

Missions Update

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MISSIONS FOCUS: James & Sandy Spellman, Ministry to Deaf

Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid-19

Over the last 6 months, the Spellmans have had many health challenges but are grateful for all the prayers and support they have continued to receive.

They continue to be a witness as they are able especially to those who have hearing challenges and their families. As much as they appreciate our prayers, they are also prayer warriors as indicated by their diverse prayer requests.

In December, they reported that Jim was recovering from Covid infection. Prayer requests for those affected by the virus and the resulting restrictions on church services and meeting in groups (affecting ministry).

March 2021, the Spellmans continue to be grateful for prayers and support received. They always rejoice at God's goodness to them! Jim has recovered from Covid and they were being vaccinated with minor side effects. Prayer does work!

Requests were: Sandy's continued arthritis suffering due to the weather; Jim's 79th birthday (no permanent full retirement for them!), a deaf friend undergoing chemotherapy, prayers for ministry and governmental leaders, prayer for ministries and ministry workers during the pandemic, especially missionaries around the world.

There's also a touching story about how God uses and continues to use a sacrificial gift from the heart long after the giver has left this earth. Don't be overcome with the problems of the world, but be transformed!

Attached are PDF's of letters we've received from them in the 6 months (since the last update in September 2020)– Fall 2020, December 2020, March 2020 (in that order) and the story mentioned above.

*Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries,
countries and people locally and globally!*

January 2021 from Baptist Church Planters:

As we begin 2021 we pause to reflect on God's goodness and provision in 2020. We are reminded that gifts given are often multiplied far beyond our limited view. Much as Jesus divided the loaves and fish, He multiplies your generosity.

Story from a missionary in Tracy, California:

When we were on deputation heading into a church planting ministry, we arrived at a church flat broke. It was a tiny church with only a handful of people. At offering time, we heard a young boy about nine years old in the pew behind us drop a few coins in the offering plate, whispering loudly to his grandmother, "It's all I've got, but they can have it." Our weary hearts were moved as we were convicted of our shortsighted vision. We prayed that God would somehow multiply that little boy's loaves and fish. That offering paid all the bills for that month and put gas in our car. But God was not done multiplying the boy's loaves and fish. That church soon closed and sold their building to another gospel-preaching ministry. The proceeds were invested in several missionaries, including us, helping us start a church. God is still not done! In 2020, that church took on a project started by a 4-year-old missionary kid in Peru to provide Christmas for children in the slums of Peru. Nine-year-old Zechariah who had been saved the year before (2019) wanted to give what he had to the children in need. He gathered his family's recycling as a Christmas offering for that project. Word of his gift spread through the church and community--other people started donating their recycling for his offering. God has turned his pocket change into hundreds of dollars to spread the gospel to children in another country.

When you "give what you have" and trust God, He will multiply it

You may never see the full impact of your gift, but you can trust that God is multiplying it.

The Spellmans

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by praying and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” Philippians 4:6

Dear Faithful Partners:

Greetings from Minnesota! We thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. Our prayer for you all is that God has richly blessed you in your ministry and that He will continue to bless you in the future. We thank God that we have been relatively healthy over that last few months.

We do have some prayer requests:

- Jim has MD in the right eye now so is getting shots in both eyes. (Macular Degeneration)
- Sandy has been fighting arthritis due to the weather changes.
- Jim has some arthritis in his right hand.
- Pray for the family of the young deaf lady who we witnessed to. She passed away recently.
- Pray that we will have an open door to witness to deaf folks.
- Pray for our supporters.
- Pray for our country.
- Pray for Bible preaching churches and their pastors.
- Pray for our police and first responders.
- Pray for the salvation of souls, both deaf and hearing.
- Pray for missionaries all over the world.
- Pray for the elections coming up.
- Pray for Christians overseas.

We thank you all again for your faithful prayers. We pray for you and your outreach to the lost in your communities. May God richly bless you all.

Yours for the Deaf,

Jim & Sandy Spellman
Romans 15:20-21

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*“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11).*

December 2020

Dear family and friends,

Greetings from the state of Minnesota! Praise the Lord for His wonderful gift! We are thanking Him for the blessings received this last year. We thank you all for your faithful prayers of support. We thank our Lord for each and every one of you. We are a little late with this letter due to Jim having Covid-19. He is recovering nicely. Many are affected here by the virus and the restrictions on church services and restrictions on groups. Hopefully there will be relief from this situation soon.

We thank God daily for your prayers. Please pray with us about the following:

- Please pray for Jim’s continued recovery.
- Pray that Sandy does not become infected.
- Pray for the doctors and nurses working in the hospitals and clinics.
- Pray for our pastors and missionaries.
- Pray for people who have the virus that they would recover.
- Pray that church services can resume soon.
- Pray for our country.
- Pray for our leaders.
- Pray for the deaf community.
- Pray for a deaf lady who is a dear friend who is going through chemo right now.
- Pray that the real meaning of Christmas would be presented this year.
- Pray for our supporters.

We want to thank you again for your faithful prayers for us. We pray for you all daily. God bless you richly during this Christmas season.

God Bless You All!

In Christ,
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*"...He is not here for He has risen, as He said.
Come see the place where the Lord lay." (Matt. 28:6)*

March 2021

Greetings from Minnesota!

Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. We are rejoicing that the weather is finally warming up. God has been so good to us! Jim has recovered from Covid, and we have received our first shot. Other than some minor side effects, we are feeling pretty good. Thank you for your prayers. God has been answering them. Prayer does work. Please pray with us about the following:

- *Sandy has been suffering from arthritis because of the damp weather.*
- *Pray for Jim as his 79th birthday is coming the fourteenth.*
- *For continued good health*
- *Pray for a good friend of ours who is deaf that is going through chemo.*
- *Pray for the mission board and our new president of BCP, Jon Jenks (that God will bless his ministry)*
- *Pray for our country.*
- *Pray for our supporting churches that God would increase their ministry.*
- *Pray for our pastors who are ministering during this Covid pandemic.*
- *Pray for the mission churches that they would stay strong during this time of stress.*
- *Pray for the missionaries around the world.*
- *Pray for the deaf.*

We want to thank you all again for your faithful prayers and support. We are praying you will have a wonderful Easter and a safe one. We love you in Christ and pray for you often. God bless you all!

Thank you again!

In Christ,

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