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Missionaries to the Deaf – South Africa



Dear Friends in Christ,

"...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21

The Christmas season causes us to reflect upon another year that has come and is about to pass. This year, as we think about the months that have passed, our hearts fill with gratitude at the many blessings God has provided throughout the year. It has been a wonderful year of challenges and victories and we thank you for standing with us to reach the Deaf with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



On 8 December, we celebrated the graduation of two of our students. Nomvulelo and Mosa completed studies and graduated from the Bible College. Nomvulelo will be marrying our previous graduate, Munya, and will join him in Zimbabwe as our missionaries to the Deaf in Bulawayo. Mosa will be remaining at Bible Baptist Church to help in the ministry during 2018.

At the graduation, we looked around at those attending the service. What a blessing to see nine of our graduates in attendance, and all nine in service for the Lord! After 22 years, we have seen the growth of men and women in whom God has placed the desire to serve the Lord. We remember the words of the

apostle John, **"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."** 2 John 1:4. We rejoice to see God raise up men and women who have been equipped to reach the Deaf with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This has been a wonderful year of salvations, baptisms, and outreach. God opened the door for us to finally begin going to Cape Town. Our hearts were touched by the group of Deaf who expressed their hope of having a church. Since July, we have made the monthly trip of 900 miles to minister to the Deaf. God has blessed with salvation decisions and growth. We trust the Lord that a church will be born and the Deaf will have a home in which to grow their faith in Christ.

Lord willing, we will be coming to the USA in 2018. It has been nearly five years since our last furlough and we want to give you the opportunity to schedule us, if you so desire.

God has opened the way for us to bring three of our College graduates to the USA for meetings and to present the "Final Judgment" drama. They will join us from April to May 2018. If you are interested in having us come to report to your church, please contact us through our email address: signsoflifesa@gmail.com. If you would like our group to come, please let us know as their time with us will be limited.

As we close this final letter of 2017, we look back with gratitude at the answered prayers of this year. God moved on behalf of our grandson, Seth. God answered prayers for our father and mother. God provided strength to minister, to preach, to teach, to counsel and to remain faithful to His call. Yet, without you we would not have been able to continue. Merry Christmas to you and thank you for being our friends these many years. It has been a long road, but it has certainly been a road of immense joy and blessing. We echo the words of the apostle Paul, **"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;"** 1 Timothy 1:12.

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