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Deaf Team Member

Dear Praying Friends,

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“And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus. And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.”

Luke 5:18-20

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Palsied Man



How many of us remember this story of Jesus in Capernaum? Folks from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem had heard about Him and ran to hear Him. Four men had the same desire, so they forgot about themselves and instead helped a man who could not get to Jesus on his own. These men saw their friend in need and knew that Jesus could help him get better. They carried him together only to find that there was no more room at the door because of the crowd. To these four who sought Jesus, their situation seemed dire - it was now or never! If

they waited, Jesus might withdraw himself again for "some days" or the palsied man might die. "Now" is always the day of salvation. So, they found an alternative way to get this man to Jesus, even though it meant uncovering the roof. When Jesus saw their faith, He told the man that his sins were forgiven. The story of these four men demonstrates to us our need to persevere, especially when it comes to spiritual matters. I wonder how many of us can identify with these men?

Is Jesus Black or White?

At the invitation of Lighthouse Baptist Temple in Charlottesville, Virginia, I taught a workshop on deaf ministry and deaf culture to their church. After the workshop, we went out soul winning to the projects and invited those we encountered to hear me preach the next day. My son Luke and I met a group of eight young black children around 8-10 years of age, and I shared the gospel with them. They were excited to meet a deaf man and kept asking questions about my deafness - whether I could speak and if I could drive. Once they got more comfortable being around me as a deaf man, I decided to return to my original gospel presentation; however, one girl spoke up very bluntly and said, "White people shouldn't talk to black people." Her statement was unexpected, but I quickly responded that "Jesus Christ was neither white nor black; in fact, He was a Jew. Jesus taught us a lot about love. Jesus loves you very much, just as He loves me. We don't hate because of skin tones." Once I won them over, I was able to continue with my gospel presentation.

Are We Delaying Jesus' Second Coming?

Deaf people are really a deaf nation with their own language and culture, and are scattered all over the world. This deaf nation simply cannot be reached with the gospel by means of radio, television, or a normal hearing church. Therefore, the responsibility rests on deaf leaders or hearing who are trained to communicate in sign language. The good news is that Jesus won't return for His church until the deaf nation has been reached with the Good News! Because of this immense need, more and more hearing churches are opening their doors to embrace the deaf. 2 Peter 3:8-9 reminds us of the Lord's burden for souls worldwide, "But,

beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

IPM's Deaf Ministry Department

Please consider making a donation to IPM's Deaf Ministry Department this Christmas. Funds received go towards providing resources to IPM's national missionaries who are reaching the Deaf worldwide. Pictured is Evangelist Japheth Zuo in Liberia with four deaf boys. IPM funded this battery-operated DVD player so that he could use gospel-centered sign language resources with them. Brother Zuo does not have electricity, so he rides his motorcycle to a charging station whenever the battery dies on his DVD player. Would you please consider helping worthy causes such as this?



As always, we hope you know how much we appreciate your involvement in our efforts to reach the Deaf of the world with the gospel. Thank you for praying and for giving! We pray you enjoy a very blessed holiday season with daily renewed hearts in the Lord!

From our family to yours, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6



In Christ,

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