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In giving just a little of her time, Margie is making a big difference.

Margie grew up in a loving, Christian home. She gave her heart to Christ at the age of 17 when she watched the movie "A Thief in the Night" at her Methodist Church Youth group meeting, having been so affected by it. She knew without a doubt that God was calling her into a relationship with Him. Later (1995), Margie joined Hatfield Christian Church and is regularly involved in outreaches and volunteer work. She has been married to Andre for almost 30 years.

Ten years ago Margie saw a newspaper advert looking for volunteers to read books onto tapes for an organization called Tape Aids for the Blind. She went for an audition, and since then she has spent 2 hours once a week at their studios reading aloud countless novels, Christian and children's books, magazines and study material. So many people benefit from this charity, not only those who are blind, but also many who are weak or bedridden. What a practical way to make a difference!

Tape Aids for the Blind is a charity organization started in 1958 by Jannie Venter, who, when visiting his paralyzed friend in hospital, found that the visiting hours were not long enough to finish reading books aloud to him. His dream was to read books onto tape so that any blind or bedridden person could listen anytime, anywhere. His dream eventually became reality. There are now 27 soundproof studios nationwide with 8200 members of the library. Books are available in all 11 South African languages! Membership is free and the only source of income for the library is from donations and sales of second-hand books. If you would like to donate books or money, you can phone Lydia at 012 362 5414 at the Pretoria studios. Maybe you could even arrange a group donation over the next few months in order to sponsor a book to be read - the total cost for recording each book is R500.

How can God use each of us if we gave Him 2 hours a week?