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Dear Prayer Partners and Supporters,

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*Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.*

Romans 12:6-8

### WHERE IS OUR FOCUS?

Social Media and mobile gaming create a preoccupation with self. I pondered whether it is causing an energy shift away from correct biblical relationships. People are lacking social skills as everything has become automated and self-serving. We are no longer seeing the gas station attendants who filled our gas tanks. Gone are baggers at the grocers, bellhops at hotels, and phone receptionists at businesses. We now need to pack our food items into bags ourselves, carry our own luggage to our rooms, and deal with the automated answering machines with its commands. Automated Teller Machines (ATM) are everywhere, they can be found in the malls, airports, schools, or your neighborhoods. Grocery, medicines, supplies, and hot meals can be delivered to your door via mobile applications. We interact less and less in person and interact more online.

During my childhood days, kids in my neighborhood played on the street, playground, and parks. We had basketball, football, tag, or cops and robbers. We brought our toys out and shared. We built go-carts made from wood scraps, put together with bent nails, which we straightened. We built treehouses, igloos, and snow forts. There were fights and arguments and all of us had battle wounds. Our weapons were sticks and stones. We learned to cope with everyday issues we faced.

During my college days, kids spent their days on the campus grounds outdoors studying or chatting. Some of them preferred doing theirs in the college library or snack bar. When there was a special on the television, many of us would sit in the dorm lounge to watch. You saw many kids all over the campus, chatting, jogging, flirting, playing or reading.

Back then the kids were everywhere and it was easier to share the gospel. Now, I am seeing a lot of empty streets and college campuses. Where are those people? Hiding in their houses and dorm rooms, spending their days on mobile tablets, phones, and laptops. Everyone's favorite topic on social media is them. *"For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's"* Philippians 2:21. We need to be careful about falling into this trap today. 1 Corinthians 3:9 says: *"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."* Without a biblical mindset in place before we venture into social media, we are likely to be swept up in the promotion of self and develop the opposite of building relationships with the goal of edifying Christ.

The obvious focus should be God, then others, and self last! If we love God first, then godly principles, including those of friendships and relationships will flow from Him. This should make it easier for us to communicate the gospel to others. If we first stop and think how to reach the Deaf via social media, then we need to adapt to the new innovations. The best form of evangelism has always been one on one. Social media presents us the greatest witnessing tool in our history. Please pray for our Deaf ministries at IPM and my local church to reach those Deaf hermits as it is a new field for all of us. Our IPM Deaf Ministries Facebook landing page is at <https://fb.me/ipmdeaf>. It is now a work in progress, but you are welcome to subscribe to it.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD:

**KENYA:** Missionary Jim Sloan and I conducted deaf conferences at Bible Baptist Church at Nyahururu, Kenya in 2015 and 2016 (Pastor Philip Warutere). As the result of those deaf conferences, a group of 16 deaf people have been faithfully attending Sunday services for the last month: four boys (10-13), four adult men and eight ladies. Pray that this church will get a good interpreter so that they can benefit and be blessed during worship services. Their previous interpreter travelled over six hours one way to the church and stopped coming after only one weekend.

**CHAD:** Pastor Nadjiri Tokinon ministers to 26 deaf students from the nearby deaf school. Several of them are growing spiritually and looking forward to being baptized. Some of them come from a Muslim background, please pray for Pastor Tokinon as he seeks to reach the parents of the students with the gospel. The need for workers in this Deaf ministry has grown as the ministry grows. Praise the Lord that funds for a well have come in.

**IVORY COAST:** In August, Missionary Kevin Maki and I will begin a training seminar for leaders in the Deaf ministry. Leonce Ekeni (kneeling in front) is a hearing leader who has a big heart for the Deaf and is in partnership with IPM National Pastor Andre Nao. Leonce has selected several potential deaf leaders, whom we will train. We will also go to the deaf school for evangelism and hold a week long camp for deaf kids and adults. We need to raise \$4,000 for the camp, which does not include Brother Kevin or my travel expenses.

## PLANNED TRIPS:

I am scheduled to travel to Ivory Coast and France to train national pastors and Deaf leaders this year. I am in need of your prayers and financial support to make these trips possible. If you would be interested in contributing, please send your gifts to IPM designated for "Campbell Travel".

The Campbell family is eager to be fully supported so that I can quit my secular job. We are currently at 26% of our support. We need, and are praying for churches to invite us to present IPM and our ministry to the Deaf. If you would like to partner with us, or give a one-time gift, we would appreciate it very much. Please help us to reach 85% of our support need.

We are very thankful for you and your involvement with us in our efforts to reach the Deaf of the world with the gospel. Thank you for praying and for giving. We pray that you enjoyed Resurrection Day with a renewed heart for the Lord.

In Christ,  
James & Joy Campbell

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