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MISSIONARIES TO THE DEAF OF SOUTH AFRICA "...that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ..." 1 Peter 4:11

Dear Friends in Christ,

***The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee,
and desired him, saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus."
John 12:21***

"Sir, we would see Jesus." What an earnest statement. I recently drove into the gas station for diesel fuel. The attendant came up to me looking very troubled. I asked him what was wrong and he replied, "My mother died a few days ago." My heart grieved at his loss, for I, too, lost my mother and wasn't able to be there. I asked him if I could pray for him and right there, at the gas station pump, we went to God in prayer. I gave him a Gospel tract before I left. I stopped at one of my favourite coffee shops (I have quite a few!). I noticed the young man serving me was deep in thought about something. He looked at me and asked, "Are you on your way to the church?" "Yes," I replied, "May I give you something to read from God's Word?" He gladly accepted our tract, "Whatever the Question, Jesus Christ is the Answer." The next time I went to the coffee shop he said, "Thank you for what you gave me. It was exactly what I needed." Lucinda and I were in the grocery store. After the young lady rang up our items, I asked, "May I give you something to read from God's Word?" "Yes!" she replied. As we walked away, she looked up and said, "These are MY questions! Thank you!"

Since our last letter...

We praise the Lord for His blessings in ministry. We have been teaching three times a week at St. Vincent School for the Deaf. This is in addition to the other services at church and on Zoom. We have been told that in the next school year, the Bible classes will be moved to Fridays. We'll be teaching several classes all on one day. This will be much easier on our schedule. We've been making the drive to the school three days a week.

The Zoom class for the Rwandan deaf continues every Thursday. It has been a joy to meet with them and learn their signs while teaching God's Word. Many of their signs are different from South African Sign Language. We are planning to visit the deaf there at the end of January or beginning of February. Please pray as Rwanda currently has active cases of the Marburg virus.

I was contacted by the deputy principal when one of their teachers abruptly passed away. He was well-loved by the school and students, and she wanted me to come and encourage the young people. I had the opportunity to speak to more young people than we normally do, and it was a blessing. The following Friday, the deputy principal phoned me again. "The family doesn't have a pastor. Would you be willing to preach the funeral?" The following Sunday morning the Lord allowed me to preach the Gospel to around 400+ people! About a week after the funeral, I received a call from the mother of one of the young teens from St. Vincent. She saw me preach at the funeral, obtained my cell number from the school, and gave me a call. She said she's been looking for a good church for her

daughter for a long time, so I gave her our address and church time. Lorato and her daughter came and fell in love with our church. Thank the Lord for the outreach to this school. We are praying more parents bring their children. Lorato said, "My daughter has been attending this school for a long time, and no one told us about your church!" Last month, we were asked to attend and speak at the school memorial service for the teacher. God has used Deputy Principal Desiree to open this door to us, and we are grateful.

We praise the Lord for two deaf saved in the last two weeks. Karen has been attending church with her husband since January of this year. She trusted Christ at the end of November. One of the teens from St. Vincent visited our church on December 1, and he thoroughly enjoyed our service. Mosa talked with him in private, and he trusted Jesus as his Saviour.



Please be in prayer for two upcoming events. First is our annual **"December 31st All-Night New Year's Blowout."** We haven't done this since Covid, so the deaf are looking forward to it. Please be in prayer for this event. We start at 5 pm on the 31st and end at 7 am on the 1st. Second is the deaf camp. Our deaf camp for 2025 is the **"Deaf Bible Boot Camp."** Currently, we have enough funds for 27 campers (ages 14-19) to come free. If you would like to sponsor a deaf teen for camp, please follow this link - www.tinyurl.com/DeafCamp2025. Once clicked, your browser will open, where you can securely donate online and help another deaf youngster come to camp.

Seth Update: Jennifer informed us that Seth's doctor's appointment went really well. He was originally going to be having a procedure done in December where they were going to go in through a cath again and enlarge some arteries that had been quite narrow. These arteries had already been worked on earlier in the year by Dr. Balzer, Seth's cardiologist. Upon doing the ultrasound, the doctor saw that, in fact, there has been some growth, and he decided to put off doing the cath along with the enlargement for possibly up to a year. The growth in Seth's arteries means he's going in the right direction. He needs consistent exercise, which I am doing with him. I teach him karate every Monday and Wednesday. The doctor told us just to keep monitoring Seth. We pray his upper and lower arteries continue to grow as he remains on this blessed road to recovery.

Lucinda made it back to South Africa safely but brought with her a nasty bacterial infection. Thank the Lord, she is better now. We celebrated Thanksgiving together and thought of you, our faithful prayer partners and supporters. You are greatly loved and appreciated!

We thank you for your prayers and support throughout 2024. We pray you have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year. It is our prayer that the Lord continues to bless and use your lives as, together, we do our best to help people see Jesus.

In Christ,

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