



## Reaching the Deaf in Africa

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Subject: **WITNESSING CHRIST UNTO THE UTMOST PART OF THE EARTH**

Dear Praying Friends,

Acts 1:8: *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*



Many greetings from Bethel Baptist Deaf Church of Tanzania in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am pleased to share the blessings since this mission's final update last July 2017 to January 2018 as you are a part of this ministry through prayers and financial giving which enabled us to reach out the Deaf with the gospel message and planting Deaf Churches unto the uttermost part of the earth. Jesus said *“Ye shall be witnesses unto me”* to signify that He is the Only Redeemer whom to be witnessed in all parts of the earth, no



other beside Him.

### Deaf Church Development

Bethel Baptist Deaf Church of Tanzania (BBDCT) has been growing with average 70 worshipers in Sunday church service. The church has reached 7 years of ministering the deaf and some hearing people who have joined us; and 40 believers have been baptized. This is a unique ministry where deaf souls are being nurtured in the green pasture and making fellowship with each other for the edification of the body of Christ.

### Daughter Deaf Churches of BBDCT



We praise the Lord that BBDCT is fulfilling the above mentioned bible verse, we have planted two (2) daughter Deaf Churches in two different states, Ruvuma and Singida. A



Deaf Church in Ruvuma has fulfilled its one year in ministry since it was planted. Another Deaf Church in Singida started 8 months ago. They're growing beyond our capacity as we face financial challenges in developing this expanded ministries. Please pray for us and consider supporting us. You can see pictures of deaf leaders from Ruvuma and Singida; they came to preach in their mother church in Dodoma during our special meeting for spiritual leader to enhance biblical knowledge and leadership.

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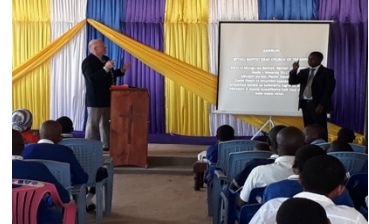
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### Great Time with David Peach



Brother David Peach, Director of Deaf Ministries for Baptist International Outreach, Inc. visited us in Tanzania in August 2017 and stayed for one week. We were blessed with his presence and preaching and teaching of God's



Word. Several deaf came forward to the invitation to receive Jesus Christ as Savior while other rededicated their lives for Christ. If you would like to know the report about Brother Peach's visit to our mission field, please contact him at [deafministries@biomissions.org](mailto:deafministries@biomissions.org). We welcome you to visit us as well because Deaf people of Tanzania would love to see you here.

### Church Building Project



The building project has been progressing very well and we're able to use the building for church service. Brother Peach preached among us while we used the building for the first time. However, we still need funds to



finish the rest of the construction project. The building project needs money for gymnasium board for ceiling, flooring tiles, doors, and aluminum glass for windows in order to prevent dust. Please pray for us specifically for this project to be fully completed. It's our mission to honor Jesus Christ through our evangelical program and equally to equip deaf people becoming lifelong faithful Christian servant and leader in Africa and the rest

of the world.

### The New Laurent Family



I and my wife, Deborah are pleased to announce that we had a new baby girl born to us on December 11, 2017. Her name is Priscilla Laurent. Please pray that God will adequately supply the needs for my new family and the needs for this growing and expanding ministries. You can see both pictures of our baby, Priscilla.



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### Save babies

Our ministry provides biblical counseling to the deaf ladies who have been messed up with their life after being deceived by men who say they will marry the girls. But the men left them after getting the girls pregnant, leaving them confused and hopeless even deciding to abort an innocent unborn baby. We rebuild their hope through biblical counseling, urging them not to kill the unborn baby and the fact that abortion is sin. We strengthen their lives from depression and try to help them physically whenever we can in order to save babies from being aborted. Sometimes we take legal action against these wicked men for ruining deaf girls. We are happy to see some of the beautiful babies who have been delivered safely. Will you join us in this battle by supporting our ministry programs?

### Paulina Patrick



Paulina Patrick is a deaf girl, 22 years old, who was knocked down by an automobile when she was 7 years old. The accident cut off her left leg. She was given a prosthetic leg which is now damaged. Therefore, she is currently using wooden crutches to help her walk but it causes harm. So she is appealing to anyone who can help her with some money to purchase a new prosthetic leg to help make her movement easier. To purchase a new prosthetic leg in Tanzania, it

costs approximately \$400. She is a faithful believer in our Deaf Church. Her father passed away in 2015. She lives with her widowed mother, who is trying to help take care of her 3 other children. Please pray for her.

### Salvation and Baptism



Our Holy Bible in Proverbs 11:30 says, “He that winneth souls is wise”. This verse is so beautiful for soul-winning ministry. So therefore, I am excited to inform you that fourteen souls have accepted Jesus Christ as their Personal Savior since July 2017 through January 2018. New believers included the deaf and hearing. Six of them were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. Amen! Please pray for their spiritual growth.



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## Youth Ministry



We have been investing our time to impact the lives of children and young people for Christ. Deaf pupils at Dodoma School for the Deaf have been enjoying their spiritual nourishment from our program in the



school and in church where they attend worship service every Sunday. Even if you call a little boy to open prayer in front of the congregation, he can do it well boldly. Some of them have imitated my character of praying. Truly, this is a really blessing of the church. Some of their parents have come to the school administrator, wondering how their children learned about prayer. When the children go home, they refused to eat without having prayer first.

## Prayer request and Needs

- Pray for salvation.
- Pray for the church construction project as we still need funds.
- Pray for our daughter churches in Ruvuma and Singida and that God meets their needs.
- Pray for Youth and Children ministries.
- Pray for Paulina Patrick.
- Pray for financial need for operating cost for our fast-growing Deaf Church.

Thank you very much for your faithful support.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Frank Laurent

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