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Deaf Picnic 25th Jan 2025



Group picture after service



The Children with Hannah and Rebecca

Dear Prayer Family and Supporters,

March 2025

**Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!**

We are deeply thankful for your faithful prayers, generous gifts, and unwavering support. With hearts full of gratitude to the Lord, we appreciate all that you do for the Deaf Ministry in India. Through your prayers and support, we can continue serving our living God. May the Lord bless you all abundantly.

## Christmas Outreach Service

On December 22, our church hosted a Christmas Outreach Service, and it was nothing short of a tremendous blessing! The event brought together over 300 people, including nearly 250 Deaf individuals, many of whom were accompanied by their hearing children. It was heartwarming to see the faithful dedication of about 30 church members, who went above and beyond to invite attendees and ensure everyone felt welcome and cared for. Despite the challenge of navigating such a large crowd, everything flowed smoothly, allowing us to share the life-transforming message of the Gospel with so many.

A special highlight of the day was the ministry to children. Hannah and my daughter, Rebecca, lovingly cared for 46 children throughout the service, giving them an opportunity to experience the love of Christ in a meaningful way.

Another incredible testimony of God's work came from a group of 10 Deaf individuals who traveled all the way from Jharkhand, a neighboring state, to attend the event. Their journey was inspiring. They left their town on a Saturday evening, boarded a train at 7:30 PM, and arrived at our church early Sunday morning, around 8:30 AM. Despite having never met us before, they accepted our invitation, which had been shared with them through WhatsApp.

Hearing their stories was truly humbling. Some expressed a deep desire to learn more about Jesus and shared how their small group of about 30 Deaf individuals in Jharkhand gathers regularly for fellowship but lacks a teacher to guide them in Bible study. We were overjoyed to provide them with Gospel tracts, share information about our ministry's website, and introduce them to our YouTube Live sessions, which we distribute via our WhatsApp Bible Teaching group. I also joined their group to personally share sermons, Bible teachings, and extend invitations to future events. Their excitement and eagerness were contagious, and they even shared plans to bring more Deaf individuals to our Easter Outreach Service on April 20th!

Please join us in praying for this group and the incredible work God is doing among them. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Him in reaching more people with the hope of the Gospel.

## Kolkata Baptist Deaf College

During our Christmas service, we awarded Rajib Roy with his One-Year Bible Degree. Alongside two of our other graduates, Sandip and Vivek, Rajib spoke to the crowd about the



**Jharkhan State Group**



**Preaching the Gospel**



**Rajib received one year Bible degree**



**Lunch Time**



**New Chairs**

importance of deeper Bible study and the availability of such study through our ministry. All three graduates are now pursuing their G.Th. (3-year Bible degree).

We successfully completed our second semester at the Kolkata Baptist Deaf College. Students in Kolkata are progressing well, and our four online students from Nagaland passed all their classes. These students plan to continue their studies this year, with the hope of completing their One-Year Bible Degrees by the end of 2025. Our next semester will begin on February 10th. Please pray for all students to grow in their knowledge of God's Word and that many more will be inspired to study.

### **Membership Meeting**

Our first membership meeting for the new year was on February 8th. We used this meeting to plan and strengthen our ministry for 2025.

### **KJV-ISL Easy Bible Translation for the Deaf**

The KJV-ISL (King James Version – Indian Sign Language) Bible translation project is a critical endeavor for the Deaf community. By God's grace, several books of the Bible have already been translated. Please continue to pray that this project will be completed and serve as a great blessing to Deaf individuals across India.

### **Building Project – Phase II**

We humbly ask for your prayers for the completion of Phase II of our building project. This phase is crucial to expanding our ministry and better serving the Deaf community.

### **Monthly Support**

Lastly, we request your prayers as we work to address a shortfall in our monthly financial support. Your partnership is vital to the continuation of this ministry, and we trust the Lord to provide for His work.

Thank you once again for your unwavering prayers, encouragement, and support. Together, we are labouring for the salvation of lost Deaf souls and for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Lost Deaf Souls,  
Biak, Siang, Rebecca, and Faith  
The Vaiphei Family  
Kolkata, India

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