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Prayer Letter April - June 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

It has been an exciting and extremely fruitful time God has given this quarter! It seems that it has been a long planting season since our time in Australia, but the last three months have been a particular blessing of being a part of the reaping. In everything, we want to give praise to Him as *"...I have planted, Apollos watered; ...but God gave the increase."* (1 Corinthians 3:6c)

April: This quarter started off with an outreach at the Deaf Expo in Greensboro. It was our first major outreach when we first started two years ago. Compared to then, it was quite a different but a positive reception from most of the people who live here in the Triad area. Many greeted us warmly as we have met many of them through various Deaf community outreaches. God is good! Pray for our continuous witness to them.

The church's "Church in the Park" service brought many Deaf and signing visitors. One Deaf lady has begun to attend our services and activities. We are excited to see what God is doing through our church and in the Deaf ministry. In addition, two new families moving to the Triad area are planning to join the Deaf ministry.

May: We attended Harvest Deaf Bible College to watch several Deaf students graduate. Pray for them as they seek God's Will as to where He would have them to serve. One student, Raul, originally from our area, returned "home" and married a former graduate, Christina. They are attending our church waiting on the Lord to lead them to a full-time ministry.

June: We started a Deaf Connect class on Thursday mornings with Robert teaching the Deaf about important doctrines in the Bible, salvation, the church, etc. Five deaf people are attending this class as they are all interested in becoming members. There has also been an increase in deaf visitors attending the Sunday services. PTL!

Lisa and I traveled to South Carolina for the annual DBFA. We were blessed by the preaching of God's Word and by the fellowship with His people. With our pastor's blessing, the DBFA board has accepted our bid for our church to host the DBFA in 2028. Please pray for wisdom as we begin preparations for this conference!

In recent letters, we asked you to pray that the Lord would give wisdom as to ministering to families with young Deaf children. Four mothers who have Deaf babies under five years old have asked us to teach them ASL so they can communicate with their children. One mom is unsaved; another is not attending church. This eventually allowed us to attend a social gathering of *fifty* parents and siblings with about 15 young Deaf children under the age of eight. What an opportunity to get to know and be a witness to them! Continue to pray! God is good!

We have started Summer Signing Fellowships for the purpose of encouraging our ASL students to interact with Deaf and signers. The fellowship began with 23 people attending with three Deaf guests. On the July 30th Fellowship, we will be showing ASL "Jesus" movie. Pray for this unique opportunity to reach both the hearing and the Deaf community with the Gospel.

Prayer Requests: There will be a "community church service" on July 6 with a couple other deaf ministries. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of those who attend. Also, pray for our church's VBS program, we hope to have Deaf children attend, and we do know that we will have a young girl who has a baby Deaf sister coming.

Your prayers are appreciated, and we praise the Lord, and we give Him all the glory for all that He has done through our ministry. Thank you for your faithful support. God is good!

Because of Calvary,

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