



REACHING THE DEAF FOR CHRIST



### Jan/Feb Newsletter

Greetings Friends and Supporters,

We are so grateful for your faithful prayers and support. This year is off to a wonderful start. We praise God for all that he is doing among the Deaf that we serve in Mexico, Cuba, The Bahamas, Uganda, Bolivia, Brazil and India. God has opened doors for us to start the year off visiting our ministry partners.



### India Mission Trip, Jan 19th - 31st

God did amazing things while our small mission team was in India. Tom, Pastor Jim, Kris, and Taylor Ramsingh were able to travel to southern India to meet with a pastor friend. He arranged eleven meetings for the team in churches and schools. Tom shared one of the highlights of the trip:



*"One morning we shared the gospel in a small church and eleven came forward, some to receive Christ and some to rededicate themselves to the Lord. This was really awesome, but there is more exciting news.*

*Our Sign Language Interpreter was a proud Hindu but was certified and as such he was required to interpret the message despite his religious convictions. Pastor Jim gave the message and when he spoke of false Hindu gods our host Christian pastor became very*



nervous that this could go badly for us. It is one thing to break the India anti-conversion law, but it is something entirely different to shame the Hindu religion and their gods. Pastor Jim shared that our God is a giving God, giving us eternal life, abundant life and so much more, but the Hindu gods take and take and are never satisfied.



After Jim's message, I spoke to the interpreter and discovered that he also had prayed to receive Jesus as his savior. Wow, hallelujah! He said that he was so convicted when he heard about Jesus being nailed to the cross for his sins. This was so exciting to see this staunch Hindu come to Jesus!"



As a result of this trip, a total of 100 people, Deaf and Hearing, prayed to received Christ as their Lord and Savior! God certainly was on the move there. We pray for our new brothers and sisters in Christ that they will remain strong and continue seeking the Lord daily. Thank you for praying and giving to make this trip possible!



## **Brazil Mission Trip, Feb 3rd - 13th**

We are thrilled to finally be able to visit our ministry partners in Brazil. Tom, Kayla, Wyatt, Carol, and Mauricio will be traveling for the first time to Curitiba, Brazil. They will be visiting the Deaf, teaching some workshops and encouraging our ministry partners and the Deaf community. They will also have the opportunity to travel to Manaus in northern Brazil to partner with a good friend, Luis of the RCA, to see how we can further share the love of Jesus with the nine million Deaf in Brazil. We trust that God has great things in store for our trip!

## **Prayer Requests**

- Pray that God will provide health, safety and divine appointments as our team travels to Brazil Feb 3rd - 13th.
- Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Cuba. The economy continues to decline, food and resources are limited and the government is beginning to

oppress churches. Pray that God will bless, protect and provide for the Cuban people. We are planning to visit March 14th - 21st to attend the ministry conference. Please pray all the required visas will be granted.

- Pray for our ministry team in Mexico, that God will bless their Bible studies, worship services, and outreach activities.
- Pray for our partners in The Bahamas as they begin to move from an interpreted church service to establishing a Deaf church.
- Pray for the Deaf students in Uganda as they are back in school for the new term. Pray that God will continue to transform their lives through the love, care and teaching of our partners in Uganda.



We can't thank you all enough for your partnership in reaching the Deaf for Christ. We can truly see how God is using you to bless the Deaf community around the world. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to touch base with us.

Serving Jesus and the Deaf together,

The ICCD Team



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