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Giving Thanks in the Yuck:

“While I was fainting away, I remembered the LORD,
And my prayer came to You, Into Your holy temple.

Those who regard vain idols
Forsake their faithfulness,

But I will sacrifice to You
With the voice of thanksgiving.
That which I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation is from the LORD.” [Jonah 2:7-9] [NAS]

Holy Temple? Rotten fish, decaying seaweed, filthy disgusting saltwater mixed with digestion acids and a smell to rival a Tijuana dump! But after three days in a fish, that was Jonah’s holy temple where he offered thanksgiving to his Savior.

The Center for the Blind has so much to give thanks for this Thanksgiving. In the past couple of days the staff was able to help several more people obtain digital cartridge players and NLT cartridge Bibles. There is a growing number of people watching our video and learning of the services available to the reading impaired.

You and people like you are a very significant reason for giving thanks. You make it possible for the us to impact the lives of people who are often overlooked. Thanksgiving is also due the Lord for the superb AGUSM leadership who are a constant source of wisdom and encouragement.



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The Center for the Blind is facing many challenges. From a human perspective, they can seem totally insurmountable. Jonah turned his heart to the Lord in the yuck of a fishes belly and offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving before the Lord provided a solution.

Perhaps you are experiencing the yuck of life this Thanksgiving. Let's turn our fish's stomach into a holy temple and offer to the Lord a sacrifice of Thanksgiving right now, and not wait till we see Him provide.

Giving thanks,

Paul & Caryl Weingartner

Paul and Caryl Weingartner and the Center for the Blind staff

Please check out the Center for the Blind [video](http://blind.ag.org/Video/video_cftb.cfm) (http://blind.ag.org/Video/video_cftb.cfm). Feel free to pass the link on to your friends, your church and post on Facebook! This is a much underutilized ministry because those who would benefit from its services are not getting the message.

Volunteer Focus:

Cherri Pike



Cherri Pike and her husband Steve founded Urban Islands Project. Urban Islands Project exists to increase the presence of the church in the urban areas of America's larger cities. **"As the population goes up, the presence of the church goes down."**

Along with her work with Steve, Cherri is bi-vocational. She also selflessly volunteers her skills to make the Center for the Blind monthly letters attractive and accessible to the Blind.



Please check the Urban Islands Project [website](http://urbanislandsproject.org/#urban-o) (http://urbanislandsproject.org/#urban-o) and pray for the Pikes as you give the Lord thanks for Cherri's vital contribution to Center for the Blind.

To make a donation to Center for the Blind, please click [here](#).