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MISSIONARIES TO THE DEAF OF SOUTH AFRICA “...that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ...” 1 Peter 4:11

Dear Friends in Christ,

***For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.
For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.***

Philippians 2:20-21

We understand Paul's experience as he penned these words to the church at Philippi. He hoped to send Timothy to them soon. Amongst those whom Paul had ministered to, there was no one else he could confidently send to minister to them. All the others had filled their lives with their interests. The work of the Lord was far down the list of priorities in their lives. What a sad commentary on the times in which Paul lived. However, we are facing the same discouraging problem.

Since our last letter, we have experienced several discouraging events. Interspersed between these have been rays of God's glorious light. In previous letters, you'll remember we wrote about the wonderful work that started in Cape Town. Just before COVID, Lucinda and I had been flying to the Cape every month for over a year. Souls were saved, and we prayed for someone to take the work over and grow the newly saved. One of our college graduates doing ministry in Zimbabwe with his family contacted us and said they felt God wanted them to move to Cape Town. We were so pleased to hear this. They took over the work, and Lighthouse Deaf Baptist Church was born. Nearly every week, we received pictures of souls saved and baptisms. However, due to serious marriage issues this year, we had to call the couple back to our church for counseling. The husband came, but the wife refused and stayed in Cape Town. Since that time, she has fallen into sin. We have no one to take over this work of over 50 adults. In searching for someone who could take over that work, we've had the same experience as Paul: all seek their own, not the things that are Jesus Christ's. Our hearts grieve for the folks in their church. Join us in prayer that God will provide a new pastor for this church.

In our church in Johannesburg, we had to pull one of our men out of ministry when we discovered sin in his life. This was heartbreaking as He is a very good Bible teacher and a great help. Thankfully, when confronted, he immediately repented of his sin. We're giving him time to restore himself to the Lord before using him in ministry again.

This year, we have seen a dramatic increase in witch doctors using our property for their incantations and rituals. I recently notice one of the witch doctors with the same woman over several days. On our annual

church work day, we noticed them there again. Then, we saw a fire burning on our property. I (Chris) and another deaf man got water and went to extinguish the fire. When the witch doctor and the woman saw us coming, they immediately jumped in their cars and drove off. We put out the fire and saw baby clothes wrapped around a baby's bottle. We contacted the police, and they sent some officers to look. They told us that this is happening all over, and they find body parts in these things. Thankfully, there were no body parts at our church. But the police told us we needed a fence around our property. Will you pray that God will provide the funds to fence this property? We are waiting for the quote for fencing and installation. We want to do this as soon as possible to keep the witch doctors away.

With these things going on, we continue to serve the Lord, preach the Gospel, and trust Him. God has been faithful in blessing us, and we praise the Lord.

We were in one of the hardware shops we frequent. After placing our order with the man helping us, we gave him a tract and asked him to read it. He said he would. Later, on a return visit, we asked him if he read it. He said he did. We asked, "What did you do after reading it?" Walter answered, "I asked Jesus to save me!" Praise the Lord! We brought him a Bible and invited him to church. Now, other staff have asked for Bibles. We pray more souls come to Christ.

We had the joy of celebrating Heritage Day. It was great as the folks dressed in their traditional clothes, much like Old Fashioned Sunday in the USA. It was a wonderful day, and everyone was surprised when they came to church and found a new picnic area cover and picnic tables. Thank you Pstr Choquette and Trussville Southside Baptist Church of Trussville, Alabama, for your gift so we could cover our picnic area and build some picnic tables.

We praise the Lord for providing for our Deaf Camp next year. A dear friend contacted us and asked if we had any special needs. We explained our goal for 2024 of reaching more young people with the Gospel. The government has blocked all religious instruction in the schools, and the principals are bearing the brunt of the results of that decision: 12,500 school-age girls having babies in 2023, drugs, lack of discipline, and a decline in education. Many are now interested in having someone come and help their young people. We asked our friend if they could help by providing a camp for 50 young people next year (March 2024). Praise the Lord; he agreed and provided enough funds so that 25 can come for free and 25 will pay half price. The camp costs about \$53 a person. If you would like to sponsor one of the half-price campers for \$26.50, let us know (signsoflifesa@gmail.com), and we will organize that with our mission office.

We pray you have a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for your prayers and support throughout this year. Last Sunday, I (Chris) taught the men's class Proverbs 4:23-26. I told them how one wrong decision can have a devastating effect. I explained to them my opportunities as a young man in the banking industry, but I left it because I was committed to serving the Lord. I said, "Imagine if I would have accepted the bank president's offer!" One deaf man looked at me and said, "If you did that, where would I be? You led me to Christ!" What an honor to give our lives to the risen Saviour and have the trophies of our service in this life: the men and women we've led to Christ.

Your servants for Christ's sake,



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