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MISSIONS FOCUS

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

Sandy Spellman

retired, ministry to hearing challenged (deaf)

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

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Sandy has moved to Ohio to be closer to family. She continues to consider how to reach those who are hearing challenged and gives us these prayer requests:

Pray for more missionaries, evangelists, teachers, interpreters, and helpers for the deaf.

Pray for more interpreters and helpers for those who do accept Christ.

Pray for your pastor.

Pray for Christians to learn sign language, preferably American sign language (in the US).

Bible studies for Deaf people prepare the physically deaf to accept the Lord Jesus as Savior into their hearts and lives. Becoming new, their emphasis becomes bringing family and friends to the Lord--usually by inviting them to church.

Sandy also gives us a list of some of the challenges to reach them. To reach them, it helps to understand more about them. (see next page for the list of challenges)

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and people locally and globally!*

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March 23, 2023 Outreach Prayer Letter

I greatly appreciate the Lord's prayer warriors everywhere, especially you who see the deaf as needy souls that the Lord can save. Here are some of my observations of the challenges to reach them!

- ✓ The deaf live in an environment of absolutes in a hearing world. The deaf, before mobile phones, knew that if they had car trouble on the road, they wouldn't be able to make a phone call for help.
- ✓ It is easy for a hearing person to go with the flow. If the debit card doesn't work, a hearing person can go to his credit card.
- ✓ In the same way a farmer depends on weather for his crops to survive, a deaf person can hear that soft voice of the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Like hearing, a deaf person has to face his needs and be willing to turn to the God of the Bible as defined by the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It seems that many times the humility needed to accept the gospel comes more quickly for the deaf than the hearing. Perhaps it is a matter of pride.
- ✓ The first thing a deaf person does when he accepts the Lord as his Savior is to pray urgently and earnestly for every family member and friend for their salvation. Then he goes and shares the gospel with both deaf and hearing, adding to the church through the Lord's answer to prayer.
- ✓ The Lord says His yoke is easy and His burden is light. The deaf live in a dark world of lack of information. A deaf child of hearing parents may not know his baby brother's name. He can't hear conversations around the dinner table. He may not know the name of the next town down the street. Neither are deaf informed of sin and repentance until the witness of the church brings light into that darkness. Usually when a deaf convert learns what sin is, he immediately drops that sin (like a hot potato)
- ✓ The deaf are totally visual with no hearing. They see Christians by their works. Our Lord needs the witness who shows a difference between the world and the man of faith. Faith in the truth starts on the inside and works outward.

Sandy's Prayer and Praise

"Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith" Hebrews 12:2.

Christmas 2022

Dear prayer warriors,

It takes less muscles to smile than it does to frown. Around the joyful Christmas tree, let us first thank Jesus for His unspeakable gift. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us and gave Himself as a propitiation for our sins.

Who is Jesus Christ? The Bible is available for every tribe, nation and tongue of language as well as reading eyes and signing fingers, hearing, deaf and blind, red and yellow, black and white. All are precious in His sight.

Let us share the unprejudiced, unlimited, clear, true and faithful, above fair love of Jesus Christ. Jesus' story starts in Luke chapter 2 of the Holy Bible. We can learn to think that way by searching the Holy Word of the Bible...those (words) are they which speak of the personage of the Lord Jesus, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit together offering saving grace for salvation.



It is not what we know.
It is Who we know.
Only what is done for
Christ will last.

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