



The SCOTT CRABTREE Family

Missionaries to the Deaf

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

Sometimes in life, there are certain places and people who make a specific impact on you. At this time of year, I make it a practice to write "thank you" letters to people who have impacted me greatly, or I may send a special text just to let them know what they mean to me. Since we have started the deaf church, it has limited my ability to be able to get away. The last two months, though, have offered me the opportunity to be able to speak at a Deaf Awareness Weekend in West Virginia and a missions conference in Oklahoma. I am appreciative of Bible Baptist Temple, Pastor Madaus, and Bro. Hank Sharrow, in Stonewood, WV, for their burden for the Deaf in their area. It is good to see hearing churches doing their part in seeing the Deaf reached for Christ. An extra special blessing there was seeing veteran missionaries, Bob Van Sant and Bro. Lawrence Shillingburg, and his wife, Kathleen. Lawrence is the son of Deaf parents who has ministered to the Deaf for over 50 years and has recently gone through a bout with cancer. I honor those who have gone before me in serving the Lord in Deaf work. They were and are the trailblazers in this ministry. We were recently able to have special meetings with Bro. Jim Bracelin and Bro. Jon and Diane Barr with Silent Word Ministries. These folks helped encourage our people in their walk with the Lord.

Another place filled with special people was Bible Baptist Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma, under Pastor Wayne Hardy. Bible Baptist has been a supporting church, although we had not had the opportunity to visit there. We were truly blessed to finally meet with various members during the "Catch the Burden" sessions each night. I met a young man named Michael who was gloriously saved from a rough background who had truly experienced God's forgiveness. We met a young door greeter named Collin who has not let his limitations prevent Him from serving the Lord, and we met a young lady named Abby with dystonia who has not let her severe physical limitations keep her from encouraging others. She cannot speak, but she is sharp as a tack and talks to people by typing on her phone. All three of these individuals made an impact on our daughters during our time there. It is a joy to me to see others greatly impact the lives of my children.

God continues to bless here at LifeSigns Deaf Baptist Church. Since our last prayer letter, 7 people have professed Christ and 5 have been baptized. One other will be baptized soon. Thank you for your prayers--Roger was one of those who professed Christ, along with his son and his son's girlfriend! It has been an exciting few weeks because we have prayed so long for this. We still average between 45-50 on any given Sunday and recently had a high of 81. On one Sunday, we had 16 visitors! Let's just say I need some more soul winning partners. May the Lord bless you as you celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with your families. Please pray for our upcoming Christmas banquet on December 13th--lots to do in that regard.

SPECIAL PRAISE: Thank you to those who gave, including an anonymous donor, which allowed us to reach our goal in purchasing the "new to us" 2019 van for our church!

SPECIAL REQUEST: My wife and I have been asked by one of our missionaries to the Deaf, Chris Radebaugh, in South Africa, to come help in their Deaf camp in March. We have raised \$550 so far of the \$3,000 needed. If you are able to help in any way, please send to: BIMI (Account #1519--Scott Crabtree), P.O. Box 9, Harrison, TN 37341. Thank you!



Pictured Left: Roger and some of family who have recently professed Christ and have been baptized. **Pictured Right:** New church van



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