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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,

## ***"If not now, when?"***

**A**s I sat down at my desk to write our prayer letter this question came to mind. At some point in your life, you're sure to have faced this question, as well. Procrastination is the bane of humanity. We seem to think there is plenty of time. Yet, time is the one thing we don't have plenty of. In fact, we have no guarantee of anything more than this breath, this heartbeat. No one is promised more than that. With this in mind, we can understand the urgency of Christ's command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Moses aptly said, **"...teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."** (Psalm 90:12). Moses' isn't telling us that we should count our days. We do that every time we celebrate our "Happy Birthdays," and for some of us, there's nothing happy about it :-). He is telling us that we should live each day as if it were our last. If we all thought like that, there would be no room for procrastination. We, as believers in Christ, would be doing all we could to be obedient to Christ's command. Time passes so quickly, taking no rest stops or pauses. Let us live each day doing what is dearest to the heart of God: reaching the lost with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since our last letter, the Lord has provided several ministry opportunities. We are finally back at one of the leading schools for the deaf in Johannesburg. We had been in talks with the school for a couple of months, and the decision was made to allow us to teach. On Tuesdays, we have the junior high youth, and on Wednesdays, we are with the high schoolers. They have asked us to teach on Fridays, as well. Lord willing, Siphon, one of our Bible College graduates, will take the Friday class. We have given out 80+ New Testaments and answered many questions from the students about God's Word. They have been so long without the Word of God in their school, but, finally, that has changed.

We had the opportunity to go to Kimberley, a town just over 5 hours southwest of our home. Desmond, one of the teachers from the deaf school, has been in our Zoom Bible studies for quite some time and asked if we could speak to the deaf at Kimberley. We met with them on Sunday morning, 28 July, with 40 in attendance. They were so happy to have a church service. Many of them have been wanting a church for a long time. Hearing people have churches everywhere; the deaf don't. They sang with enthusiasm and were very attentive to the lesson. After the service, we had 4 ladies and 2 men trust Jesus as their Saviour. Praise the Lord! They are so intent on having a deaf church that they've already chosen a name - Bible Baptist Deaf Church. We will enlist the help of Siphon to begin preaching there once a month and then meet with them on Zoom the other Sundays. Lucinda and I will also visit with them from time to time. Pray that God will provide a pastor for them. We ended our trip by attending the morning assembly of the deaf school, where Lucinda was able to teach a Bible lesson to the children.

We received a video call last week from Joyce Nyiramana. She is the Executive Director and Project Manager of the **Rwandan Sign Language Bible Translation Society** in Rwanda. She asked for an invitation letter so that four of their staff could come to our Deaf Camp in March of next year. During our conversation, she said they have a group of deaf

people who want to be baptized and the deaf would like us to come visit Rwanda. I asked if the deaf who wish to be baptized have been saved, and she said yes. Another group of deaf people who want to have their own church! In the short term, we will begin a weekly Zoom Bible class with them to teach those who are saved. Thank the Lord for Zoom! It has opened many doors for ministry! Lord willing, Lucinda and I will visit the deaf in Rwanda in late October this year. Please pray for the deaf in Rwanda.

The Tshwane Deaf Baptist Church, which we started in 2004, will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on 1 September. We praise the Lord for their faithfulness through the years. It is hard to believe that many years have gone by.

We had a break-in at the church. Two weed eaters, an angle grinder, and a hammer drill were stolen from the storage shed. Thankfully, they didn't get into Lucinda's Wendy house. They broke the latch on the window but didn't enter. We were raising funds for a fence around the church's property because it is being used by the witchdoctors, but we have not received enough to purchase the fence. We will use the money given to raise the height of the wall around the church to keep the thieves away.

Seth is doing well. He is homeschooled by Jennifer. He's missed a lot of school due to his surgeries and follow-up doctor visits. Jennifer had him test for placement, and he was able to skip first grade and go to second grade. That was an encouragement to Jennifer for all the hard work she has put into his education. He returns to the hospital in November for another angioplasty, as the doctor wants to check the blood vessels in his lungs and continue his work to enlarge them.

It is our joy to welcome another grandson to the fold! Our oldest daughter and her husband, Lynette and Joshua, were blessed with the birth of their fifth child. Adam Wesley Carpenter was born on 29 July.



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**Keyboard - 149**  
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Thank you for your continued prayers and faithful support. We are grateful to the Lord for every one of you. Please take a moment to look at an urgent need we have for the Zoom classes. The amount of material that Siphon and I are teaching on Zoom has grown. Our equipment at the church is in serious need of upgrading. Please prayerfully consider this need, and if you can help, send your gift to BIO marked "Zoom Need." For more information on how to donate through BIO, visit the donor webpage here → <https://biomissions.org/donor-information/>

In closing, let us remember to live each day doing what is dearest to the heart of God: reaching the lost with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

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