



The SCOTT CRABTREE Family

Missionaries to the Deaf

"There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:3

We were hoping to have 50% of our church mortgage paid off in 2 years by March 1st--by God's grace and the giving of our people and supporters like you, **we have now reached this goal!** We are only \$23,000 short of having a 45% balance left now. We praise the Lord for His goodness and are just amazed how God has brought people along to help us in our efforts.

On Sunday, we planned to have our Fiesta Soup/Chili Sunday. After an unexpected snow event Sunday morning, we expected our numbers to be significantly down, but we ended up having 55 in the service and 4 visitors! Everyone got on board with the cleanup afterward and stayed for a few snowball fights between the adults and the kids. With a good sized field around us on the property, it makes for some good snowball fights. It was a relaxing and enjoyable time after the services. My wife even taught the kids how to make a snow angel. Three of the visitors who came had seen a big article written about our church in *The Columbus Dispatch* a few months ago. One of the ladies had called regarding her 43 year old nephew who is Deaf. He is slowly losing his eyesight due to diabetes and his mother is in her 80's. The concern is that he has very little socialization these days and they would love for him to get plugged into a good church. His name is Adam and our people just loved on him on Sunday and sat with him during the meal. It touched his mom and aunt's heart to see other Deaf talking to him. All three enjoyed the services and Adam plans to come back.

Interestingly enough, we were getting a carpet estimate at the church when an elderly man from the neighborhood came to the church door. He said he had just retired and that he was a "believer" although he doesn't go to church. He said he drives by our church almost every day and wanted to know if there was any way he could help with errands, Home Depot runs, or whatever help he could do as an elderly man. We gave him a tour and told him what we are trying to accomplish and how we will have to work with the city regarding upgrades, city codes, etc. He said, "You know, my neighbor's son is the mayor of New Albany." We had to laugh when we found this out because we have seen God work in so many miraculous ways regarding connections with people we just "happened" to run into. God is still working as we have seen 3 people make a profession of faith and baptized since our last letter in November. Our children's ministry is really starting to take off--it's great to see these young kids--Deaf and hearing--enjoying coming to church and learning about Jesus. Please pray for us as we begin preparations for our upcoming 5th church anniversary service on April 30th this year. It is the highlight of our year.



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