

Missions Update

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Silent Word Ministries
Specializing in Deaf Ministries



I must start this letter with three verses from Psalm 57:9-11 that I read recently in my devotions that I think sum up my feelings, and my desire for the days ahead.

"I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth".

As I sit here at my desk today, I want to begin by praising the Lord among you people who have so faithfully supported our ministry over the past twenty-three-plus years. Some of you have been with us from the beginning. Some of you have just joined our support team. I want to praise God with you all. I must tell you that every month when we get the report of what has been given to our Bracelin family ministry, we are deeply touched. Most months there are tears shed as we think of each of you, your churches, and the investment you continue to make in our lives and ministry. You have been a part of allowing us to continue serving God. He has blessed you, and you have in turn been a blessing to us! We all should praise Him!

I must give testimony to the mercies that God has shown toward us. We have seen blessings we would never deserve on us, all because of the mercy of God. We are reaching Deaf all over this country and around the world as God has chosen to bring them to our doorstep! We are humbled by the people God has drawn to us that we are able to minister to each week! We are conducting Bible studies with Deaf in our home church, in a Lancaster County church, all over the northeast, and even from our own home! We have prayed for these opportunities and God is mercifully answering those prayers! We are humbled and grateful!

The last part of these verses talks about us letting His glory be known all around the world! We are thankful that we serve with a ministry like Silent Word Ministries. We are serving

Deaf and Deaf ministries here in the states, but also all around the world. Terry and I personally have been to Ukraine (in better times), we have been to Canada, and we are presently ministering via technology to Malaysia! We are trying our best to exalt the name of the One we know can change a life from the inside to the out!

What an exciting experience it is to sit here at my desk and see some of what God is doing! I say, "some of what God is doing," because He is working in ways that I don't even know about right now. I cannot wait to see what He has in store for us next! I started with this, but I want to end by thanking you for having a part in our ministry! We are thrilled to see what God has done, but we are excited to see what He is doing today, as well as what we know He will do in the future. We are living in very exciting times, with many opportunities to serve the King of all kings! Thank you for your part in allowing us to be a part of what He is doing in our world today. We need Him and we need you. Thank you!

Terry's Thoughts:

We have two daughters who homeschool their children. Jim asked if they would like to do a ZOOM meeting once a week to have Chapel. They were very excited about that! Not sure if they were excited because of Poppy doing a Bible Study with them, or because they are able to see their cousins. Whichever it is, they enjoy this time. Monica (our second daughter) also shared that their church in New York, for Christmas, had asked their family to come and read the Christmas story from Luke 2. Jesse and Aiden took turns reading in English; Dayana read verses in Turkish, and Monica signed them all using Sign Language. Our desire for 2023 is for our newest grandchildren to understand the truth of God's Word. We have been reminded this past year that our most important ministry is our own family. In the coming year, we hope to see greater growth in our lives, and the lives of our children. We want to do our best to make our Savior known to the world around us, including our own family.

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WELCOME

February 26, 2023



South Apalachin Baptist Church

KNOW CHRIST | PROCLAIM CHRIST | SERVE CHRIST

Praise & Worship Service

February 26, 2023

Welcome to our Service - We are Glad you are Here!

Piano Prelude Nancy Crane

Welcome & Announcements Darren Dodge

Praise and Worship Praise Team

Songs: **King of Kings**

God is for Us

Battle Belongs

Children grades K - 4 are dismissed to the Fellowship Hall.

Scripture & Prayer: **Psalm 119:9-16** Ben Luce

Message: **Delight in the Law of the Lord** Pastor Paul

Song: **The Passion**

Closing Prayer Pastor Paul

KIDS KLUB

Verse This Week

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Missions Project - Mapleridge Ranch

Nurse's Station Supplies

March 1 - Clorox Wipes & Toilet Paper

March 8 - Ace Bandages (small & large)

March 15 - Ziplock Bags (snack and quart)

Schedule of Events

Today February 26, 2023

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

5:45 pm The Loft

6:00 pm Evening Service

This Week February 27 - March 4, 2023

Tue 6:00 pm Sneaker Night Gym

7:00 pm Strobe Small Group Strobe's

7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Fellowship Hall

Wed 6:15 pm Kids Klub

Thu 8:00 am Retired Men's Breakfast Blue Dolphin

10:00 am Open Gym Gym

6:00 pm Men's Bible Study 1st Room - Gym

7:00 pm Discussion Group Fellowship Hall

Sat 11:00 am Memorial Service for Norma Hunsinger

Next Sunday March 5, 2023

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service with Communion

5:45 pm The Loft

6:00 pm Missions Prayer Service

Looking Ahead Save the Date

Mon Apr 3 Kids Klub Staff Meeting (change of date)

Sun Apr 9 **Easter Sunday Events:**
8:30 am - Breakfast
10:00 am - Worship Service with Communion
6:00 pm - Evening Service
(No Sunday School or Fellowship Dinner)

Sat Apr 22 Ladies' Event - 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Seasons of Color

We are God's Coloring Blocks!

Keep watching, more to follow.

Announcements

DIRECTORS NEEDED:

VBS and Kids Klub are in need of Directors for the summer and fall. Please see Brita Terry or Chris Miles if interested.

DISCUSSION GROUP TOPICS:

Come and join us as we discuss . . .

The Path of America's Moral Decline and *The Great Reset*.

LIFE CHOICES CENTER BOTTLE DRIVE:

You can **Make a Change for Life!** Pick up a bottle in the foyer and fill with coins, cash, or check and return it by next Sunday to the church office.

WINTER WARMER EVENT:

If you'd like to host a Winter Warmer event between March 3rd and April 16th, please see Lillie Luce. If you'd like to attend an event, check for postings on the bulletin board when they become available and sign up for the event(s) you'd like to attend.

Summer Camp Sponsorship

- 2023 Camp Sponsorship Application Forms are available on the bulletin board.
- Submit application form by March 26th to the trustee's mailbox in the hall.
- Funds will be offered at up to \$250 of camp cost per child and will be paid directly to your camp of choice (with deacon approval).
- You will need to register your child for camp.

If you would like to donate toward the Camp Sponsorship, please place the amount beside "Other" and indicate "Camp Sponsorship" on the back of your offering envelope.

If you have any questions, please see Darren Dodge.

Our Sympathy

We wish to express our sympathy to the Swackhammer family as Becky's mother, Norma Hunsinger, went home to be with the Lord. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 4th at 11:00 am with a meal following in gym.