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Missionaries to the Deaf of South Africa



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Dear Friends in Christ,

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2

What is the work of the ministry? Simply stated, it is winning people to Christ and training them so that they may teach others also. In the current world climate, a Biblical worldview has been cancelled. Actually, anything having to do with Biblical Christianity has been cancelled. Yet, the Word of God is what people need, not tomorrow but today! When the South African government moved to a higher lockdown due to the virus, church services were included. This stopped some from ministry, but it enabled the growth of the Lord's work more than ever before. It has been over one year since we saw the expansion of the ministry due to the pandemic and the results are amazing.

We praise the Lord for the amount of Biblical teaching that has gone out since March of 2020. We currently have five teaching times on Zoom during the week – our current lesson series on the Word of God will soon end with over 1200 PowerPoint slides and 52 lessons. Committing the truths of God's Word to the Deaf in a consistent, structured manner yields fruit. We praise the Lord to have people from around the country joining our classes and learning the Word of God. Some have realized God's call on their life. Others have begun passing tracts as the Lord has convicted their hearts to be a witness. Still more have committed their lives to the Lord because of the convicting power of God's Word. Schoolteachers, hospital workers, factory workers, chefs, university director, counsellor, office workers, grocery store worker and more; all with the same desire of learning the Word of God and living a godly Christian life. We are continually amazed, knowing the expensive data costs in South Africa, that the Deaf and hearing are there for every class. The beauty of Zoom is that we can interact with one another and answer questions, pray and communicate God's Word to those who attend. You are welcome to visit any of our classes. Email us for your invitation – signsoflifesa@gmail.com

Training men and women to serve the Lord is a vital part of ministry and the outgrowth of that is to see God's call upon their lives for service. We were honored to conduct the ordination service for one of our college graduates in April. Munya and his wife attended and graduated from our Bible college and have been in full-time missionary service for several years, being supported from South African churches. Knowing Paul's instruction to "lay hands suddenly on no man," (1 Timothy 5:22), we have watched their lives and evaluated their commitment to Christ. Being convinced of God's call on their lives, we ordained Munya to the Gospel ministry. He and his wife are Deaf and have started the Bulawayo Deaf Baptist Church in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Praise the Lord for God's call upon their hearts and lives.



During the past year, we have been doing much needed maintenance on the church and property. One of our needs has been a lawn mower. We always take our home mower there once or twice a week. Being a 30-year-old Snapper and only a 24-inch cut, it takes a whole day to mow the large amount of grass. In the rainy times it must be mowed two times a week! Realizing this was not a wise use of time, we began looking for a better mower. The Lord led us to a man selling his 2009 Wright Stander with a 52-inch cut for \$3100. The mower has only 631 hours of use on it! We used our furlough funds (we are planning, Lord willing, to be in the US next year) to purchase the mower and would like to ask for your help with this need. We thank you in advance and will use your gift to replenish our savings for the purchase of airline tickets next year.

Mark your gift for "Radebaugh Mower"

In our last letter we asked you to pray for Lucinda's father. He went home to be with the Lord on the 6th of February. It was a difficult time for Lucinda as she could not be there for the funeral, but we thank the Lord the church put the service online. We also asked you to pray for my gallbladder surgery. Thank you for your prayers! For several years I have experienced pain that woke me in the night, never knowing it was my gallbladder. It has been so nice to sleep through the night without any pain.

Since the pandemic started, we have been busier than ever! The amount of study and preparation required to teach or preach on Zoom and in the Church is considerable, but the fruit in the lives of the Deaf has been greatly encouraging. Souls saved, lives changed, and a commitment to live for Christ – that is the fruit experienced in the work of the ministry. We thank you for your prayers and support to enable us to reach the Deaf in Southern Africa for the glory of God.

In closing, we echo the words of the apostle John, **“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”** (3 John 1:4). Our hearts are blessed to see the hunger and desire among the Deaf and hearing to know and live by the truth of God's Word.

Your servants for Christ's sake,

Chris and Lucinda Radebaugh
South Africa.

Prayer Request & Praise

Continue to pray for our grandson, Seth. Due to high covid cases in the hospital, he is unable to have the tests needed to check the vessels that were operated on last year.

We praise the Lord that Siphon and Morongwa (co-workers in ministry) had a little girl this week. Sibongile Elisa was born on July 1. Sibongile means, “grateful,” and Elisa means, “God is my oath.”

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