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Dear Prayer Partners and Supporters,

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“So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name” Psalm 80:18

To get through 2020, the most difficult year of our lives, we must learn to improvise, overcome, and adapt. Most of us will have to rethink how to contact, teach, minister, and preach. We remind ourselves that though this won't go on forever, some of these adjustments will be permanent. For example - the desire for social distancing will not go away anytime soon. Many people have become germaphobes and with good reason. What's happening now may continue to dictate what we do with our lives and how to do it. Social distancing is not limited to the public, many of us began practicing social distancing with our Lord when the churches and ministries closed. My main objective has always been the same, before this crisis and continues now: reaching the lost, discipling new converts, and teaching/training folks to reach the Deaf. I conduct an online ministry three times a week via ZOOM and my Bible study classes and ASL classes continue. In the middle of a crisis, when you feel disconnected or unloved, God loves you. This will never ever change. *“Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.”* Psalm 106:1

KENYA

During three months of my short message exchanges, via Facebook, with a pastor from Nakuru, Kenya, I encouraged him to reach the Deaf in his area because the Deaf are the most neglected and isolated group that are not reached by many. From my past experience, many pastors will put it off for a few years or longer before considering a new deaf ministry. To my surprise, last August his church voted to have a Kenyan Sign Language (KSL) class with the aim of having the hearing reach the Deaf with the gospel of Christ (pictured on left). I am thrilled to receive this awesome news and continue to work with his church by providing teaching materials, moral support, and remote biweekly encouragement. They have been sending me their steady progress reports including photos and short video clips. I am happy and thankful for their faithfulness and determination.



During my May 2016 mission trip to Nyhururu, Kenya, I led Ezekiel Odira to the Lord. A few months after his salvation, he began the Baptist Deaf Church in Kisumu, Kenya. Ezekiel didn't have the proper biblical training and was not able to obtain it locally. The deaf community is a scattered population; deaf people don't settle in one specific geographical area, they are scattered all over the United States and the world! The deaf community is too small to have a Bible college for the Deaf. Another challenge is that spoken and written languages such as English are often a second language for deaf people. The Deaf find it difficult to read and understand the Bible in the spoken and written form used by a majority of churches and Bible colleges. Deaf people desire God's Word in their native sign language which they can see and understand. It is very difficult to find a Bible college where they are taught in their native sign language. Undeterred Ezekiel secured an interpreter and is now attending the Kenya Baptist Theological College. He is facing a most difficult and hard road ahead of him, but he is overcoming the language barrier as much as he can. God is working in him and I request you to add Ezekiel Odira to your prayer list.



IVORY COAST

Update: It has been a year since I last reported that my wife and I planned to adopt a deaf orphan named Namon from Ivory Coast (pictured on right with me). Their government has been refusing all international adoption applications until they implement the adoption procedures that conform to Hague Convention adoption laws. There has been no action since 2015. We have been in contact with my local adoption agency, Namon's guardians, and the State Department regularly. Every month or so we continue getting news on Namon from his guardians. Lord willing, we believe that our and your prayers can make it possible for us to adopt Namon soon.



USA

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, we have not been able to go to local churches to teach sign language classes because they are closed. We decided to teach signs online via ZOOM instead. More than 50 students have signed up for our weekly American Sign Language online class. Students are attending from six states and five churches, the majority of them are burdened to bring the gospel to the Deaf. A few of them want to start a deaf ministry in their own church. We need both Deaf and hearing people working as a team to reach the Deaf. **How can this be done?** Begin by praying faithfully, getting the Deaf involved, developing training materials designed for deaf workers, and through financial giving.

Jesus talked about the importance of "one" in Luke 15. Throughout this chapter Jesus shared three parables with the same theme of "one." A shepherd who found his lost sheep, a woman who found her lost coin, and a father whose lost son came back home - all rejoiced over one! There are millions of Deaf "ones" all over the world are at a terrible disadvantage: they're without a Bible and without Christ! **WHAT WILL YOU DO TO REACH THEM?**

With much love,
James & Joy Campbell



Wishing You a Joyful Thanksgiving
and a Very Joyous Christmas!



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