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Dear Praying Friends,

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“How then shall [the Deaf] call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach [in Sign Language], except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet [and hands] of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

Romans 10:14-15

Last March, we visited Grace Bible Church in New Freedom, Pennsylvania unannounced in order to surprise IPM's visiting national missionaries from Kenya, Philip and Gladys Warutere. They were on deputation in the States at the time. I wanted to introduce my family to them being that I have worked with Philip during two mission trips to Kenya, but he had yet to meet my family. They were so glad to see us! While there, I was asked to give my testimony and share about my ministry. I was happy to do that in support of the Waruteres, and my son was happy to interpret for me (since there was no church interpreter). Grace Bible Church's pastor, Adam Burtt, was overjoyed to see us and informed me that he has two deaf cousins. We rejoiced over seeing that he knew some sign language as he communicated with us. God led us to this church so we could meet Pastor Burtt. It was a great encouragement to us and them. God is so good, all the time.



Later in the month of March, Brother Kevin Maki (IPM's Director of Deaf Ministries) flew in from California and stayed with me for a weekend. We traveled to Gordonville, Virginia to meet national pastor Philip Warutere, again, at the residence of brother Peter Chege (pastor of Africa Lighthouse Baptist Temple). The meeting was very productive and worthwhile as we discussed the future of missionary work in Kenya. We aim to find, teach, and train deaf leaders to establish churches throughout Kenya. Brother Peter Chege invited me to return and share my ministry before his church.

It is so exciting to see how God is opening new doors of opportunity in the deaf world! My wife Joy and I were the guest speakers at the 25th Midwest Deaf Retreat at Camp Joy in Whitewater, Wisconsin last April. There were 89 folks in attendance. They traveled from Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Over the course of three days, I preached four sermons and presented two workshops in hopes of inspiring the audience to be the light of the Lord. Joy presented two workshops to the ladies. Two deaf men got saved, several rededicated their lives to the Lord, and many were revitalized and encouraged. On the Sunday after the retreat, I taught for the Sunday School class and preached a sermon to the Deaf at Woodcrest Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It was a time filled with many blessings!



In June, I am scheduled to fly to Seattle, Washington for the Deaf Baptist Fellowship of America Conference to represent International Partnership Ministries. Please pray that we will find new workers to help me train nationals in reaching millions of Deaf who have never heard the gospel.

Joy finished teaching a nine-month long American Sign Language (ASL) class to a group of homeschoolers, and we were asked to help another church (an hour away from my home) with ASL lessons for their church members. We will begin our first lesson with them next week. The more folks who learn sign language, the more workers there are to reach the Deaf and tell them about Jesus Christ in sign language!

According to a 2011 Census Report, an average of 576 deaf people die every day in the United States. Of those 576, only 57 have seen the gospel of Jesus Christ before dying. Of those 57, only 6 have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior before dying and are now in Heaven with their Father! This means 519 have not even heard/seen the gospel one time! WOW! 570 Deaf die without Jesus Christ each day in the U.S. and will be *FOREVER SEPARATED* from the Heavenly Father. The daily average of foreign Deaf who have accepted Jesus Christ is close to zero.

You can have the opportunity to support this vital ministry and help me find more workers to train nationals in reaching the Deaf who have not heard the gospel a single time. If you would like me to share my ministry with your church, please contact me as I'm currently on deputation. Please continue to pray for deaf ministries and churches to preach to the Deaf.

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!

In Christ,
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