



*"There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:3*

Well, the "circus or circuit ridin' preacher" has graduated from a horse to a chariot and we have certainly been driving furiously! Once summer hits, it seems like we can barely catch our breath. We never know what attendance we are going to end up with each Sunday with camps, vacations, etc. Our skeleton crew has to work with half of the skeleton sometimes with so many of our people out traveling, but we manage to make do. June consisted of Deaf camp in Pennsylvania, the Deaf Baptist Fellowship of America in South Carolina, and finished up with giving away our daughter at her wedding in New Jersey. (And, yes, I bawled like a baby in case you were wondering). We have now joined the official empty nest club, (no more returning from college) but are blessed to see our children walking in truth.

We praise the Lord that 2 Deaf Nigerians made professions of faith recently. Even though our numbers have been smaller this summer, our core group remains strong and interested in learning more about the Lord. We have at least 5 different individuals or families who can only come every 2-3 weeks due to the distance. While many cities seemingly have churches on every corner, the Deaf have few options. A couple came from over an hour away on Sunday with their Deaf daughter who is 10 years old. They said, "We just want her to be able to hear the Gospel in her own language." It was almost heartbreaking to see her wide-eyed as she saw so many people signing and asked my wife, "Are all these people Deaf?" She then proceeded to ask people their names and how old they were. They plan to come back again. Another family attends from over an hour away who has adopted several special needs children; one of them is Deaf. The father shared this testimony: "There is a church 10 minutes from our house. We have gone to several hearing churches near us and everyone ignores us or doesn't talk to us or our children. Yours is the first church that has been friendly to them and knows our children by name." One of their sons is named Rex - he is a talker and is hilarious and loves to draw pictures for me and says I am his friend. It takes dedication on their part to make the trip to attend. We pray to remain worthy of their endeavor.

The city of New Albany declared July "Disability Awareness" month and honored our church, along with three other local organizations at the recent city hall meeting - 13 of our members attended this event. Although most Deaf do not agree with being labeled as disabled, I expressed to our members that the point is to establish a good relationship with the community and be a testimony for Christ.

We ask for prayers for our daughter, Brooklynn, who is due with our first grand child on August 21st in Rochester, NY. She had a scare today with some concerns - the doctor said the baby could come at any moment now which is not what they were expecting. Our son and his wife are expecting in December as well. The name "Papaw" is starting to sound good!



**Rex helping  
with sermon  
illustration**



**Disability  
Proclamation  
meeting  
at city hall**



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