



Reaching The Deaf in Africa

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Subject: **“Press toward the Mark of the High Calling of God”**

Dear Praying Friends,

Philippians 3:14, “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”



Glory and honor to the Savior, Jesus Christ. We trust that God’s mighty hands are guiding you in His path. The mark of the prize is in front of us. Such a prize is not free to obtain, it’s something like a work-force to win the prize. That is what the verse points us to press toward the mark of the prize. While we’re pressing the mark of the high calling, we can also accomplish several marks in ministry activities. In this letter, I would like to share some of the essential marks in which our ministry is pressing in its project initiative.



The Church

The year 2014 seems to be a spiritual revolution in our deaf church as the church is growing in number with a lot of challenges yet we kept pressing toward the mark of the high calling of God! Last December, we celebrated our Annual Christmast Banquet where 80 people attended with Deaf and Hearing. We believe that God uses Deaf to reach Hearing people.

Also, God uses Hearing people as well to support their mission program so that Christ may be glorified. No matter being Hearing or Deaf, all we need is to work together as a team for one Master, Jesus Christ.



Salvation

The souls are joining the Kingdom of God as we continue to reach the unsaved people with the Gospel of Salvation. We led two International Deaf people to Christ. They came to visit Tanzania from Congo and Kenya. We also led one Hearing young man to Christ. It’s always joyous to see people joining Christ’s sheep-fold. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! We’re teaching some of the converters in the church to be baptized.



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Praying toward the mark of High Calling of God with the Land

Although, we don't have money but we believe that all things are possible with God. Through faith, we were determined to occupy 26 acre of land in Dodoma, the capital state of Tanzania. The land has been surveyed and granted to us by the Capital Development Authority, a designed government agency that handles for Master Plan and issues the offer of land. The original title is being processed in the name of Bethel Baptist Deaf Church. We have made some payment for paper work and survey fees. We have also paid \$6,000 for the purchase toward the land. We further agreed with the seller that the church would pay little by little over time whenever funds are available we pay off the full price of



\$60,000. The seller has lowered the cost. Meanwhile, the premises are now ready for the mission project to take off. We're praying and looking for source of funding. We occupied this land by trusting that God will provide us finance for this project initiative. The land value goes up daily in Tanzania. We have a vision in which we would like to establish a main mission center where we can have a massive mission program such as Christian school, Bible College to train leaders to serve Deaf in Africa, mission hospital, and other mission related projects. All of these, we shall commence with a small phase leading up to bigger phase. Our church will organize a fundraising campaign in Tanzania. We heartedly invite Christians like you to invest in our mission program for Christ's sake. Would you please lift us in your prayer and consider supporting this mark of high calling of God.



The land is located in an attractive area which is close to the Chamber of Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania (look at the picture from left), University of Dodoma (look at the picture from the right), and paved main highway from Dar es Salaam to the second largest city in Tanzania where Lake Victoria is located. It takes 5 miles to Dodoma city center.



Sustainability:

As our ministry is pressing toward the mark of the land that shall be a home of its ministries, sustainability project is recommended in raining a massive mission program because it enables mission field to support itself financially instead of being endless dependent on donor support. Twenty-six acre land that we have occupied in Dodoma is large enough. We could use even 1-2 acre to set up a tangible investments which will lead to sustainability project for income for generations to come in order to support

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mission program and ministries. Possible investments could involve a Conference Hall, Hotel, Restaurant, and etc. If you're a Christian business man, this project might be of an interest for you or your company to invest in this sustainability through our ministry. Then we invite you to be a partner with us for God's glory to bring the lost sinners to Christ.

Prayer request:

- Pray for those 3 converts that they will grow spiritually.
- Pray for salvation.
- Pray that God will give us finance to pay the remaining balance for the land purchase.
- Pray for our ministry's development initiative and that we will get a source towards funding the mission project in the 26 acre land.

Thank you very much for your faithful support.

Sincerely in Christ,

Frank Laurent

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