, a male voice might be heard saying, "Good night Mr. and Mrs. Johnson! Thank you for a delicious dinner" followed by a narrator's voice saying, "As Colten leaves he is seen making a flirting wink at his boss's daughter." That last bit of information might be extremely important to the next phase of the drama but would be missed without good vision.

Paul saw the urgency of getting something Christian available in descriptive video (also called narrative video) as soon as possible. The Jesus Film folks and the Narrative Television Network people jumped on board and in a short time, the popular "Jesus Film" was available in descriptive format on VHS tapes.

Hundreds of tapes flew off the shelves or were picked up at conventions. In a very short time, the cartons were empty and DVDs were replacing VHS tapes.

However, for the past 15 years, all efforts to purchase the descriptive Jesus Film on DVD failed. The Jesus Film Project staff were not able to locate the descriptive version.

With low expectations, Paul recently tried one more time. To his surprise, he quickly received a positive reply. They found the video! He was told



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that they believed his story because of the consistent detail. They were convinced the format did exist. The staff worked together to dream up every possible “search” word for their database until they found the digital descriptive video.

Now comes the challenge of getting the video in the hands of people who do not know Christ and those who like the Apostle Paul, want to know Him better. Attending conventions and conferences of/and/for the Blind are expensive. They are the best places to meet unbelieving people with impaired vision.

We count on your prayers and support for projects like the Jesus Film and for the everyday operations of the ministry. The Center for the Blind is responsible for raising its own funding. It is not underwritten by the national office of the Assemblies of God.

Thank you for your consistent concern!

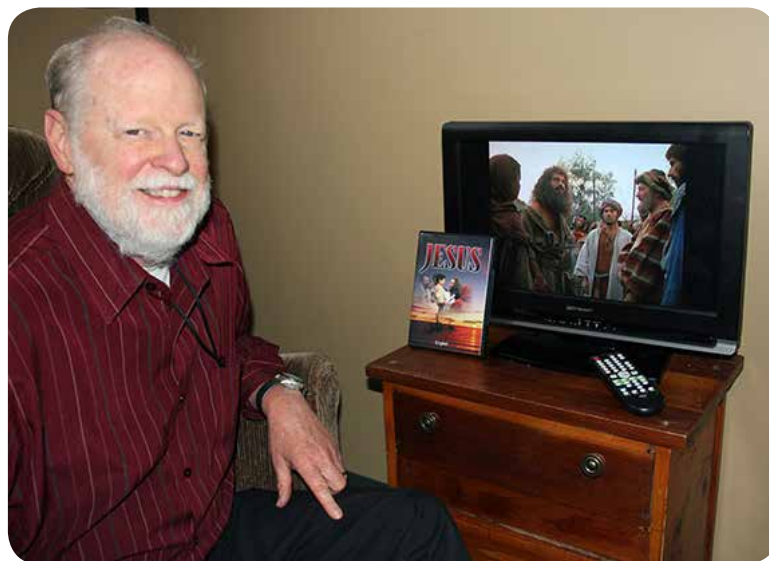
Serving the King of Kings by serving those who are Blind,

Paul & Caryl Weingartner

Paul and Caryl Weingartner and the Center for the Blind Staff

Picture 1

After over a 15-year pursuit, Paul is thrilled to have the descriptive Jesus Film available on DVD. The next step it is to find the funding and the means to get them in the hands of the Blind. The first step will be purchasing a small number as an addition to the lending library.



Picture 2

Will Goble is an AGUSM Missionary Associate with the Center for the Blind. Will is versatile, ready and able to help wherever needed. He is now licensed with the Assemblies of God. He received his recognition at the Southern Missouri District Council. Like Sharron Stevens and Caryl Weingartner, Will has to raise his own support.



Picture 3

STARS for Autism invited the Center for the Blind to exhibit at their annual "Autism Blast" in the Battlefield Mall. It was a fun time to connect with the Springfield disability community.

Picture 4

An exhibit at the Southern Missouri District Council provided an avenue to connect with dozens of pastors and church staff. Sarah, Will, Paul and Dale raised awareness of the ability of people with limited vision to continue with Bible reading, personal devotions, and church participation with the help of the services of the Center for the Blind. Passing out Braille bracelets and Braille alphabet cards to kids was a fun way to increase their awareness of people who are Blind.



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