



Reaching The Deaf in Africa

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Subject: **Do All to the Glory of God**

Dear Supporters & Prayer Partners,

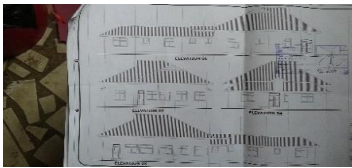
1Corinthians 10:31, *“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”*



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, we praise the Lord for us crossing over into another year, 2016 to continue with the Great Commission and to do all things for His glory. May you be blessed with this mission newsletter.



Church Project



All we do through the building project is dedicated to the glory of God so that the deaf will have their house of worship and a place to run ministries. We would like to express our deepest appreciation for your continued prayer and financial support toward the building project. Our architectural designs have been approved on January 19th, 2016, by the city building control department (Capital Development Authority) as you can see the building elevation in the picture.



Praise the Lord! If we decide to go ahead with the project without obtaining legal approval, the authorities will have to demolish the building. While we were waiting for approval of our architectural design, we were producing more bricks and building a baptismary well as you can see in the pictures. Now, since the well is ready to use, we are hopeful to start using the well for our baptism service very soon!



Upon receiving approval, the construction work took off on January 21st, 2016. We already made 2,600 bricks. One hundred cements are needed to produce the remaining 1,900 bricks. Twenty (20) lorry loads of sand and other building materials are needed. We praise the Lord for continuing to supply the needs for our building project. We

have been receiving some donations that we used for construction projects as well as paying for architectural designs and fees for legal approval. We still need more funds as construction continues in progress. Please pray for us.

“And how shall they hear without a preacher?” Romans 10:14

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Outreach and Activities



Last December's Christmas festival was centered with good tidings of great joy because the Savior was born in the city of David! We carried out good tidings to the deaf around the urban and rural areas of Dodoma. The program produced the fruit and attracted several deaf who are now coming to church. Please pray that we will witness to them about salvation. In my previous mission newsletter, I mentioned about an engaged deaf couple whom I led to Christ as they were planning for their wedding. They asked me to officiate their wedding in their church because they couldn't understand the preaching of their pastor. Their pastor welcomed me to officiate, so I did! It was



great wonders to many people in this church to witness the wedding. Lately, I received another call from a deaf lady from the same church asking me to officiate her wedding with her hearing fiancé. Before I accepted their request, I asked them a question if they are saved, in which they replied yes, I further asked if they were baptized and they replied yes. Then their pastor welcomed me to officiate and again, I did! You can see them in the pictures. We had university students from Holland visiting and doing internship at Dodoma School for the Deaf. They visited our church for 2 months. We shared the gospel with them, so pray for them to be saved.

Helping the abandoned



In the previous newsletter, I reported about Neema who is an orphan deaf young girl that got impregnated. Praise the Lord that the police arrested the guy who caused her pregnancy. The guy accepted to take responsibility for his baby. Neema is now happy and grateful to God and the church for helping her to find the father of her daughter.

Salvation

Acts 8:37-38 *“And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*

And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.”

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I organized a one-week evangelism trip to Dar es Salaam with some of my church folks. There we met with several deaf people and told them about the gospel of Christ. Eight (8) of them accepted Jesus Christ into their hearts as their Savior and three



days later, we taught them about baptism. They were ready and I baptized them in the Indian Ocean as the above scripture defined. Praise the Lord! There is a great need for salvation of the deaf people like a hungry hippo! Thus we humbly ask you to continue to pray for our mission endeavor, specifically to help us raise funds to complete the current construction project. So that the deaf can have their place to worship God and classes to train people for tomorrow's leaders to eventually establish deaf churches across the nation.

Prayer request:

- Pray for evangelism program in our ministry to be more productive in winning lost souls.
- Pray for financial needs for our current church construction project.
- Pray that Tanzania Revenue Authority will grant us an exemption from paying import duty for our church van so that the vehicle selling company in Tanzania can order it from Japan. The agent offered us free shipping since we are a non-profit religious based and disabled organization.
- Pray for youth and children in our ministry.

Thank you very much for your faithful support.

Sincerely in Christ,

Frank Laurent

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