



Reaching The Deaf Tanzanians & Africans

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Subject: **Be Faithful, because He Is the Faithful God!**

Dear Praying Friends,

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, first of all, we thank the Lord for crossing us over to see 2013, the time going swiftly! Our God is the faithful God, so we ought to fervent faithfulness in ministry services. I am excited to share this joyous news from our mission field in Tanzania.

Church Activities

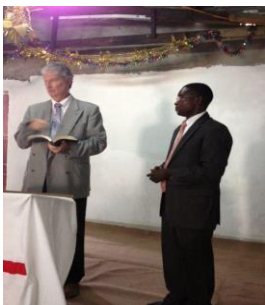


On December 24, 2012 we celebrated our annual Christmas Banquet, more than 50 deaf people were attended, and most of them were unsaved souls. Our church believers especially ladies had cooked delicious foods for the banquet. The event was a meaningful and attracted people to hear gospel of the King, Jesus Christ. Eight (8) deaf souls were saved. Two (2) deaf young men of the 8 saved souls have joined our church; they are now



pursuing their secondary education in Iringa State which is about 408.6 kilometers from Dar es Salam. Pray that they will reunite with us upon completion of their secondary education this year.

Great time in the mission field



It is an encouragement to missionaries when friend like you come to visit them in a foreign mission field. My sending church's Pastor, Dr. Terry Buchholz and one of his members visited us in Tanzania in last February, and they stayed for two weeks. They had a rich experience in Africa for the first time. Their presence was an impact to our new Deaf Church in Tanzania. Pastor Buchholz preached among us for two Sundays, he also taught Sunday School class and Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. His preaching touched the hearts of the congregation at the invitation. I was translating language for him from American Sign Language to Tanzania Sign Language! Praise the Lord that communication went smoothly during service. One (1) deaf young man from a Muslim family accepted Christ in the hotel where Pastor Buchholz and Brother Mark Richmond were staying. Wow! God's great for this salvation. If you would like to see a full video of their recent visit to Tanzania, please contact them in Maryland at hvdbc@aol.com. They would be more than happy to send you DVD so you can pray for us.

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Salvation

Total of 9 deaf souls were saved during these past months. Praise the Lord! Only 2 of the 9 saved people have joined the church as I have clarified in the above paragraph. We continue to pray and make a discipleship to the rest of those converted souls who are not coming to church. It's easy to win souls but hard to lead them to the aisle. We need to balance both task of winning souls and leading them to the aisle.

It is Flooding

We are in the wet season and there is heavy ongoing rain in all parts of the country including Dar es Salaam. The rain flooded the church due to a poor roof structure, some water steeped into the office; we suspended service in order to prevent water from flooding the church building. We have been experiencing this problem because our current church leased building and location is not good as you can see me in the picture passing through flooded road which is close to church location. This is because our finance is limited that we cannot afford to lease a good building. But we rejoice in preaching Christ faithfully whatever poor we are! Please pray for us as we are in real needs of financial assistance to purchase a land and build a church in the future.



Prayer requests

- Please continue to pray as we have a list of things we need for our Church below:
- More souls to be saved, pray for these saved people to come to Church faithfully and grow spiritually.
- More Godly men to be willing to serve God in our ministry
- Children and youth to come to the Church
- We need a mini-bus or a van; we have raised some funds for this purpose; however, more money is needed to enable us to pay the full price for an excellent mini-bus or van in cash.
- Necessary funding to purchase a land and build a church.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Sincerely in Christ,

Frank Laurent

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