









August 2023

Good Afternoon Friends & Family,

What an awesome God we serve! We pray this ministry update lifts your spirits as we see God moving among the Deaf that we serve. Please make sure to see our prayer needs and upcoming events at the bottom of the email.

Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good!



Bahamas Mission Trip 2023

We had a wonderful time serving the Lord and the Deaf in Nassau, Bahamas July 22nd 29th. We were blessed to have a team of 25 volunteers travel with us to share the love

of Jesus with the Deaf. Our theme this year was "Proof of Identity, Who God Says I Am" Our theme bible verse was Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." It was truly beautiful to see everyone working together to share the Good News with the Deaf and to love and serve them so well. As a result, **4 people made decisions to follow Jesus as their Lord and Savior!** They now know their true identity as: I am created, I am loved, I am adopted and I am called. We thank the Lord for blessing us with safety, health and fruit from our labor.





Mexico Mission Trip

Pastor Jim was invited to share at a Deaf camp in southern Mexicoin Tuxtla Gutierrez. The camp was organized by Francisco Ceron, a young hearing man who Pastor Jim had trained in Deaf ministry while they were missionaries in Mexico. Francisco and his wife, Lizz, have established a strong ministry to the Deaf in a church in Tuxtla Gutierrez and are training many deaf young people for ministry through online Zoom classes.

Pastor Jim shared, "There were about 100 people in camp, the majority of them deaf and hearing young people under the age of 25. All of the hearing young people knew Mexican Sign Language. It was exciting to see the young deaf folks teaching classes and leading music in camp. I had the opportunity of preaching twice and also speaking about the work that ICCD does in reaching the Deaf for Christ in various countries. I was greatly surprised and blessed when they decided to take up an offering for Debbie and I - and the offering was close to \$250 dollars! However, the absolute best news from camp was the 6 deaf and hearing people that came to know Christ as their Savior during the camp. Please pray for Francisco and Lizz, as they will soon be moving to central Mexico to start a new ministry to the deaf there."





We praise God for the opportunity to partner together in reaching the Deaf for Christ around the world!



We are so excited to be having our ICCD Celebration Benefit Banquet this year! It has been 3 years since we have had this event due to COVID, however we are looking forward to bringing it back this year. You don't want to miss it! Please join us **Saturday, September 16th** for an evening for fellowship, delicious dinner, live auction and special guests from Cuba! Our celebration will take place at Fincastle Baptist Church, 7330 Roanoke Rd. Fincastle, VA 24090. Registration begins at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, live auction and program to follow.

For tickets please contact Debbie Turner or Kayla Massie at 540-966-3345 or dturner@iccd.net, kmassie@iccd.net

We are so excited to be partnering with several churches and Deaf ministries in participating in a Proclaim & Praise Gospel Deaf Rally in South Carolina August 26th.

Registration is open! It is a free



event for the Deaf community in South Carolina and anyone interested in Deaf ministry.

Pastor Jim will be preaching!!
Hope to See You There!

Register Here



Prayer Requests

- Please pray for our Proclaim & Praise Deaf Gospel Rally August 26th in Bennettsville, South Carolina. We pray that many will come with open hearts to receive the Word of God.
- Pray for safety and boldness for our Mexico team as they share the Gospel with the Deaf through school classes, Bible studies and outreach events. They are also working hard to share the ministry in more churches, pray that many pastors will open their hearts to partner with us in sharing the Gospel with the Deaf.
- Pray that God will protect our Cuban director and his wife who will be traveling to

Virginia, September 14th -28th, to attend our celebration banquet and share in some supporting churches.

- Pray for the Deaf community in The Bahamas as one of our dear sisters in Christ and Deaf ministry leaders, Annamae Hamilton suddenly passed away end of July. She was a true blessing to the Deaf community and ICCD. Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends. She will be missed by all and we pray God will grant peace and comfort for her family and friends.
- Pray for our team in Bolivia as they continue working to translate the Bible into Bolivian Sign Language.
- Pray for our 3 partnering schools in Uganda as their 2nd school term comes to a close on August 25th. We pray that the students will end the term well and enjoy a 23 day break before starting their 3rd term.
- Pray for our ministry partners in India, that God will help them to quickly learn the sign language used by the Deaf community in their area, so they can share the Good News of Jesus with them.



We thank God for all of you who pray and partner with us to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we reach the Deaf for Christ around the world. We love and appreciate you all so much.

Serving Jesus and the Deaf together,

The ICCD Team









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