Hello family and friends, *June 2009*

I wanted to take time to briefly update you on how things are progressing with Signs for Hope and "coordinating adoption for deaf orphans in the world."

Thank you so much for your prayers! You have no idea how much you are supporting me in this endeavor when you lift me up in prayer to our Father. It is amazing to see God continue to lead in this huge undertaking to aid deaf and hard-of-hearing orphans. It is clearly much larger than I am able to comprehend.

I continue to do Internet research to find those who are working with or have adopted deaf/HOH orphans around the world. I could not be doing this without the technology that is available today. Please, take time to thank God for technology!

Let me share one story about "connecting."

Over the past several months I have connected with several people (hearing and Deaf)here in the states that have adopted or are waiting to adopt children (hearing and deaf) from Liberia. I am not sure why the country of Liberia continues to show up, but I am sure God does.

For this story, my first connection was with Angel Rutledge(hearing)in NC. She works for Christian Adoption Services (Liberia coordinator for adoptions) and has adopted from Liberia. She took a group to Liberia this past March and they visited in a deaf orphanage while they were there. No one in this group knew sign language, so the deaf orphans taught some of them some sign while they were there. BTW, Angel will be leading a group back to the deaf orphanage in March 2010; I want to go...you want to go with me?

Angel is a precious woman and she and another woman leave for Liberia this coming Tuesday, June 22-30, to do some adoption support and fact-finding in Liberia.

Several weeks ago, I connected with Deaf Missions (www.deafmissions.com) and through them I found a young Deaf couple (he works with Deaf Missions) who have adopted two deaf orphans from Liberia. Joseph and Nicole Josselyn and their family from California will be traveling back to Liberia for a month long trip to do deaf mission work June 25th through July 23rd.

Needless to say, I felt I should connect Joseph with Angel, so now they are planning to meet up while they are in Liberia. Only God knows what will be the result of their meeting.

Why do I tell you the above story? Is it so you can look at me and say "Wow, look at Becky", no it is so you can say "Wow, look at our God!"

I also want you to know so you can be praying for these two groups as they travel to Liberia and seek to accomplish all God has planned for them to accomplish. Pray specifically they will be able to meet together in Liberia and that this meeting will be beneficial for helping the deaf orphans in Liberia.

I want to share with you some other specific prayer requests for this ministry as we seek to move forward.

1) Pray for God's clear guidance in setting up the Signs for Hope non-profit organization; i.e., Board members, financial information that must be provided, funds to pay for the attorney fees and IRS fees, strength to persevere through this arduous process, and faith to trust God in all of this.

2) Pray for those around me who want to somehow "help" in this endeavor...that God will give us creativity to know how to best utilize whatever "help" they want to provide.

3) Pray for me to be able to organize all the information that continues to bombard my mind through the Internet connected to "coordinating the adoption of deaf orphans in the world."

4) Pray for me to keep my eyes fixed on my Lord and not on the circumstances surrounding me; trusting that He will be the one to do all of this.

I also wanted to update you on another adventure that God has lead me to be invovled it at least for a short time. I have attached an email that I sent out this morning to members of area churches desiring to join together to do "orphan ministry" in
our area. I want you to get a glimpse of what God is doing through His Church to care for the orphan. This is only a part of something much bigger that is sweeping our nation!

What an awesome time to be serving our Lord. He has great plans for His people. You better be ready to follow His lead when He says "GO!"; be assured...He will!

In His Service,

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