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Dear friends of the deaf ministry:

Greetings from snowy, cold New York! It doesn't matter what goes on outside, we just keep working inside until spring. Right now I am working on plans for the Deaf Retreat at Odosagih Bible Conference June 1-3, 2018. The speaker this year will be Jim Sloan who is an international evangelist, traveling most of the time to teach and give the gospel to the deaf wherever they are. I first met Jim and his wife in Jamaica where they were missionaries to the deaf in Kingston. We hope to have a good crowd with good fellowship, good teaching, good food and fun. The camp consists of morning and evening services, skit night, missionary reports from several deaf missions, great food by the kitchen staff, great fellowship with other deaf from various places. 99% of the campers know how to sign so you always have someone to "talk" to!

Adele S. just left with Word of Life to go to the Czech Republic to work with the deaf there. Pray for her as she will be learning new sign language in that country. Maybe she can teach us some when she comes home. She is working with a team and I think maybe this is a new thing for Word of Life. Great news – the deaf need to hear the gospel too.

I was going to the annual board meeting in Jamaica but due to health problems I had to stay home. But the Lord provided for a wonderful way to get all my school supplies and other things to the schools in Jamaica.

We still send out Devotional Books for the Deaf each quarter. If you are deaf and would like to receive a book, please let me know. We send out 150 books to deaf in the US and in St. Vincent, Jamaica, Grenada and Trinidad.

It is such a blessing to see deaf people who were trained at CCCD in Knockpatrick, Jamaica, now teaching, preaching and helping the deaf. Some came to the U.S. for their degrees; some received their training right there in Jamaica and are now working full time in the schools as teachers and counselors to the deaf. We have two deaf men who are pastors to the deaf. The number of deaf is decreasing each year and there are not so many new students, but the adults still need vocational training. So that is happening there and we are happy to support many of them.

In 1993 we started a Deaf Camp with many coming from various islands in the Eastern Caribbean. Our first camp was in St. Vincent and camps continued each year. We have camp now whenever we can find staff and time to go. Many received Christ in those camps, and are now following the Lord. But there are still much more work to be done to teach the Bible and vocational skills, family life, etc.

Thanks for your faithful support and please remember to pray daily for the deaf in the Caribbean and locally. There is much to be done and we will continue until the Lord comes.

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