



Sign of Praise Mission

Reaching the Deaf in Africa

The Newsletter of Bethel Deaf Ministries

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Subject: **STEPHEN THE MAN OF GOD**

Dear Praying Friends and Partners,



Acts 6:5 "And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch."

To God be all the glory, and in Him and for Him all power and Majesty belong. It is with great honour that I present this report. Since my last update, God has

been doing great things in the mission field in Tanzania. Let us give attention to the above-mentioned verbes and apply them in our daily service in



the Word of God. When needy believers are not cared for spiritually, they often feel ignored or neglected, and



when the needs in the ministry are not met or given the priority through prayer and greater involvement by the leaders, it may cause a grief and discouragement among the believers in the ministry we serve. Stephen the man of God

was called to serve in the church because there were not enough ministers to care for those who were in great sorrow and needs, as we read in Acts 6:1 – *"And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a mourning of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration"*.

The New Stephen is Born

It has been nine years since we had our first child, Priscilla. My wife Deborah was not able to become pregnant during this time due to health challenges and several miscarriages. We trusted the Lord, knowing that His timing is perfect to



give us another baby. Faithfulness produces real fruit in the Christian life. My wife Deborah and I are pleased to announce that we have a new baby named Stephen born on April 11, 2026, weighing 3.5 kg (or 7 lbs). May his name reflect a future call to the ministry like the Great Stephen of the Bible, and please pray for him, that he may grow under God's guidance, come to salvation, and follow the work his parents are doing for the Kingdom of Heaven – *Acts 6:4 "but we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry*

of the Word."

"And how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:14

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Salvation and Dedication



Through Bethel Baptist Deaf Church of Tanzania, we are mission-minded to reach the lost world establishing Baptist Churches and making disciples of Christ. We are also establishing Baptist Churches for both hearing and Deaf People as we desire to see inclusive ministries that glorify Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord that eight were saved and baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and were added to the Kingdom of God – as Acts says *“when the number of the disciples was multiplied.”*

Every year we see many converts dedicating their lives to ministry work, while other are being trained in the church for ministry work. Last year I travelled to Rwanda, a country in Each African, on pastoral trip. The need to establish

Baptist Deaf Churches is great because the population of Deaf people across the continent is rapidly increasing. It is sad to say that many Deaf people in Africa living in darkness without salvation. Together, we can bring Christ into many lives, leading them from darkness into light by preaching the gospel. This work is difficult to bear unless we are willing to sacrifice our time, our hearts, our love, our prayers and our support for the gospel work in world mission and in our local areas – Acts says, *“it is not reason that we should leave the Word of God, and serve tables.”*



The Harvest for the Project



In my previous newsletter I wrote that we had a farm project aimed at raising funds for the Bible College project. The Lord is faithful, and we have harvested the maize croups, as you can see in the pictures. The croups will be sold so that we can collect funds for the Bible college construction project. The farm project

will continue as we are able to cultivate more croups each year. God’s always blessing the labouring hands of his people.



Meanwhile, the builders have begun work on our Bible school project, which will be called Wisdom Christian College, located about 30 kilometers from the main church in the city. We humbly ask you to pray for the project,

as we have encountered a shortage of water. We have connected a water line from a nearby institution belonging to the Anglican Church of Tanzania in its Archdiocese of Tanganyika. The project site will need its own water source to be drilled when our faithful heavenly Father provides the funds for this need. Please keep us in your prayers, especially as the need for funding for the construction project is great.



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Children For the Kingdom of God



My wife Deborah ministers to both children of deaf adults (CODA) and hearing children whose parents are members, it is wonderful to God working in the hearts of little children, for of such is the Kingdom of God. One of the children, asked “Pastor, why have we not



seen any white friends in our Bible class?” he meant that they would like to see people from overseas come to visit them in Tanzania and tell them about the love of Christ.



Welcome to the Mission Field

It has been three years since we have had any mission trip visitors. We feel like a ministry that needs international visitors and preachers to come and bring God’s Word to encourage the brethren here in the mission field. We heartily extend an invitation to you to come and visit Tanzania on a mission trip. Our Lord Jesus Christ travelled everywhere preaching the Word of Life to the multitude. We would be happy to have you here on the field. Please don’t hesitate to write to us if you have any question about a mission trip.

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

Your faithful missionaries,

Frank, Deborah, Priscilla and Stephen
With the Bethel Deaf Ministries

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