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*Everyone in the world ... in the Word.*



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Dear Ministry Partner,

Bert is a phenomenal blessing. Blind from birth, he was raised in the Netherlands. He never knew what the Bible was about until 1992, when he met people who introduced him to solid biblical teaching. Slowly but surely, he says, the scales fell from his eyes, and the Bible's message opened up to him.

Bert is now in a CBSI class, using the Old and New Testaments in Braille—24 large books taking up space in a bedroom linen closet—and he is delighted. He gets every course converted to the Braille format, and currently he has completed the 1 John and James studies. For him the class discussion is especially enriching because he learns from others, and they learn from him.

It is a blessing for Bert to know that, because of his faith in Christ, God sees him “without his sins.” From 1 John he has learned that to reflect Christ's love to the spiritually dark world around them, Christians must love each other as brothers and sisters. The James 5 passage about praying for the sick is intriguing to Bert because he is not only blind, but he has developed hearing problems. Doctors say they can do no more for him, and his hearing difficulty will only worsen. After studying the book of James with his CBSI small group, he asked an elder of his church to pray for him to give God an opportunity to heal his ears.

Bert feels like a rich person; although he cannot see a thing in this world, through his faith and study of the Word, the Lord is enabling him to “see things sharply in Christ!” Grateful to have CBSI materials in Braille, he wants to encourage blind believers worldwide to study the Word and to start seeing spiritually!

Your faithful support of our ministry makes amazing stories like this possible. Will you continue to partner with us so that those with sight and those without it can “see,” feel, and experience God's great love for them?

Thank you. We rejoice with you in the goodness of God!

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