



# The SCOTT CRABTREE Family

## Missionaries to the Deaf

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

*"I have no idea where to begin. As I tearfully said to Tricia today on the phone (and that's an understatement because it was a full-out sob), I was overwhelmed by seeing the Israeli flag and American flag waving on the flagpole in front of your church. I am sure you recognize the risk associated with showing support for Israel and the Jewish people. This is a hideous time in our history and it is not an exaggeration to say that it feels like 1932 Germany right now. As a Jewish mom of 2 daughters, I keep thinking I could have been in Israel with them. I took them both a few years ago and we've been planning our next trip. Right now Jews all around feel solidarity with each other and our amazing supportive Christian friends. For that, I can't thank you enough. As I prepare to light my shabbat (Sabbath) candles, I will hold you in my heart also. Please accept my donation of \$72. Eighteen is the representative/ corresponding number for "chai" which means life. Jews traditionally make donations in this denomination. We are a family of 4, so this gift is from my family. I can't thank you enough. You warmed my heart and touched my soul so profoundly. With love and respect--M. Lavon."*

After the attack on Israel on October 7th, we wanted to find a way to support the Jewish community in our area. New Albany, the town in which our church is located, has a sizable Jewish population. We never knew this small gesture of displaying the Israeli flag would have such an impact. The opening paragraph was a card we received in the mail from a Jewish lady after she had spoken to my wife on the phone. She told my wife, "I have lived here for 22 years and have even sat in your field to watch the city fireworks. When I turned the corner and saw the flag, I just burst into tears." Another Deaf Jewish lady who occasionally attends our church felt the same way. We are still praying for her salvation. In addition to this, we received a phone call from a local Jewish rabbi thanking us as well. It gave us the opportunity to share with him how some blame the Jewish people for putting Jesus to death on the cross, but in all actuality it was **ALL OF OUR SINS** that put Him there. While we are reaching the Deaf and hard-of-hearing, God has given us unique opportunities like this to spread His Word to another people group.

College students taking sign language classes--especially at the end of each semester--are another demographic in which a door of opportunity has been opened to us. These students have to attend some type of Deaf event during the semester. On our Old Fashioned Sunday, we had 17 hearing visitors show up from 3 different local colleges. On this Sunday, we have hats/outfits available for people to wear if they don't have anything that is old fashioned. Several of the students got in on the action and joined us--they expressed how much they enjoyed the unique service. One of them was Muslim! The following Sunday we had an additional 14 new students from these colleges. Many of these young people would never darken the door of a church, but we praise the Lord that He is bringing them to our doorstep to hear the Gospel. Thank you for your investment in helping us reach them!



**We praise the Lord for 3 Deaf who  
have made professions in Christ  
during our recent travels.**

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