

CHRISTIAN RECORD

SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

Dear valued church leader,

My name is Tandi. For most of my life, my role was simple: I was my dad's daughter. But as I've watched him walk through something I didn't fully understand at first, I've also become his caregiver. It didn't come all at once. It was quieter than that.



He stopped birding. He couldn't read labels in the grocery store. I watched the man who used to watch out for me begin to withdraw from things he once loved—church, conversations, and simple moments that used to bring him joy.

This is what we've come to call the **Quiet Crisis**. It's the gradual loss of vision—and with it, the loss of independence, connection, and often hope. And what I've learned as a caregiver is that it's happening all around us. In our churches. To people we know and love.

That is why this year's Annual Offering for Christian Record Services on **August 8, 2026**, is so vital. It's our chance, as a church family, to respond to this crisis with compassion and action.

To help you share this important story with your congregation, we have created a short, powerful video that shares my dad's journey—and mine as his caregiver.

We prayerfully ask you to consider two simple actions:

- **Play the enclosed 3-minute video** during your worship service.
- **Use the ready-to-use announcements** for your church bulletin and social media in the week leading up to the offering.

You may already have someone like my dad sitting in your pews—and a caregiver like me sitting right beside them—quietly struggling and unsure where to turn. Together, we can help them feel seen, supported, and not alone.

Thank you for taking a moment to hear our story—and for considering how your church can be part of the response.

With gratitude,

Tandi Perkins

Daughter and Caregiver

Membership: Christian Record Services Inc., located in Lincoln, Nebraska, serves individuals throughout the United States. In 2025, **87,382 resources** were delivered! [Membership is free to anyone from \(or in\) the blind and low-vision community.](#)

Free Resources and Programs Include:

- **Bibles** in large print, braille, and audio formats
153 complete Bibles and 2,591 Bible portions mailed in 2025
- **Correspondence Bible School**, offering lessons in large print and braille with personalized guidance and support
305 Bible lessons mailed and 20 course completion certificates awarded in 2025
- **Naomi Chapman Turner Library for the Blind**, with thousands of family-friendly resources
4,204 audiobooks lent and 2,972 digital resources accessed in 2025
- **Books and magazines** in large print, braille, and audio, including the *Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide*
77,137 resources mailed in 2025
- **National Camps for Blind Children**, welcoming blind and low-vision children and adults to Adventist camps across the United States
8 camp partners and 87 confidence-building camper experiences in 2025
- **PhoneFaith®**, offering daily live dial-in presentations in English and Spanish that inform, encourage, and inspire the mind and body, created by and for blind and low-vision individuals
386 unique callers in 2025
- **Anne Lowe Scholarships** awarded annually to blind and low-vision undergraduate and graduate students
\$12,000 awarded in 2025