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The movie, "The Gospel Blimp," was released in the late 1960's. The plot centered on a group of Christian friends motivated to reach their community with the Gospel. The plan was to use a blimp for mass evangelism.

After many challenges, it became evident that their exorbitant expenditure of human and financial resources produced no fruit. Also evident was that their entanglements with the program were causing these well-meaning folks to miss the "one on one" opportunities to reach their neighbors who were ripe for the Gospel.

The only Gospel records of Jesus doing large group ministry were of him healing diseases, passing out food or teaching. There are no records of a mass revival. The Gospels do hold many accounts of individuals whose lives were transformed by Jesus' personal contact.

Considering the large number of people in the United States (7.3 million!) who are severely visually impaired, the Center for the Blind continues to be under utilized. Advertising, internet, social media and articles in popular publications continue to miss the majority of people who would treasure our resources. What continues to be most effective is one person telling another!

This was evident when Caryl and Paul took time out of their Colorado vacation to drop off information packets with a few churches and individuals serving people with disabilities. People were surprised to learn that the Center for the Blind is not just a ministry raising money for a cause. It offers solid benefits at no cost to the recipient!



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To offer services at no cost, the AGUSM Center for the Blind depends on donors and volunteers to cover its expenses and accomplish the work of the ministry. Most donors and volunteers began with a one on one connection with us.

As you are faithful in your giving, prayers and volunteer service, please tell someone about this treasure and invite them to join a dynamic team.

The Lord bless you in the upcoming holidays!

Sincerely,

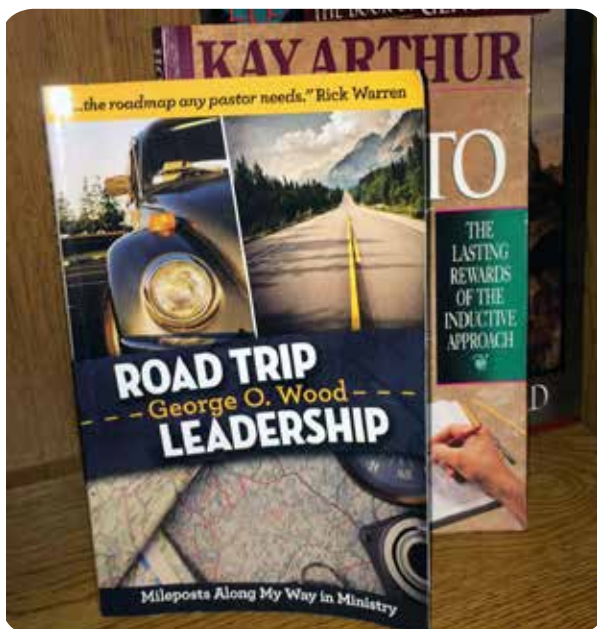
Paul & Caryl Weingartner

Paul and Caryl and the Center for the Blind staff

PS Don't forget to share our new [video](#) with your church and friends!

Pictures:

The Evolution of a DAISY Book



Step One

A book is has to be carefully chosen because readers are few. Effort is made to match the book with its volunteer reader.

Step Two

The book is recorded in Audacity, a free download program, by a volunteer, according to strict requirements. It is then returned to the Center for the Blind.

Step Three

The file is reopened in Audacity to make any necessary changes to prepare it for the final formatting program.



Step Four

The file is opened again but in Obi, another free downloadable program, where the file is converted from an MP3 format to DAISY. The final file is now compatible with the National Library Service for the Blind equipment.

Step Five

The file is stored on a server until it is loaded on a cartridge when requested by a Center for the Blind member.



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