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Missionaries to the Deaf in South Africa



Dear Friends in Christ, **3rd Quarter Report - 2026**

We thank the Lord for the blessings of this past quarter. Souls saved, baptisms, and growth in the deaf who are attending church. This past term, we had two young ladies in the deaf school ministry who accepted Jesus as their Saviour. We praise the Lord for the five deaf saved through the ministry of the church and hospital visitation. Because of the many who have been saved this year and the new members we've received through baptisms, we have begun a new class.

Years ago I wrote a small booklet for the deaf to explain seven basic steps to grow in their new walk with Christ. Using that booklet, we are able to help the new believers grow. One of the lessons is baptism, so this provides the opportunity for them to fully understand the who, why, when, and how of baptism. There are many crazy ideas about what baptism means here in South Africa. So, this lesson is important. The course finishes up with being a witness for Christ. We're now having any new members attend that class, as well. The deaf are excited about the class and are having many of their questions answered from God's Word. Upon completion of the seven lessons, they take a short test. After passing, they enter the other Sunday School classes of the church.

Through the many years of our life in Africa, we've had very few visitors from America. But God graciously provided some "airport visitors" in the last quarter. You may be thinking, "airport visitors"—what is that? It's folks who are in transit and have a few hours at the airport and used those hours to be an encouragement to us. We can't tell you how blessed we were to spend a few hours with folks from home. We had the pleasure of spending a few hours with Pastor and Mrs. Perkins from Bible Baptist Church in Coquille, Oregon who were on their way to visit missionaries in Zambia. Then, God blessed us with the opportunity to provide a few hours of fellowship with three of missionary John Schrader's older children. Most recently, we had the joy of fellowshipping with brother Peter Rall and his wife. We thank the Lord for them and for their willingness to reach out to us, even though their reason for coming to Africa wasn't to visit with us. Those hours together were a blessing! (See pictures at the end of this email.)

Over the past three months, God has blessed the services of both churches with growth and souls saved. In September, it was "Revival Month!" The whole month was dedicated to asking God to bring revival to our lives and church, with special services the whole month long. It was wonderful, as God spoke to us through His Word. I (Chris) remember when I was a boy, churches had week-long revivals from Sunday to Sunday. Dad and Mom took us to church every night for the meetings. The Holy Spirit moved us through the preaching of God's Word. I've talked to pastors in America and asked them why they don't have Sunday night or Wednesday night services anymore. I've asked why they don't have week-long mission conferences and revivals. The answer is always the same: "People just don't come out." I don't understand that answer. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20). Do you see the power of that verse? You don't need 50, 40, 30, or even 10 people to attend. With only two or three who meet in the name of and for the cause of Jesus Christ, HE IS THERE! Why wouldn't you want to go ahead and have the services, knowing that Jesus is attending, as well. The main thing I attribute my many years of serving the Lord to was being in those meetings growing up, experiencing the presence of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The impact of His presence changed our family's lives! In a family of six boys, all of us ended

up being in the ministry. As we follow the news of what is happening across the US, it would seem churches need to be having more and more meetings, not cutting back. Remember the example from the Old Testament Israelites: as go the people of God, so goes the nation.

In closing, we never know where God will lead. Knowing that His desire is that people would hear the wonderful message of salvation through Christ, each day is an adventure as God lays out the steps for us to take. Through the ministry at the deaf school, we've become friends with several of the teachers who profess salvation through Christ. One of the teachers sent us a message that another teacher was in the hospital and would have surgery. We contacted the young lady and asked her if we could visit. She said, "YES!" It's boring for the deaf in hospitals here. No interpreters, no captioned TV, no one knows signs...very boring. On the day and time agreed, we went to the hospital on the other side of Johannesburg. It was a beautiful day, and we were looking forward to the visit. After talking about various things, we asked her about her relationship with God. She said she loved God, but when asked if she knew where she would go after death, she responded that she didn't know. We gave her the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and she made the decision to receive God's gift of salvation through Christ. She humbly repented of her sin and trusted Jesus that day. We continued talking with her and encouraging her and then left to return home. The following week, after teaching the students at the deaf school, we heard the rest of the story. After we left, she was taken to surgery. She told us that as she came out of the anesthesia, there were doctors and nurses standing all around her bed. She couldn't understand why. She asked her doctor, who has learned to communicate with her, "Why is everyone standing around my bed looking at me?" It was then that she was told her heart stopped! They had to use the defibrillator to "bring her back." She told us she was so thankful that we had visited her and shared the Gospel so she could accept God's gift of salvation through Christ. We never know the date of our own or others' death. It's vital that we, as believers, tell as many people as we can about Jesus Christ.

Please be in prayer for our grandson, Seth. He goes in the hospital tomorrow, November 5, for the angiogram to see how the blood vessels are growing. Pray for his safety during this procedure and that the doctors will have good news.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We appreciate you more than you know. It's exciting life when God is moving, and He's been moving in the hearts of the deaf.

In Christ,

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