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The angel of the LORD appeared to Manoah's wife and said, "Even though you have been unable to have children, you will soon become pregnant and give birth to a son."
[Judges 13:3] [NLT]

Do you ever wonder why we don't know Samson's mother's name even though the angel of the Lord appeared to her twice before he spoke with her husband? On the other hand, when was the last time you heard an inspiring sermon from the life of Maai? Why is his name recorded, but Mrs. Manoah's name is never mentioned?

Names come to this ministry from a variety of sources: email, phone, mail, etc. At first, each name is just a name, probably of a person with serious vision loss. But each name represents a person with a story. Through follow up communications, their story starts to unfold.

- Harold was ordained by the Assemblies in the early 1950s. He pastored many churches, served as an administrator for Evangel College and a number of churches. At 88 years old, he still preaches. He is enjoying his cartridge Bible from the Center for the Blind.
- Marcella gave her heart to the Lord at 5 and was filled with the Spirit at 17. She and her husband spent most of their lives together planting churches. She is grateful for the services of the Center for the Blind.



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- Brain surgery took Levi's vision at age six. He is now seven and is preparing for full-time ministry. His song compositions are already earning him national recognition.

Some people are born blind or lose their vision as an infant. Others lose their vision later in life and have to make very hard adjustments. Some will accomplish great things while others will not have the support and find themselves trapped by circumstances.

Whatever their story is, the staff of the Center for the Blind is privileged and blessed to make a difference in their lives. Paul, in reference to Tychicus, wrote to the church at Colosse; "He is a beloved brother and faithful helper who serves with me in the LORD's work." [Colossians 4:7] In the same way you serve with the staff of the Center for the Blind with your prayers and financial support. You deserve to share in the same honor and blessings as the staff.

Thank you!

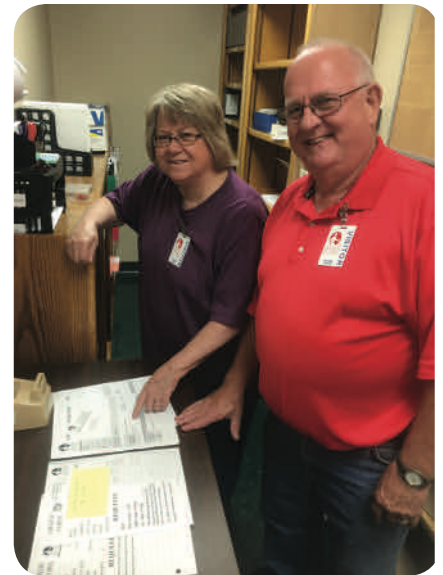
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul & Caryl Weingartner". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Paul and Caryl Weingartner and the Center for the Blind Staff

Please Pray!

- We are in the process of producing a new promotional video. The video is needed by August 23 when we will be sharing the ministry of Center for the Blind in the National Leadership and Resource Center chapel.
- The Lord's help is necessary for a successful replacement to the audio Book of Hope that is no longer available.
- More volunteer readers are needed for quarterlies and books.
- Sarah is working on volunteer training videos.
- You are invited to join the Center for the Blind Prayer Circle. Urgent needs from the staff and members are posted to an email list. Please send your request to join to blind@ag.org.

Picture 1: Steve Shultz is the newest Center for the Blind “in office” volunteer. He joined his wife Laura who has been assisting Sharron with library duties for quite some time. Their daughter, Kashia was a Center for the Blind volunteer till she was offered a position with Intercultural Ministries. The Center for the Blind functions under the Intercultural Ministries department of U.S. Missions and is grateful for Steve’s help.



Pictures 2 & 3: The Center for the Blind recently celebrated its 3rd anniversary since moving out of the Landmark building and into the Ashcroft Center. The present location is part of the Assemblies of God campus. Amenities include easy access to all departments, clean restrooms, well maintained facilities and excellent security.

The building is named after J. Robert Ashcroft, father of Attorney General John Ashcroft. J. Robert maintained an office in this building till his home going.



Picture 4: The Center for the Blind staff was blessed by a surprise visit from Norm and Jan Whitney. Norm is the youngest son of Mildred Whitney, the founder of this ministry. It was a good time to reconnect with the Whitney family and to hear Norm’s memories of primitive Braille production in a small house with no running water.



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