

The Dundons

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New Opened Doors

As the end of the year approached, new opportunities for us to serve came up. We're surprised with what the Lord gave us.

ASL Class



One church in northeast Philly, who also supports us, contacted me and asked if I could teach American Sign Language at their Bible Institute. This is a new opportunity, and I'm excited to take it. For last few years, I have been teaching ASL weekly with one friend, who is an associate pastor from another church in New Jersey and he is able to hold basic conversations with other deaf people. I was happy to expand my teaching opportunity to a class setting.

During the semester, I had about a total of ten students, ranging from children to elderly adults. It was quite a diverse group of people, but I was able to get them at about the same page, more or less. Of course, since it was the first class, we started with the very basics: fingerspelling, numbers, generic vocabulary, and basic interactions. By the end of the semester,

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they were able to say those things. There was even one deaf guy who went to their church for an event and he commented on facebook about how people came up to him and signed with him, including the children. They want another class next semester so pray for them to learn more and for me to have wisdom teaching them.

Youth Rally

This year, we hosted our youth rally. We were not able to have it last year so we're thankful that could have it this year. We had a young deaf man named Jesse Stevens, who helps out with the deaf ministry at Solid Rock Baptist Church come and preach to our children for two days: children only on Saturday and then with our regular church family on Sunday. We had some really good children/adult games between services on Sunday. No decisions were made but pray for the children to become saved, many of them are still quite young. After the final service, we prayed over the children.

Local deaf events

We were blessed to be able to go to several deaf events hosted by other churches in southern New Jersey: a Deaf Harvest weekend at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Berlin, and a Fantastic Saturday by Calvary Baptist Church in Collingswood. My sending church's pastor, Terry Buchholz, preached at the deaf harvest. It was good to listen to him preach again, I've missed it. We were thankful to be able to borrow a van from one nearby church in Philly to bring our people to those events.

Speaking of events, we had our Labor Day fellowship after church service in early September. It's always something that our church looks forward to each year. We have unsaved people who don't come to church come to the fellowship instead, please pray for them to get saved. One night during our monthly men's fellowship, a deaf muslim man came. We had a bonfire and during my devotion I was teaching about the two kind of judgments: one for Christians, and the other for non-Christians; in the former, only our service for Christ will be judged by fire while in the latter, the unsaved's sins will be judged and his body casted in the lake of fire. This led to a long discussion with the muslim man after the devotion. Please pray for him to became saved.

Preaching & Sunday School

During this time, I preached about how faith gives us strength, overcoming fear, turning the world "right side-up" through the Gospel, and what we trade off when we serve or don't serve Christ. For Sunday School, we had a fun series about the deaf in the Bible, which lasted for almost two months.