



## Reaching The Deaf in Africa

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Subject: **Seek The Kingdom of God**

Dear Supporters & Prayer Partners,

**Matthew 6:33** *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are optimistic that everything is going on well with you because God’s abundance grace is always with those who walk in His path and seek His kingdom. We as the saints are told to seek and promote God’s kingdom in every aspect of life. I pray that this newsletter will make you cheerful as we preach God’s coming kingdom in Tanzania.



## Church Project



Bethel Baptist Deaf Church of Tanzania continues to proclaim the Kingdom of God by preaching salvation and edifying the body of the believers. In preaching the kingdom of God in our earth ministry requires resources which include building materials and financing to develop ministries.



Hence our church is developing its ministries; we are currently in a construction project to build a simple church building, consisting of office, classroom, meeting room, baptistery pool, and toilet. The construction process is different from what you see in the United States; we use cements, bricks for building wall, iron sheets for roofing, and other materials. We hired three men to make bricks; they already made 1,000 bricks from mixture of cement and sand. Our goal is to make 4,500 bricks in order to complete the above mentioned buildings.



We need 160 bags of cements to produce 3,500 bricks, and 130 additional bags of cement to complete the construction project. One bag of cement is currently sold for \$12.00 each, so we need \$3,480 to buy 290 bags of cements. We also need 30 lorries load of sand, one lorry cost \$40.00.  $30 \times 40 = \$1,200$ . We would also need to raise an extra fund of \$3,000 to purchase the following materials: steel bars to solidify the building foundation, timber and iron sheets for roofing. We have installed plumbing system for water and drilled a well for baptistery.



Would you prayerfully consider contributing some money toward our current construction project? Your prayer for our ministry is greatly appreciated in building the kingdom of God.

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

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### Outreach and Activities



Our deaf church continues to minister to the deaf youth and children in Dodoma school for the deaf; they have now been spiritualized as they expand their knowledge of God's word, we teach them the bible lesson in the class every Tuesday. If your church organizes a mission trip for youth, please don't forget us and we cordially invite you to come to our field in Tanzania the land of Mount Kilimanjaro the highest peak in Africa and the Serengeti game reserve. Our youth would be greatly impacted for Christ if you come here to share about God's love with them.

There is a lack of sport equipment in deaf school such as ball and toys for kindergarten children, so they often try to make indigenous toys like for example, driving a car under a shadowed tree as you can see them in the pictures while playing. They would be grateful if you can donate some money toward sporting equipment. They need soccer balls, basketball balls, and volleyball balls. Through sport activities would win souls to Christ.



### Enlightening the Society



There is a strong negative belief on the persons with deafness disability in Africa, they being called dumb in the society instead deaf. Due to this stigmatization on the basis of deafness; our ministry has been promoting the awareness for deaf rights through preaching to some hearing churches where I have been invited to speak through interpreter, and educating parents not to stigmatize their deaf children. I quoted **Leviticus 19:18**; **11:4**, and **Isaiah 29:18** which states that God is caring and loving the deaf and that all Deaf people should be treated equally.

Through physical service; we have been advocating for the deaf rights in our ministry who have been serious abused by their own families and relatives. Neema is an orphan deaf young girl aged 19 years old; she was impregnated when she was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade which prevented her from pursuing her education any further.



The guy who caused her pregnancy escaped as the law in Tanzania protect school girls from early pregnancy except for college and university students. As College and University Students are free to live their own life. Whosoever are convicted for impregnating school girl are subject to 30 years' prison term. She stayed with her grandfather until she delivered a baby girl recently. We're collaborating with local police to hunt for the guy. If the police arrest him, he will have two choices, whether to accept responsibility for his baby or go to jail if he refuses to accept responsibility for his daughter. Neema was abused by her grandfather and her grandfather recently banished her out with her 1-year-old baby; she is now staying alone at my rental house as her temporary shelter while we are searching for the father of her daughter.

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## Salvation



Blessed are the feet that go to win the souls to Christ, we praise the name of our sovereign God through the regeneration work of the Holy Ghost that souls are being saved. Our ministry is becoming a main communication center for the deaf, we received several calls from people; at Huruma Care Development Center which is an



orphanage center located in Arusha state, northern part of Tanzania. This center has some deaf children who are orphans. They heard about our Deaf Church and telephoned me through an interpreter asking me to bring the Word of Hope to three (3) young deaf girls who accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior as you see them in the picture. It's sad to say that some churches are officiating the weddings without being certain if the engaged couples are born again or not. I met with a deaf couple who are planning to get married in other church, I asked them a simple question, are you born again? They replied no, I took my Bible to tell them about the salvation gospel and eventually they accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. I also met with a deaf lady who planned to be baptized in one of the Non-Denominational Church without accepting Christ as her personal Savior. I told her that she must believe in Jesus Christ as her personal Savior before being baptized because baptism is not part of salvation; as it's only part of second step in the obedience of the Scripture. She accepted Christ as you see her in the picture while bowing down her head to receive Jesus. Two (2) more souls were saved in our Deaf Church. Praise the Lord that total of eight (8) deaf souls were saved during the month of June – September. We thank you so much for praying and supporting us financially to proclaim the coming kingdom of God to the deaf in Africa. Please pray for their spiritual growth.



### Prayer request:

- Pray for great Revival to lead more Deaf people to be accept Christ in Tanzania.
- Pray for financial needs for our current church construction project.
- Praise the Lord that we obtained ample funds toward a new Church van, please continue to pray that we will purchase right Church van.
- 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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