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In 1776, Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. The United States of America declared itself a sovereign nation based on the premise that all humans are created equal with the God given right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” However, after that date many lives were lost, property was destroyed and families were ruined to secure and maintain those basic human rights.

Then 240 years later, right after another 4th of July celebration, the protectors of those celebrated freedoms are under attack. If this country is going to remain free, the battle will have to be won in our hearts.

Paul wrote: “We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.”
Romans 6:6-7 (NLT)

Sin is bondage. Hatred, selfishness, unforgiveness, lust, greed—all sin is more than a bad thing someone does. Sin is bondage. Only the blood of Christ can truly set a person free.

The first point in the Center for the Blind vision statement is that all who are blind will have the opportunity to experience freedom in salvation. Occasionally people will say something like “how big of a sin can a blind person



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do?” It is not “how big of a sin.” Sin is bondage. Without Christ, those who are blind are as bound as sighted unbelievers.

Your prayers are needed! The Center for the Blind lost its audio presentation of the Gospel with the loss of the audio Book of Hope. Replacing it is imperative but we have not been able to do that successfully. Please ask the Lord to break through the barriers and make this a reality. The Blind need to hear the Good News of freedom.

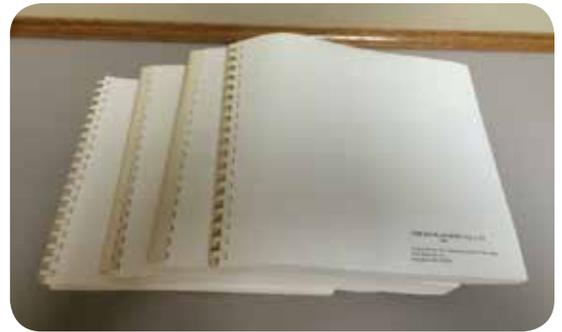
Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and financial support. Thank you for your volunteer service and your encouraging words.

Serving the Savior,

Paul & Caryl Weingartner

Paul and Caryl Weingartner and the Center for the Blind Staff

Picture 1: The original *Book of Hope* is still available in Braille. Unfortunately, the audio version is no longer available because of copyright issues. Please persist with us in prayer as we face the challenges in developing a replacement.



Picture 2: At each national convention, the *National Organization of Parents of Blind Children* holds a Braille flea market. The Center for the Blind includes the *Book of Hope* in Braille among the books we donate. We make no money on the sales but we benefit from the publicity among both the Christian and non-Christian blind community.





Picture 3: General Superintendent, Dr. George Wood, honors Sarah for her 10 years of service at the National Leadership and Resource Center. Sarah actually served as a volunteer for five years before her employment. The NLRC celebrated 10 years but we celebrated Sarah's 15 years!



Pictures 4 & 5: The Center for the Blind was blessed by a visit from a precious sister, Georgian Ugah, Enugu, Nigeria. Our friendship continues as we work together to bring hope to the Blind in Nigeria. Nigeria does not have a welfare system like the United States. This creates opportunities for ministry because the Nigerian government understands the need and is supportive of ministries trying to help.

APPRECIATION

Thank you, Sir, for all your support and donations for persons living with disabilities in Nigeria through our Ministry.

We are forever grateful for all your gifts of Digital Audio Bibles and Brail Embosser which have made serious lasting impact upon the lives of our people living with disability.

May God continue to replenish your resources in Jesus name, Amen.

Yours in Him,


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