## **ICCD**

# Together We Are Reaching the Deaf for Christ May/June 2022



Greetings Friends,

We hope and pray you are doing well! Please know that each one of you who pray and support ICCD in reaching the Deaf for Christ are a valuable part of our ministry and we could not do this without you. As we prepare for various ministry meetings, mission trips, and special events things have become pretty busy around here, but God has given us the strength to carry on. We are excited to share some awesome testimonies in how God is working among the Deaf that we serve.

### **Mexico:**

We praise God that a new Bible study group for children has begun in Mexico. Our ministry team is working hard to teach the children the Word of God in school but also in special gatherings just for them. Our ministry team is also working hard to prepare for our Summer Deaf Camp July 20th-24th. Please pray that many Deaf will attend and grow in their relationship with Christ.

#### Cuba:

We traveled to Cuba June 9th-16th and it was a wonderful time visiting and encouraging our ministry teams in five different provinces of Cuba. We learned firsthand about their struggles and challenges but also saw the faithfulness of the ministry leaders and Deaf during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis. A phrase that came to mind while we were in Cuba was: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." This describes our ministry partners in Cuba. They never gave up and kept reaching out to the Deaf in any way that they could. We thank God that we were able to deliver some blessing bags and much needed resources to the ministry. One special gift that God used to bless the Cuban ministry team was a flannel graph that was donated by a friend of the ministry. We learned that this ministry team had been praying for more visual resources to teach the



ICCD @ Local Colors International Culture Festival in Roanoke, VA



**Bible Study for Deaf Children** 



Our visit with the Deaf in Villa Clara, Cuba

Deaf. When we opened the bag we brought to bless the ministry, it had a flannel graph in it! God had provided! It was beautiful to see their reaction and we all praised the Lord together for answering their prayers.

## The Bahamas:

Wyatt and Kayla were able to travel to Nassau, Bahamas May 26th - June 2nd to attend a friends wedding and do some vital prep. work for the mission team/Summer Deaf Camp in July. They visited the school for the Deaf and invited the kids to camp. They also visited other deaf adults and invited them to the Deaf Rally in July. Please pray for the Summer Deaf Camp July 12th-15th that many Deaf will attend. Our theme is "Jesus is Worthy!" We pray God will use our team in a mighty way to encourage the Deaf community.

## **Uganda:**

We thank the Lord that the Deaf children are doing well in our three partnering schools in Uganda. They continue to teach the Deaf children sign language and the Gospel. Please keep praying that as they minister to the 200 Deaf students that many more will come to Christ.

#### **Bolivia:**

Our team in Bolivia continues to work on translating the Bible into Bolivian Sign Language. Please pray that God will continue to bless their efforts and give them wisdom as they work on this important project.

### **Brazil:**

Our missionaries in Brazil were able to attend the Deaf Olympics in Caxias do Sul May 1st-15th to share the love of Jesus. They met Deaf from all over the world, as they gathered for various sporting events. 5,000 people attended, 2,401 athletes participated from 73 different countries. There were four Christian ministries present and they all worked together to pass out tracts, pray, and share the gospel with the Deaf participants and attendees. God was on the move there and **941 deaf people came to Christ!!!** 

Another testimony from Brazil is that our missionaries had been praying for God to lead them to more deaf people. God led them to a deaf man named Junior that needed their help.



Deaf School in Nassau, Bahamas



The Deaf Kids & Pastor Paul in Uganda send their greetings!



A New Deaf Believer in Brazil

They helped him find the support he needed and shared the love of Jesus with him. He is a believer now and wants to help in reaching more Deaf for Christ. He then led our missionaries to meet another Deaf refugee couple from Venezuela who need help. They shared the gospel with them, they quickly received Christ, and now they want to join the ministry to share their new found faith with the Deaf community around them. **God is so good!** 



A Deaf Couple from Venezuela Praying to Receive Christ in Brazil!

We truly praise God for all that He is doing around the world. Lives are being changed as a result of your praying and giving.

THANK YOU!!

## **Prayer Requests:**

- 1. Pray for our new Missionaries, Pastor Jim and Debbie Walterhouse as they move from Texas to Virginia July 1st-3rd to begin serving with us full time in the ICCD office. Tom & Wyatt will be helping them move. We pray God will bless them with a safe and smooth move.
- 2. Pray that God will provide safe travels for our summer mission teams to The Bahamas July 9th-16th and Mexico July 18th-25th. We pray God will use our teams in a mighty way to serve the Deaf community and share the love of Christ.
- 3. Please continue to pray for dear brothers and sisters in Cuba as common food items, medications and hygiene items are still limited. Many of the Cuban people are struggling with these economic challenges.
- 4. Pray for the Deaf community around the world as many have become discouraged and have stopped attending church because of COVID-19. Pray the God will convict them to return to church and trust in Him.







## **OUR BLESSING BAGS MADE IT TO CUBA!**

Thank you for making this possible.



Thank you for partnering with us to give the Deaf joy, hope, & Jesus!
We truly love and appreciate you much,
Tom, Debbie, Wyatt & Kayla

"But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit."

Jeremiah 17:7-8

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