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The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he understands how weak we are; he knows we are only dust. -- Psalms 103:13-14 NLT

He is our "Heavenly Father." His love and compassion are boundless. His resources have no limits. His discipline is pure and precise. He knows when to intervene, when to hold our hand through hard times and when to let us struggle till we call on Him. His desire to be our Father is greater than our desire to let him!

It is with the compassion of the Heavenly Father that we share in the struggles of others. Often normal life challenges are complicated by blindness. When Al lost his sighted wife, he not only lost his best friend, he lost the practical benefits of her eye sight. Stan is forced to leave his familiar apartment to adjust to a whole new living situation. He must do this without the benefit of sight. Marilyn is suffering from a spider bite without being able to see the damaged area.

The Center for the Blind staff are not immune to the challenges either. Sarah quickly learned the difficulty of walking with crutches while navigating with a white cane when she broke her ankle in a work-related injury.

Fortunately, "your Father knows exactly what you (we) need even before you (we) ask him!" Matthew 6:8 [NLT] It is to Him that we bring all concerns.

There are many recent reasons to give thanks to the Heavenly Father. A large donation met an urgent need of the ministry. Recently we had a speaking engagement where several of us had the opportunity to present what the Center for the Blind is about. Seven people received



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cartridge Bibles, two found a source for magnifiers that will enable them to continue reading their printed Bibles, others wanted more information to send to people that are struggling with their eyesight. Also, this month Braille evangelism materials were sent to Thabiso, a blind South African man, who has a desire to share the Lord with his blind connections. A Spanish Bible in Braille is on its way to Selma in Chile.

Prayer Request: Like many mission efforts, the Center for the Blind is struggling financially. However, the goal is not survival. It is for the ministry to once again become evangelistic. People are asking us to be active again. Conventions are very expensive!

Thank you for standing with this ministry in prayer, volunteer service and financial support!

Rejoicing in God our Father,

Paul & Caryl Weingartner

Paul and Caryl Weingartner and the Center for the Blind Staff

Pictures 1 and 2:

The annual *Enabled* picnic is a fun avenue for people with all types of disabilities to enjoy food and fellowship. The perfect weather added to the fun of making new blind friends such as Jerry and Ron. Caryl enjoyed serving food to smiling faces!



Picture 3:

Sarah is facing inconveniences and pain as she strives to keep productive and meet deadlines with a broken ankle.



Pictures 4, 5 and 6:

Paul delivered the message and ministry presentation at *Maranatha Village* in their Sunday evening service. Sarah and Dale shared their role in the ministry, their personal experiences with blindness and its impact on how they serve.



Picture 7:

Steve and Laura Schultz bring a joy to the office. They are willing to tackle any chore that comes along. Here they are getting a box of the Braille “Book of Hope” ready to mail to Nigeria.

Changing postal and customs regulations make shipping a challenge. Fortunately, Braille can still be shipped as “Free Matter for the Blind.”



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