Dear Center for,

Thanksgiving Day is tomorrow in the United States. What are you most thankful for this year? How has God blessed you this year? I'd like to know -- I enjoy reading your messages.

What am I thankful for this year? You. I'm thankful for you and the ways you brighten the lives of those who live in darkness.

Here's a little Thanksgiving humor by an anonymous author. Enjoy!

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the prize,
May your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs!

Jeri Lyn Rogge
ENews Editor

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An NCBC camper enjoys zooming around the go cart track with her counselor.
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Christian Record Services for the Blind (CRSB) offers materials, programs, and friendship to children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.

Free services are offered to all who qualify.

- Magazines and resources in braille, large print, and audio
- Audio lending library
- Bible school
- National Camps for Blind Children (NCBC)

To learn more about Christian Record and to request information about enrolling in services, click here.

All services and programs offered by Christian Record Services for the Blind are funded by generous financial gifts. Would you consider giving a gift today to help a person who is blind see Jesus?
You may have received a brailled holiday greeting card in the mail from National Camps for Blind Children. Why? We are hoping you will add your message and mail it back to us. Then your card will be forwarded to one of our blind campers. If you didn’t get a card in the mail, send your own holiday card to: NCBC, PO Box 6097, Lincoln NE 68506-0097.

"I've been blind since I was three," says Dee. "Tumors pressed on my optic nerves. One was so big it almost poked my eye out."

Can you imagine the fear Dee’s parents felt? Their precious toddler had a tumor! Would she die? If not, would she see again?

Skillful doctors used radiation treatments on the tumor. They thankfully saved Dee’s life. But her optic nerves were irreparably damaged. Dee considers herself fortunate. Although she has no sight in her right eye, her left eye can detect color and shadows.

"This camp has lots of activities," continues Dee. "In ceramics, I painted a vase a dark purple. Today, I'm going to swim, ride the pontoon boat and go tubing. I like camp. It means being with friends who are like me, and not being too lonely."

You watch as the boat takes off... pulling the tube across the lake. Dee lifts her thumb up. She was faster! The driver pushes the throttle forward a little bit. Then he turns the boat to the right. The tube over the boat's wake. Dee on her tube swings out across the lake.

"Hang on, Dee," shout her friends. As the boat straightens its path, the tube slows. Dee grins.

Afterwards, Dee proclaims, "That was awesome!"

There are so many blind boys and girls who feel like camp is the best present they have ever received. They need your help! They need to know that camps will continue into next year. Will you please tell them for them?

Please take a moment to send a holiday message to a blind camper. I'm sure someone will read it to them. And if you are able to do it, will you also send a gift today? We want to say yes to all the young people to hear if they will be able to attend our winter blind camp in 2013.

Thank you for your support. And thank you for helping us bring delight to lives like Dee's. May you be blessed this holiday season for the compassion you show blind children all through the year.
Tour Washington, D.C.

Posted November 12th, 2012

This tour takes us to The Mall in the U.S. capitol with a former member of the White House honor guard. Terry Johnson is on a first-name basis with at least one president and has often served at close range with several others. In the first installment of this little adventure to Washington there is a drive-by tour of several spots around the city and then stops for walking visits to two of the newer memorials on the mall: The World War II Memorial and the memorial that honors President Franklin Roosevelt. Click here for the audio tour.

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Christian Record’s Lifeglow magazine ends run after decades; new large-
magazine to follow

After 29 years of serving visually impaired readers, Lifeglow, a bi-monthly, large-print magazine published by Christian Record Services for the Blind, concluded its successful run in mid-November.

Christian Record’s large-print magazine is receiving a new design and format treatment beginning with the January-February 2012 issue. It will become known under a new title, Light, according to Lifeglow’s editor for the last seven years, Bert Williams.

Lifeglow’s target audience, which will continue as Light’s audience, is interdenominational Christians who are legally blind, Williams explains. The majority of recipients are not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a denomination that established Christian Record in 1899.

Lifeglow has circulation of 14,000, and as with all Christian Record’s subscription publications, the magazine is available free of charge.

Age-wise, many readers—though not all—are toward the older side of the age spectrum. This is largely because the majority of people who are legally blind have age-related diseases such as diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration.

“Senior citizens in the 21st century are a different breed than those of even 50 years ago,” he asserted. Williams explains that “past memories are certainly a part of their experience, but they also, to some general terms, are more attuned to the times and forward-looking. The magazine’s content includes that provide Christian encouragement, comfort, and reflection, and there are also materials intended to challenge, and contribute to personal growth.” The magazine informs its readers about disability issues, general health, and a wide array of other topics—both current and spiritual. Readers are also offered ever-popular crossword puzzles.

Recent issues of Lifeglow have focused on special themes. In light of the November election in the States, the September-October 2012 edition was a special issue on religious freedom. Prior to that, the July-August issue focused on themes from the Old Testament Scriptures with articles by Ray McAllister and Dexter Thomas, both of whom are serious Bible students with doctoral degrees, and both of whom are Adventists.

The final Lifeglow issue features meditations from three Christian pastors (an Adventist, a Lutheran, and an Episcopalian) on Christ’s Incarnation.

Looking at the folding machine spewing the final issues of Lifeglow into a ready-to-post pile, Williams observed, “I don’t have a lot of nostalgia about it, probably because by nature I tend to look ahead rather than back. Since becoming the editor I’ve just been thinking about how to make future issues the best they can be. That will certainly be our goal with the new magazine.” [Rajmund Dabrowski/CRN]