



REACHING THE
DEAF FOR CHRIST



Spring 2023

Good Afternoon Friends & Family,

We are so grateful for your faithful prayers and support, and as always 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! We are excited to share a brief ministry report and prayer needs with you.

Brazil Mission Trip *February 3rd-13th*

We praise God for an amazing and fruitful trip to Brazil. This was our first time visiting our missionaries since they had started their work during COVID-19 in February 2020. It was so wonderful to see how God has been using them to share the love of Jesus with the Deaf community. We were able to visit them for four days, and then we traveled north together for a conference with new partners in northern Brazil.



While we were in Brazil we had the honor of baptizing our Deaf friend and new brother in Christ! He was so happy to make a demonstration of his faith in Jesus! We rejoiced with him!

We also delivered blessing bags and had a time of prayer with Deaf refugees from Venezuela. These couples hope to build their house and make it a place where the Deaf in that area can come to worship Jesus. What a blessing to see our Deaf brothers and sisters in Christ being a light wherever they are. Our missionaries continue to plan events to reach the Deaf all over Brazil. Please pray that God will continue to lead them as they minister to the Deaf.





ICCD Visits Northern Brazil

What a blessing it was for ICCD to partner with IPM and RCA to host the first conference for the Deaf in Manaus. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting the Deaf ministry leaders and Deaf community in Manaus and Manacapuru. The goal behind our visit was two-fold. First, we desired to encourage the Deaf ministry to continue reaching the Deaf for Christ and to equip the Deaf to reach other Deaf people as that is most effective. Our second goal in attending the conference was to make valuable connections for the future outreach to the Deaf in the Amazon river area and throughout Brazil. We are so thankful for Luis Ruiz and RCA for inviting us to join the vital kingdom work that they are doing with IPM in Manaus and along the Amazon river.



During the conference, we prayed together, worshiped together and shared several workshops that encouraged the Deaf to consider their calling to ministry as God commands us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). We also gave some practical tools such as gospel tracts and the salvation bracelet to help the Deaf share the gospel clearly. Tom even did his samurai sword demonstration on faith. It was a real hit!



We were also excited to hear several testimonies of people feeling called to ministry. This was an answer to our prayers. We believe we can accomplish more for God's kingdom together than apart. The partnerships and divine connections that were made in Brazil were truly God ordained, and we can't wait to see how He will use this for His glory and the expansion of His kingdom.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We want to thank God for the several weekly volunteers that He has provided. As God grows the ministry, there is definitely more to do in our home office. We just wanted to give a special shoutout and THANKS to all our volunteers that have given much of their time to help us with various projects! If you are

ICCD Summer Mission Trips



- Do you like to share Jesus with others, play with kids, cook, or teach arts and crafts?
- Are you a nurse or familiar with security?

We could use your talents! Join a team today!

Mexico: May 28th - June 4th
Uganda: June 29th - July 9th
The Bahamas: July 22nd - 29th

Contact Kayla for more information: kmassie@iccd.net

Prayer Requests

- Pray that God will encourage the Bolivian Bible translation team to keep moving forward despite challenges they face, as their work truly does have an eternal value. They have completed Mark 1-10 and only have 6 more chapters to go to finish the book of Mark!
 - Pray for our new work beginning in India, as our pastor friend begins learning sign language and reaching out to the Deaf in his city.
 - Pray God will provide more volunteers to travel with us on our summer mission trips to Mexico, Uganda, and The Bahamas.
 - 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.
 - Pray for the 200 Deaf students in Uganda as they continue to learn and grow in their studies and knowledge of the Lord.
 - Pray for our missionaries in Brazil as they plan a conference for the Deaf in southern Brazil next month.
 - Pray for our ministry team in Mexico, that God will bless their Bible studies, worship services, educational program and outreach activities.
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ICCD Online Sign Language Class

We wanted to remind you of a free resource we have on our YouTube channel, "ICCD Missions". This playlist is loaded with lots of great vocabulary to help you in your journey to learn sign language! Feel free to share this resource with others.

We also teach an in-person class for 6 weeks at the start of the year as well as in the Fall. This class is also free and open to all!

[Watch Now](#)



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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