INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CENTERS for the DEAF

Reaching The Deaf For Christ

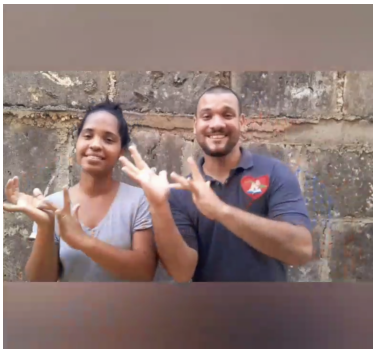
March/April 2020

Greetings Friends and Supporters,
We praise God for your continued prayers and support as we continue to serve the Lord and the Deaf in Mexico,Cuba,The Bahamas,Uganda and beyond during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We pray that all of you are doing well and staying healthy. We trust that God will bring us through these uncertain times. We wanted to again say THANK YOU and to share with you an important update. The pandemic is present in all the countries that we serve and has impacted our ministry, however, God is still working despite the challenges we are facing on the field. Our vision remains to see the lives of Deaf children and adults transformed by providing food, safe haven, Christian Education and the life-saving message of Jesus Christ.

Cuba

In Cuba, our ministry directors recently had to leave the country to escape religious persecution. However, God is good and provided a godly man who is directing our ministry team of 40 across the island. Our former Cuban leaders are now safe in South America where God has lead them to start a Deaf Ministry there. We praise God that despite the challenges our friends faced in having to flee, God has provided for them and is furthering His kingdom in a new city among the Deaf. God is so good!

Meanwhile the Deaf ministry leaders throughout Cuba have also been posting encouraging messages, videos and songs online to encourage the Deaf during this time. However, there are still many Deaf that are unable to access these valuable resources. Please pray that they will feel God's presence at this time and grow closer to Him.



Prayer Request: Pray for protection, wisdom and guidance for our leaders, ministry team and volunteers as they serve in these trying times. Pray also that God will keep them strong, healthy and faithful to the call.

Mexico

Our Mexico work continues strong but we had to cancel our quarterly board meeting as travel plans have been interrupted due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The government has restricted large gatherings and schools are closed. However, the team is working hard

on making Church services available online, having small gatherings for the Deaf, and using teaching videos on WhatsApp. Despite all these challenging times God is still working. We Praise the Lord that 13 Deaf people received Christ this quarter. Our prayer is that many more will turn to Him during this time.

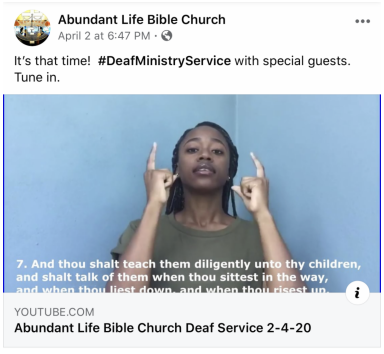
Prayer Request: Pray for God's continued protection and wisdom for all of our MCCS staff, ministry team, Deaf community, and especially our Director Salvador.

The Bahamas

In March, we had a special visit from Jonathan Cooper & his wife from Freeport, Bahamas. Johnathan is the President of the Grand Bahama Association for the Deaf and representative for the Commission for persons with Disabilities in The Bahamas. Kayla invited them to our banquet but when we had to postpone the banquet, they decided to come anyway. Kayla gave them the Roanoke tour and we enjoyed several meals with them at our home before they headed back. They also visited the Roanoke Deaf Fellowship Church as they both have expressed an interest in starting a Deaf Church in Freeport. We pray that God will give them wisdom and guidance as they learn more about reaching the Deaf for Christ in Freeport, Grand Bahama. We thank the Lord for the time we shared together.

Shortly after the US began to Quarantine the Bahamas also fallowed suit with strict limitations and curfews. The ALBC Deaf Ministry team continues to serve the Deaf by providing a weekly online service especially for the Deaf. They have also recruited some help from Kayla and others leaders fluent in sign language to help share encouraging messages and songs with the Deaf during this time of quarantine.

Prayer Request: Pray that God will continue to bless, encourage and protect the Deaf community in The Bahamas from the COVID-19 virus.



Uganda, Africa

In Uganda, many of the Deaf children at our partnering schools have been sent home to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The government has closed its boarders and limited transportation to motorbikes only with

1 rider to get supplies for the family. Pastor Paul has 55 Deaf children and 62 orphans at his school as they were unable to return home. This is a blessing as they are still being fed and taught the word of God.

Prayer Request: Pray for the deaf students and orphans that God will provide for their needs both physical and spiritual.

Bolivia

We thank God that Pastor Pablo and the Deaf Ministry team are continuing to reach out to the deaf community and provide access to their online services. We praise the Lord for Pastor Pablo's Daughter who has been learning sign language and has a heart to serve the deaf. She is now able to interpret for praise and worship and online service time for the church during this difficult time.

Prayer Request: Please pray for Pastor Pablo and the Deaf Ministry team as they continue to evangelize, encourage, and disciple the Deaf in their Church and community.

SAVE THE DATE: September 12, 2020

We are so excited that we are able to proceed with plans for our Celebration banquet, we will be sharing more information as the time draws near. Thank you again to our Table Sponsors and Donors, We look forward to celebrating with you in the Fall!

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic All Summer Mission Trips Are Postponed.
We know that God is in control, we look forward to traveling when it is safe !
Please contact us for more details

"But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."
Isaiah 40:31

We Praise God for your Prayers and Support, TOGETHER with God's Help We Continue to Make a Difference for Eternity!

Tom Turner & ICCD Team

Ways You Can Help ICCD

1. PRAY for our ministry - "The prayers of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

2.Remember ICCD in your Estate Planning

You can add ICCD in your estate planning as if we were one of your children. In this way your children and the Lord's work are all blessed equally. That would make a huge difference for the Lord's work for the Deaf.

3. Donate a vehicle and receive a tax deductible receipt.

4.Sponsor a Missionary, Deaf Child or School.

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