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“Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions.”  
[Colossians 1:24] [NAS]

It was clear in the Apostle Paul’s mind that suffering is a certainty in order to fulfill the Great Commission. Self-sacrifice accompanies the Cross. Today we want to splash the message across the internet from a comfortable distance and feel like we accomplished our mission.

Reaching the Blind has its unique hurdles that must be conquered. Finding the Blind is one challenge. Packing the message in a usable format is another. Discovering a sufficient workforce is always a challenge (Luke 10:2). And persistence is essential!

Please stand with the Blind and the staff of the Center for the Blind. We need your prayers, your support and your volunteer help.

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# 2015 Highlights

2015 was a contrasting year. At one point, the finances were so low the Braille Adult Student Guide was canceled for a quarter. On the other hand, 2015 was an awesome year for touching the lives of the Blind in the US and across the globe. Below are just a few exciting events of year.

300 digital cartridge Bibles were given away to residents in the U.S.: 40 English/Ebo Bibles to Nigeria; 20 Bibles to a school for the Blind in Fiji. We also sent many Braille books along with the Bibles to Fiji.

Five new volunteers joined the Center for the Blind Team. AGUSM missionary Hugh Duncan is a field Rep. Will Goble (who is Blind) is processing audio, assembling Braille and anything else that comes along. Connie Weddle is blessing the ministry with her outstanding office skills. Her sister, Ann Burks, jumps in wherever she is needed. A special blessing is Faith Decker, the daughter of Guy and Derva Trower. Faith helps us feel close to a couple that blessed this ministry for so many decades.

Sharron Stevens was honored with the 2015 Springfield City Gift of Time Award.

A new sheet-fed Braille embosser, a ScanSnap scanner, and a Cannon copier are making the operations more efficient and higher quality. The older sheet-fed Embosser is now tapping out dots at the EVAMII School in Enugu Nigeria.

The Missouri School for the Blind joyfully accepted the donation of a complete Braille set of The Chronicles of Narnia. The Center for the Blind is the only source to obtain the series with tactile pictures.

The Center for the Blind successfully began the process of converting audio books to the DAISY format compatible with National Library Service for the Blind (NLS) digital audio players. This creates more opportunities for in-office and out-of-office volunteers.

All audio quarterlies and periodicals were successfully transitioned from cassette to NLS compatible digital cartridges. One cartridge holds 29 publications and replaces 100 cassettes.

The Center for the Blind staff had fun throwing the worn out cassette duplicators in the dumpster.

*Pictures 1 & 2:*

Faith and Will are working hard to get the Braille Adult Student in the mail on time. Yes, they were successful!



# Center for the Blind T-Shirts Now Available!

Want a fun way to show your support for the Center for the Blind? Check out our new t-shirts! Offered in your choice of red or black, each high quality cotton t-shirt



features a white Center for the Blind logo on the front left pocket area. On the back, also in white, are the words “making the cross accessible” in print and braille, with a small cross symbol in the center. Shirts are \$15 and come in sizes ranging from Small to 5XL.

For more info, please visit [https://www.spread-spirit.com/cftb-making-the-cross-accessible#/1-size-s/103-color-cherry\\_red/39-style-g200](https://www.spread-spirit.com/cftb-making-the-cross-accessible#/1-size-s/103-color-cherry_red/39-style-g200).

## Prayer Requests

- There is still a need for a new contemporary, high quality audio presentation of the Gospel to replace the audio Book of Hope.
- More volunteers are needed to process audio books. Some of the work will need to be done in our offices but a lot of the work can be done off site—in your home or office or wherever is convenient for you.
- Blind ministers have been asking for a way to connect online. The challenge is greater than it seems it should be. Please pray for success in developing a workable solution.

## The Center for the Blind Prayer Circle

Please consider joining the prayer group. The Lord is using the prayers from this list to meet critical needs of the Center for the Blind and people connected with the ministry. Visit <http://blind.ag.org/subscribe.cfm> or send your request to join to [blind@ag.org](mailto:blind@ag.org).

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