



Reaching The Deaf in Africa

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Subject: **APPRECIATION FOR YOUR 2018 SUPPORT**

Dear Supporter and Prayer Partner,



As we are approaching the end of 2018 and we prepare to welcome the new year of 2019, I would like to take this chance to express our sincere gratefulness on the behalf of Bethel Baptist Deaf Church of Tanzania and its sister Deaf Churches for your dedicated financial support and prayers toward our mission endeavor reaching the deaf souls, planting deaf churches and developing ministries in the United Republic of Tanzania and elsewhere in Africa.

The year of 2018 was a great year with great breakthrough into Bethel Baptist Deaf Church of Tanzania where numerous Deaf and Hearing souls were saved and baptized, the ministries have grown and advanced to great boundaries, and the main church building has been built. We are presently completing the rest of the projects. Our sister church in Ruvuma has been growing so fast that they are asking us for assistance to build a church since their worship space is full already. Our new sister church in Ruvuma has their own land. Furthermore, our Choir ministry did a great performance through our HANDS OF PRAISE DEAF CHOIR during the International Deaf Week held in Dodoma on a national level. One of the special guests was the Tanzanian Minister of Education. You can see the choir performing in the picture above on the right. Our choir touched the hearts of many people and amazed them about the existence of our Deaf Church in Tanzania.



Many parents of deaf children have approached us for assistance regarding the education need for their deaf children since there is a shortage of deaf schools in Tanzania. Here is an example where about 200 deaf children have applied for enrollment in certain deaf school but only 20 children are enrolled. Where will the rest of 180 children obtain their education? Our ministry wants to help them but unfortunately, we don't have classes for school at this time. However, we have a land that is enough to build a school due to lack of resource of funding for school buildings on our premise. The government of Tanzania always provides funds for meals and pay salaries for teachers as they do to some school for the Deaf owned by Catholic and Lutheran church. They will provide us with the same kind of funding if we build a school for Deaf children.

As we are closing the year of 2018; please allow me to say a word from the bottom of my heart "THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 2018. We have been blessed with your prayers and giving to the furtherance of the gospel work in Tanzania that has producing the fruits with many potential opportunities for the coming year of 2019.

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What the Lord require from us in the year of 2019

Micah 6:8 *“He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”*



A strong requirement from the Lord as a great resolution for the year of 2019 is to walk humbly with God. This will instill our hearts to love mercy and build more ministries. God showed you what is good and you shared the good with us through your support and prayer.

Finally, thank you again for your support in the year of 2018. We pray that your support will continue to help with more crusade of winning the souls to Christ in the coming year.

Please do remember us in your year-end prayers and gift giving to win the souls.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2019

From the Laurent Family and Deaf brethren of Tanzania

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