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MARILYN'S VISION

Christian Record Services for the Blind celebrated its 120th-anniversary two years ago. It started in 1898 when Austin Wilson, a young man of 26 who was blind, approached the General Conference with his idea to produce the Christian Record Braille magazine. Thankfully, many others saw his vision and volunteered, donated, and worked alongside Austin Wilson to continue the vital mission of this nonprofit ministry.

The U.S. National Institute of Health projects that there will be around 4 million individuals with blindness by 2050, and Lancet Global Health predicts cases will rise to 115 million worldwide. Those large numbers are hard to grasp.

After receiving and reading “Death Defeated,” a booklet recently published in Braille by Christian Record, Marilyn, a Christian Record member for more than 30 years, called to say, “Thank you.” With a tearful voice, she explained how much the book meant to her as she was dealing with the recent loss of her husband.

Today’s special offering will support Christian Record’s ministry to people with blindness.

In a sense, you are keeping Austin Wilson’s vision alive. You are sharing the gospel of Christ to people—like Marilyn—who need His words of comfort and hope translated into Braille, large print, or audio.

Be thankful for your eyes and rest them as I read: “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever” (1 Thes. 4:16).

APPEAL: We will all be with the Lord forever. Marilyn will see her husband again. We’ll see our family and friends. We’ll even have a chance to meet Austin Wilson and thank him personally for his vision for Christian Record. Amen.

PRAYER: Dear Lord, please bless Christian Record Ministries, and make of each one of us a living blessing to this organization.

Submitted by Patricia Maxwell for Christian Records.

