



# Sign of Praise Mission

## Reaching the Deaf in Africa

### The Newsletter of Bethel Deaf Ministries

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Subject: THE FATHER IS THE HUSBANDMAN

Dear Praying Friends and Partners,

John 15:1-2 *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."*



Praise the Lord Jesus Christ! I have great news to share with you in this mission update from Tanzania. We have been praying for you as you labor with us through long-distance mission support. What a beautiful verse that tells us to be farmers in the gospel ministry. The verse teaches us that our heavenly Father is the farmer or vinedresser. This refers to God's



nurturing and careful role in tending to His people (the "vine") and expecting them to produce fruit or good works.

### Bringing More Fruit in God's Farm



We continue the great work of the gospel tirelessly, while the ministry grows with more needs for support. Many people have rededicated their lives to Christ in our Deaf Churches in Tanzania. Bethel Baptist Deaf Church of Tanzania has been faithful in overseeing its ministries so they serve in a way that pleases God and produces much fruit, so that the husbandman—the Father—may reap the good harvest. We are grateful that God is using you to be part of this fruit-bearing through your prayers and support.



### Strengthening Leaders Spiritually

When times of discouragement come among believers, it is the church's responsibility to ensure that its sheep are protected and nurtured by the Word of God. In April of this year, we held a general assembly for all the leaders of our ministries in the upcountry. The assembly lasted two days

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with the theme, "I can do all things through Christ" (Philippians 4:13). This seminary assembly encouraged many leaders to serve Christ faithfully in their respective churches.

The leaders need your prayers and encouragement as they face economic hardships that affect their well-being. Through Bethel Deaf Ministries, we remain mission-centered, supporting the needs of these leaders in their churches. When you donate, we use your love offerings to share with the leaders, but the need is still very great.



## Fundraising Through Farm Project

As part of overcoming financial challenges for the ministry, and especially supporting the needs of the Institute project, Bethel Deaf Ministries has begun a farm project with 80 acres to cultivate crops. These will be sold to raise funds for the Bible Institute construction project. The project has been delayed due to insufficient funds. We have been collecting donations toward the Bible Institute project, which is expected to commence before the end of 2025. Currently, we are rais-



ing more funds and purchasing building materials for this purpose. You can see pictures of us working the farm and preparing the land for cultivation to raise money for God's glory.

Would you please prayerfully consider taking time to help with fundraising for the Bible College project, so that God may receive the glory?



## Children's Ministry Needs Your Prayers

Please pray for my wife Deborah as she faithfully works in the children's ministry. She ministers to both children of deaf adults (CODA) and hearing children whose parents are members of our Deaf Church. Jesus loved children deeply and gave His life for them. Please pray that these children will come to know Jesus and understand His love.

This ministry also has material needs such as toys, balls, and illustrated Bible storybooks to help teach God's Word. Your prayers and support for this ministry would be greatly appreciated. You can designate your support as "Children's Ministry Need."

## 2025 A Year of Dedication

The year 2025 is a year of dedication to work in the ministry, especially in raising funds through the farm project. This project will continue until the Lord receives all the glory and honor through the gospel work. We now have five branch churches in Tanzania that need your prayers and support. They also need you to come and visit them on a mission trip.

Thank you so much for your dedicated service through both prayer and financial support for this exciting mission work for Christ.



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Your faithful missionaries,

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With the Bethel Deaf Ministries

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