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“The earth is the LORD’S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” Ps. 24:1

One of the privileges of working with the Deaf is the feedback they give during a sermon. Recently one of our men raised his hand and signed to me, “Many people do not understand what is the difference between God’s wisdom and wisdom of the world.” This gave me a chance to pause and address a heart issue. We spent some time looking at the ugliness of worldly wisdom and the beauty of God’s wisdom.

Please THANK the Lord today for HIS great wisdom that is displayed in HIS works among us:

Ps. 107:43 “Who is wise and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.”



In January, our Liberian national missionary reported that he led 10 of their Deaf students to a soul-winning conference. He saw some believers rededicate their lives to serve the Lord and they located a potential Deaf contact who has 7 children in a very remote area.

How often do we see people dedicate, then rededicate themselves to serve the Lord? We are wise to rejoice and then rejoin the effort in praying that we might understand God’s purpose in stirring the hearts of men and women repeatedly. The longsuffering (part of the fruit of the Spirit) we observe in God’s lovingkindness to humanity is a part of God’s wisdom.

Prov. 11:30 “...he that winneth souls is wise.”

In Peru, 3 deaf campers came to Christ over the period of a week at one of our national worker’s camps in February. Meanwhile in Liberia, a young boy named Blessing wanted to be baptized and as a result of talking with his Pastor, he came to the knowledge of being saved!



How often are we guilty of the consumer mentality of Christianity? We may rejoice that a soul has been won for eternity but we are wise to be thinking about the next steps in seeing this person continually rooted as a “tree of life” to maturity. God deals with each lost soul gently as His Holy Spirit convicts and draws toward salvation.

Prov. 10:19 “...he that refraineth his lips is wise.”



March: In Ivory Coast, 3 of our Deaf with our national missionary made a census of deaf residents surrounding a village in which evangelistic outreach was made for the Easter timeframe! This was done despite adversity where an elderly deaf couple in the mother church was displaced from their housing as the government continued

to demolish areas for the road project. This was also after dealing with the death of a young deaf lady who was a part of their group.



How often do we see obstacles mounting as we approach a major thrust in ministry? The more Christ-like we become, the more we reflect His silence (as a lamb) even as the intensity of opposition increases. The Lord doesn't ask us to understand every nuance about everything and certainly to communicate far less than we may come to know!

Prov 12:15 "...he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."



April felt like a busy month for outreach. We are always thankful for like-faith Pastors and churches that gather for regional fellowship and allow us as missionaries to display alongside other Christian camps and organizations. Not including travel, we had 7 days representing IPM at 4 conferences in CO and CA! Two days were spent representing our local church at Deaf month celebrations in community college and public school! In reality our task at these events is very similar: we are pointing people to Christ as the Lord of the Harvest. For believers, we implore them to pray to God to send laborers, and for unbelievers, we are calling them to repentance before the harvest is past! While

the world may tempt us to go-it-alone everywhere and do everything (in our own strength), the Lord has given us partners to aid our ministry.

Before closing, allow me to introduce one of IPM's newest missionaries.

James Nyoach has a unique outreach in the refugee camps on the Ethiopian border of South Sudan. He has evangelized Deaf people and disciplined Deaf leaders among the refugees with the aim of establishing a local church. The local government school calls on him to tutor Deaf students on a voluntary basis. As the humanitarian crisis has worsened, his family also ministers to hearing family members of the Deaf.

I have attached his most recent prayer letter, and I encourage you to get to know and consider supporting this exciting ministry in Ethiopia and South Sudan.

Contributions for our ministry should be made payable to IPM and sent to IPM, Inc., 100 Spring Ave., Hanover, PA 17331-2717 Be sure to include a note designating "Maki Support" or any other special designation you may have for us. Thank you.

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