

# Gospel NOW Seen

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## John 6:27

*"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."*



Ministering in the Ivory Coast with my wife



Baptizing a deaf Ivorian, one of 12 in total



## Update from your Deaf Ministries Bible Instructor & Evangelist

Dear Prayer Partners & Supporters,

Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus Christ! We thank our wonderful, magnificent Lord and Savior for each of you who read our letter. We pray that this letter finds you well.

### IVORY COAST

In July of 2021, we were very blessed to be able to fly to the Ivory Coast! Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we did not know if we would be able to travel internationally while many countries remained closed, but God worked miracles for us and opened borders in the Ivory Coast! A deaf ministry leader there told me that we were the first to visit them since COVID-19 started. In preparation for the trip, I worked seven long months to get official documents in order for a passport for my wife Joy. Her adoption papers and birth certificate were lost and needed to be replaced. In order to get her adoption papers, she needed to supply a birth certificate...and to get her birth certificate, she needed to supply adoption papers because of a name change. Government offices were understaffed, and there were long delays in processing applications. We had faith in our Lord that if He wanted my wife to go, He would provide Joy's passport before our departure. This was seemingly impossible but, with prayer, we finally resolved the issue and received her passport a week before our scheduled departure. The Lord answered our prayers!

More than 120 Deaf came for the camp and church services during which I preached more than 10 times on the theme of Holiness. My wife presented two workshops to deaf ladies, encouraging them to save their purity for marriage. During our time there, I became sick with viral gastroenteritis for a week. Thankfully, it did not stop me from serving the Lord and ministering to His people. More than 25 deaf campers came forward and told me personally that they were praying for a quick recovery for me. That touched my heart!

## Update on Namon

It has been two years since I mentioned that my wife and I planned to adopt a deaf orphan named Namon from the Ivory Coast. Their government has been refusing all international adoption applications while they wait to adapt their laws to the decisions of the Hague Convention and create a regulatory authority before opening international adoption. Because the process could take years, we decided to close the adoption case and instead began sponsoring Namon. Through sponsorship, we can help improve Namon's life and meet his daily needs like with schooling, healthcare, clothes, supplies, and toys.



Before our departure, the church leadership requested that I baptize 12 deaf Ivorians, and I did. I love baptism! Baptism is a profoundly serious commitment and not something to play around with. I questioned each person on their beliefs and understanding of the meaning of baptism. Baptism is a one-time dedication of your commitment to follow Jesus, of identifying with Jesus in His death (going under the water) and of being raised to walk in newness of life (coming up out of the water). It is a beautiful picture of what God has done in believers' hearts, and it is a celebration of joy! These believers will be the first members of their future deaf church.

### KENYA

In August of 2020, a church in Nakuru, Kenya, started Kenyan Sign Language (KSL) classes after I encouraged their pastor to reach the Deaf. I continue to work with his church by supplying teaching materials, moral support, and encouragement remotely as needed. Last July, the church started their own deaf ministry after receiving a visitor who was deaf. They were very encouraged by this blessing to their church. Please pray that more deaf people will be reached with the gospel and that the sign language students will be bold in their communication with the deaf community around them.

### USA

Four days after arriving home from the Ivory Coast, we went to a Deaf Family Camp in Mercersburg, PA, where I was a guest speaker for five days. We had 80 campers in attendance! What a blessing and privilege it was for me to edify and encourage them to keep their eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ. On the third day, 27 campers, including myself, suffered symptoms of the COVID-19 virus. My family recovered after a week, but I am still dealing with the debilitating effects of COVID-19 since August. Please pray for my full recovery as I continue to serve the Lord.

Please take a moment to look at [www.ipmworld.org/deaf-ministries.html](http://www.ipmworld.org/deaf-ministries.html) for "Gospel Hands" online. Thank you!

**Wishing you a very joyous Christmas!**

Your partner in the gospel,  
James & Joy Campbell

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