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Dear Friends in Christ,

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"For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Luke 1:37

Oh, the power that's wrapped up in this small, yet profound, verse! What we see as impossible is possible to the God we serve! As I was painting at the church this morning, I was thinking about the many believers who, for whatever reason, just don't serve the Lord like they should. They think going to church on Sunday morning is service enough. I've repeatedly preached to our people here that going to church on Sunday isn't an act of service. It's an act of obedience. There's a difference. If you're in ministry, we both have heard every excuse in the book, and some new ones, for not serving. Serving Christ requires sacrifice: a price many aren't willing to pay. I'm reminded of the words of an old song we don't hear much anymore. My brothers and I used to sing it as a quartet.

**When I think of how He came so far from glory
Came and dwelt among the lowly such as I
To suffer shame and such disgrace
On Mount Calvary take my place
Then I ask myself this question, "Who am I?"
Who am I that the King would bleed and die for?
Who am I that He would pray, "Not my will, Thine" for?
The answer I may never know, why He ever loved me so
To an old rugged cross He would go, for who am I?**

Oh, the wonder that God would use such lowly sinners to bring His message of grace and mercy to a lost world. We thank the Lord for allowing us to have a small part in His work. It's an impossibility that became possible because God so loved the world. Since our last letter, much has happened. We've had more salvation decisions and more baptisms. But in this letter, we want to focus on just one of those who came to faith in Christ.

A few years ago, a deaf man came to our church. He didn't know many signs, and no one seemed to understand what he was saying. Several of us at the church tried and tried to witness to him, but it seemed an impossible task. He just couldn't understand. He attended services faithfully, helped out on workdays, and always took care of opening and closing the gate for cars or people to come to church, yet he didn't know Jesus as his Saviour.

Through the years, his signs improved, but he still couldn't understand the message of salvation through Christ. We tried every way we could think of, but nothing got through. One ministry had a DVD with basic signs, and we tried pictures illustrating the Gospel. Nothing worked! And all this time, he remained faithful to attend church. I was so burdened for him and asked our Father to help me find some way, something that would reach his heart so that he,

too, could be saved. God answered my prayer and led me to a video made by a deaf man. (Watch the video [here](#).) The following Sunday after church, I told Kholwane to come with me. I sat him in front of a computer and turned on the video, watching him as he watched the video.



His face began to light up. It was incredible! He was finally understanding. While watching the video, he signed, "Me have sin?" "Yes," I replied. He continued watching and understood the message of salvation. He wanted to pray. "God, me have bad heart. Need you take away bad heart give me new heart. Me need Jesus save me." He looked up at me and said, "God give me new heart!" Hallelujah! I couldn't hold back the tears. For so long I wondered how we would ever reach him. I brought him out to our church family, and he proudly told them, "God take bad heart give me new heart. Jesus save me!" I wish you could've seen the faces. Mouths dropped open, eyes bulging, "How? How did he understand?" I explained to them and showed them the video. All the while, Kholwane was telling the person sitting next to him what everything said meant. "God, take bad heart give me new heart!"

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As we were preparing to leave, he came to me, arm outstretched and pointing to the baptistry. "Me want baptize!" I told him the next Sunday I would talk to him about baptism. I tried to use the same method of communication from the video, and he understood. The following Sunday he was baptized to the shouting of praise of our church family.

Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for your gifts of support. Some have sent special gifts, and we appreciate your gifts. It's amazing how God provides when we put our faith and trust in Him. We love you all and thank God for you every day.

In Christ,

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