



# SEEDS of FAITH

Bringing God's Word & reproducing Christian fellowship to the Deaf

## A BELIEVERS' FELLOWSHIP yielding fruit

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples. John 15:8

I want to thank you for your prayers the past few years as our team reached out to various communities in North Carolina.

It's been five years since I began networking in Chapel Hill and this labor has not been in vain. I met two Christian women who interpret at Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Chapel Hill. Initially, their Deaf ministry consisted of one sweet Deaf man who attended the interpreted services, and they wanted that ministry to grow. They were in need of an interpreter once a month and asked if I would be interested in helping them.

I introduced the interpreters to our Bible study on Zoom. They later came in-person to the Deaf Community Fellowship (DCF) and our special "Warriors Training" Bible study sessions. Our Deaf teacher, Rob Wright, helped them experience what it would be like for the Deaf to learn and grow in God's Word. **They were amazed at how engaged the Deaf were and immediately knew this was the best way to reach the Deaf in their area.**

Soon after that, one of our Deaf evangelists and I met with their pastor. **Our Deaf evangelist shared her testimony of how she was finally able to understand God's Word through seeing the Bible in ASL, and how it has impacted her life.** The pastor is currently supporting us through prayer and providing a place to meet.



## PRAISE & prayer

- Continue to pray for the Deaf in Chapel Hill. Pray that they would grow in Christ and that they would bring their friends to learn God's Word.
- Pray that God will raise up new Deaf leaders.
- I am meeting weekly with a Deaf woman who is in prison. She is in need of encouragement and God's Word.
- In my recent newsletter, I expressed my need to increase my financial support. Many of you have responded by increasing your giving and I want to express my deepest gratitude for the blessing of your partnership.

# PAH!

Pah is an American Sign Language (ASL) sign meaning “at last!” or “finally!”

On April 20th, our team planted a believers’ fellowship in Chapel Hill. Six Deaf people attended the first meeting. Rob taught from Genesis 1, and I loved watching their expressions and enthusiasm as they learn God’s Word! **Please pray for this new believers’ fellowship as we continue to minister in Chapel Hill.**



On a side note, a hearing man who loves the Deaf and serves in ministry stayed to observe the believers’ fellowship. He helped out with the refreshments. Rob’s wife, Arlene, and I provided voice interpretation for him. This man was amazed by what he saw! He shared: **“There is so much theology in that Scripture. The Deaf don’t have to take a separate theology class! They learn it at the same time they learn Scripture and it is brought out so clearly in the teaching.” Praise God!**

# DID YOU know?

Deaf people best understand the Gospel when a Deaf believer shares it with them in the local sign language. Deaf people often face challenges with reading and writing. **Unlike most people who typically learn to read written language through exposure to spoken language, Deaf people may have limited exposure to language before entering school, particularly in developing countries.** This lack of early language exposure makes learning to read more challenging for many Deaf.

While some Deaf become proficient readers, many will not. Therefore, the most effective way to share the gospel with the Deaf community is not through teaching them to read but by translating Scripture into their heart language – sign language.

**This is why DOOR is so passionate about bringing the gospel to the Deaf in their heart language.** Would you join me in prayer that more Deaf would come to know Christ through the gospel in sign language?

## TIME WITH family

I was blessed to be able to visit my son Andrew and his family in Florida this spring. My daughter Sarah and her family joined us, and we enjoyed a mini family reunion. We spent time picking blueberries from a blueberry farm, went to the zoo, and soaked in the sun at a beautiful beach. **It was so much fun to be with 6 of my 16 precious grandchildren.**



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