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The third Sunday of August each year has been designated as Disability Awareness Day by the Assemblies of God. It draws attention to the needs of 60 million people with disabilities in the United States. The Disabilities Awareness chapel at the National Leadership and Resource Center (NLRC) service was held August 23 and the Center for the Blind was featured. This was a very significant event.

One of the most persistent challenges facing the Center for the Blind is finding a way to make our services known to people who can benefit from them. Employees of the NLRC connect with everything that is happening in the Assemblies of God, both foreign and domestic. It is our prayer that this chapel will be a catalyst for improving communications with people in our fellowship who have vision impairments.

Also, the Center for the Blind depends on almost all departments and ministries in the national offices. The



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Picture 1: Sarah provided special music for the NLRC chapel. She did an inspirational performance of “I Will Boast,” a song based on 2 Corinthians 10:17. “But HE WHO BOASTS IS TO BOAST IN THE LORD.” [NAS]



chapel service provided the opportunity for people to get to know the ministry they support. It was a time to offer the employees of the NLRC a sincere thanks for their help in serving the 7.3 million Blind in the U.S. Part of the chapel service is available for viewing [here](#).

Another important event took place in August. The Center for the Blind promotional [video](#) was ready in time to make its debut at the NLRC chapel service. Much gratitude is due the co-workers in US Missions Promotions and the NLRC Media Center for producing this excellent introduction to the Center for the Blind. The video is available as a [download](#). Please consider downloading and showing to your church.

Benefits of the chapel and the video are already evident. People are responding with an interest in volunteering. Others are making helpful suggestions to improve the ability to reach people who would benefit from the vital and unique services of the Center for the Blind.

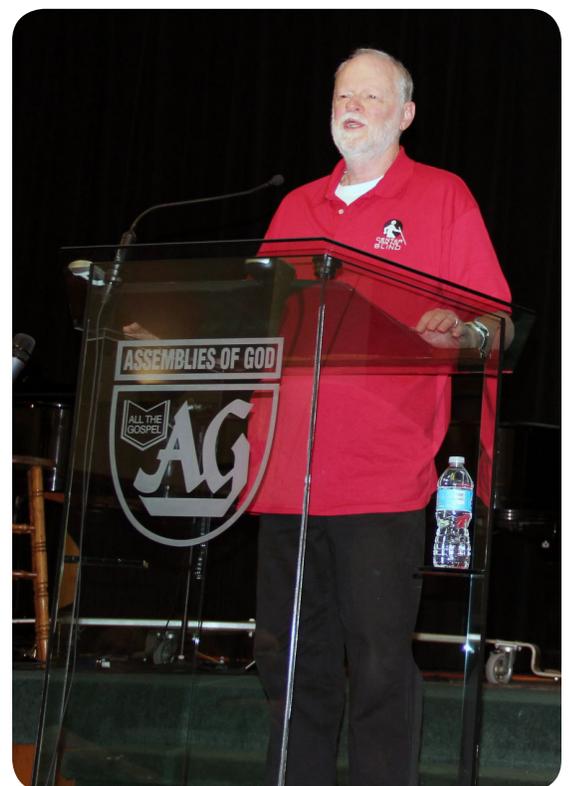
Thank you for your persistent concern and support of our mostly volunteer staff and the people served by this ministry.

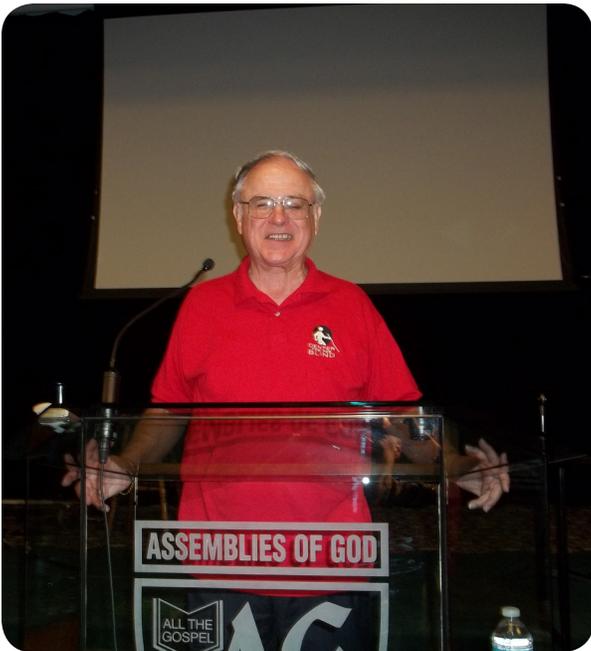
“The LORD keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.”
[Psalms 121:8] [NLT]

Paul & Caryl Weingartner

Paul and Caryl Weingartner and the staff of the Center for the Blind

Picture 2: Paul mingled personal testimony with a description of the Center for the Blind and the spiritual needs of the 7.3 million Blind in the US. From the Apostle Paul’s words in 2 Corinthians, he showed how human weakness shows off the power of God. Embracing that weakness is truly boasting in the Lord, the message of the song Sarah sung.





Picture 3: Chaplain Dale had the honor of leading the staff chapel in prayer for all of the NRLC ministries, the needs of the community and our nation. His spirit of sensitivity and hope inspires others to expect the Lord to answer.



Picture 4: Please take a quick minute to view the new Center for the Blind [video](#) and consider sharing it with your friends.

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