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Dear Prayer Family and Faithful Supporters,

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

With thankful hearts, we praise God for you. Your faithful prayers, sacrificial giving, and strong encouragement are not just support; they are a powerful partnership in advancing God's Kingdom. Because of you, the Deaf Ministry in India is moving forward boldly. Lives are being changed, hearts are being transformed, and eternal fruit is being gathered to your account. We are honored to stand with you as co-laborers in the Lord's harvest. May God richly bless you and reward your faithful labor for His glory.



Christmas Outreach:

This Christmas, we witnessed something truly life changing. Recently, I came across a Facebook video posted by a Deaf young woman who attended our outreach. In her own words, she shared: "I went to a Christian church. The Pastor was teaching about Jesus. I understood clearly. It was very good. I liked it and enjoyed it." She even showed her friends in the video, and they joyfully said the same. [Click here for her video.](#) What a testimony! When the Gospel is clearly shared in sign language, hearts understand and lives are touched.



At our Christmas Outreach, 315 Deaf people gathered. For many of them, it was the first time to clearly see and understand the message of Jesus in their own language, sign language. This was not just a meeting; it was a divine opportunity. My daughters, Rebecca and Faith, shared gospel among the children. We ministered to both their physical and spiritual needs. Tea, snacks, and food were lovingly prepared and shared, but, more importantly, the Bread of Life was presented. The Word of God was proclaimed boldly and clearly.



Those who attended came from different religious backgrounds: Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, and others. Yet for that moment, they sat together and heard about Jesus Christ. Seeds of truth were planted in hearts that had never fully understood the Gospel before. We conduct this outreach four times a year. It is always meaningful, though it requires significant resources to provide food and organize the gathering. Our focus remains unwavering: our goal is that they hear about Jesus. If even one soul comes to know Christ, every effort, every prayer, and every expense is worth it. This Christmas Outreach was not just an event; it was an eternal investment in precious Deaf lives. To God be all the glory.

Membership meeting:

Every two months, our Deaf Ministry gathers for a membership meeting, but this one was truly unforgettable. For the first time, we held a joyful barbecue fellowship. As we cooked, served, and ate together, laughter filled the air, and hearts were united. It was more than sharing food. It was sharing life. We encouraged one another from God's Word, opened our hearts, prayed together, and strengthened our spiritual bonds. We were reminded that we are not alone. We are one family in Christ. Most importantly, we renewed our vision: to bring more Deaf souls to the Lord and shine Christ's light in our community. It was not just a meeting - it was a time of unity, growth, and renewed commitment. We thank God for such precious fellowship in His work.



Deaf and Blind Camp - April 1-6

This is something new. Something bold. Something born from a burden and from faith. For the past two years, we have conducted Deaf Camps. Last year, a few Deaf-Blind friends longed to join us. They wanted to come, to learn, to fellowship—but due to limited accommodation, we were unable to include them. It was heartbreaking, but God was working. This year, they contacted one another. They reached out to me personally and asked, "Can you plan a camp specially for us?" Their hunger to gather, to grow, and to know the Lord more deeply moved our hearts. So now, for the very first time, we are planning a **Deaf and Blind Camp from April 1-6**, specially designed for them. They will travel from different parts of India: Punjab in North India, Mumbai in West India, and Tamil Nadu in South India. Though distances are great, their desire is greater. At this moment, six are confirmed. We do not yet know the final number, but we know this: God knows every name, every journey, every heart that will come. This camp is more than an event. It is an opportunity for those who face double barriers of both deafness and blindness to experience

clear communication, loving fellowship, and the life-changing truth of God's Word in a way they can truly understand. By God's grace, Kevin Maki and his wife, Kenya Maki, from IPM are planning to join us. Following the camp, we will also conduct a Resurrection Outreach Service. We believe this entire time will be spiritually powerful and eternally impactful.

Please pray:

- That every participant will be deeply encouraged and strengthened.
- That travel arrangements will be smooth and safe.
- That hearts will be opened fully to Christ.
- And above all, that God alone will be glorified.

What was once a disappointment has now become a divine appointment. We believe this first Deaf and Blind Camp will not only be meaningful; it will be unforgettable. And may it echo into eternity for the glory of God.

Deaf Picnic: On February 14, we had our Deaf picnic. We all enjoyed wonderful fellowship together, especially Pradip and our blind friends. We played different games, shared God's Word, and spent time in prayer. It was a joyful and blessed day for everyone.



Kolkata Baptist Deaf College - A New Season Begins

A new academic session has begun at Kolkata Baptist Deaf College, and we look forward with faith and expectation for what God will do. After 11 years of faithful service, Daniel Schwalbe and Hannah Schwalbe are now in the USA following six years on the field. Though they are away physically, they continue teaching our Bible students online with the same dedication and heart for the Deaf ministry. All courses are designed for online learning through Zoom, allowing students from Nagaland, other parts of Northeast India, local areas, and South India to study without barriers. Distance cannot stop the Word of God. This college is more than a classroom. It is a training ground for future Christian leaders. Deaf believers are being equipped with biblical truth, spiritual discipline, and a passion to serve. Please pray that more students will answer God's call, that strong leaders will be raised up, and that this new session will bear lasting fruit for the Deaf church in India. The work continues. The vision grows. We trust God for greater things ahead.



ISL Bible Translation for the Deaf

By God's grace, the ISL (Indian Sign Language) Bible translation is progressing well, and several books have already been completed. Please pray that this important work will continue smoothly and become a lasting blessing to Deaf people across India.



Thank you, dear prayer partners and supporters, for faithfully standing with us. Your prayers and support strengthen and encourage us as we serve the Lord together in the Deaf Ministry in India.

With love and earnest prayers for lost Deaf souls,

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