



The SCOTT CRABTREE Family

Missionaries to the Deaf

"There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:3

As the old saying goes, "When the cat's away, the mice will play." One of the hardest parts of being a church planter of a young church is being able to find a replacement preacher when you need to be out of town. Especially difficult is finding someone who can take your place that knows sign language. These people are few and far between. The other difficulty is knowing if everything will run smoothly while you are gone and that people will actually show up! During covid, two separate trips/conferences had to be postponed and the updated trips happened to land about the same time. It would require me to be gone on a few intermittent Sundays. During this time, Bro. Jim Bracelin with Silent Word Ministries came to preach, one of the men took care of the song leading, and another of our men preached on another Sunday. At the same time we had a group from Old Time Baptist Church in Hamburg, NY, coming in to replace 3 metal doors at the church.

I was honestly a bit nervous having all of this taking place while I was gone. (O ye of little faith). Our people rose to the occasion and everything went well. The nursery, children's class, ushering, song leading, attendance, preaching, and online services went on as normal. Several of our new converts came in and provided a meal for the men from New York. It was a blessing when I received pictures from our people with smiles on their faces as they served. We don't work to BE served, but we serve as an example teaching people how to serve and be a blessing to others. These "mice" did not play when the cat was away. They put their nose to the grindstone and made their pastor proud as a peacock. (I'd much prefer to be a peacock over a cat anyway!)

PROJECTS COMPLETED: Donated carpet placed in children's classroom, nursery, both offices, and fellowship hall. Three metal doors installed--Thank you Old Time Baptist Church! New flooring completed in men's bathroom. **NEXT PROJECT:** (as the Lord provides) Needing to replace church auditorium carpet and replace pews with chairs to provide more flexibility on big attendance days.

MORTGAGE GOAL: We have 3 years left to pay off our mortgage. We praise the Lord for 54% paid down so far! Thank you for your part in this effort.

To help with any of these needs:

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LifeSigns Deaf Church Building Fund--#547

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Thank you, Pastor Guadagno, and men of Old Time Baptist Church—Hamburg, NY.

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