Hello to all of you! *Fall 2009*

I hope this update finds you all doing well and enjoying fall. Much has taken place with Signs for Hope since my last communiqué. I will do my best to bring you up-to-date through this email.

In June, I told you about the possibility of the Josselyn family meeting up with Angel Rutledge in Liberia. God worked out all the details and they were able to connect while there. Thank you Lord, for answered prayer!

The uncanny connections continue between the country of Liberia and me. A few weeks ago, I was connected with a couple (hearing) that had made a recent "fact-finding" trip to Liberia for the orphan care organization they minister for. While they were there they were introduced to a man who is caring for deaf orphans. It is mind-boggling to realize how often God allows these connections—especially with Liberia, but others as well—to take place and the way He orchestrates the timing of each of them.

Please pray that I will clearly understand how I am to respond to all of these connections to the deaf and hard of hearing orphans in Liberia and that I will not miss any opportunity to reach out to them to share the love of Jesus.

I told you last time about the possibility of Angel Rutledge leading another mission trip to the deaf orphanage there in Liberia in 2010 and the first meeting for planning and organizing that trip is next Thursday. It appears that this mission trip will take place during the summer. Please pray for God's leading in all of the preparations for this trip and ask Him to provide funding for those who desire to join this group to minister to the needs of Liberian orphans.

As I respond to God's call to "coordinate the adoption of deaf orphans in the world", it is evident that God is calling me to a deeper relationship with Him; one where I submit to His leading, not only to obey His specific call to deaf orphans, but also to obey Him in my everyday life and in every aspect of my life.

I will be honest with you, this is not always easy nor is it always fun. But I have found that God remains faithful when I do those hard things that His Word teaches me to do. God has given me an urgency to live a life that matters and impacts others for Him and procrastination and "comfort zone" are not in His vocabulary. Please pray that I will be careful to rely on my Lord for His strength to obey His every command and that I will be pleasing to my Heavenly Father in the way that I follow His leading.

Since I last shared with you my husband Charles and I have met with a very successful business man (now in full-time Christian ministry) who is willing to help create a 3-year business plan for Signs for Hope free of charge. I have also discussed and am praying about the possibility of partnering with a highly reputable Christian orphan care organization, at least in this beginning phase. And I have met with a Christian friend from college and her husband whose expertise is in the areas of finance and investment. And he has challenged me to broaden my thinking of "how to" coordinate the adoption of deaf orphans… through funding and "how to" physically obey God's mandate.

I thank God for all of these people and for their willingness to take their time to discuss the possibilities. God, alone, will repay you for the sharing of your time, your talents, your expertise and your heart.

Please pray for the development of the 3-year business plan for Signs for Hope. Please pray for clear understanding of; if, when, how to, partner with this godly orphan care organization. And finally, please pray for discernment in exactly what attributes this ministry is to acquire.

To give you an idea of ways that God is leading us to literally share signs for hope to deaf and hard-of-hearing orphans, I have listed some of them below:

- *hearing aids for deaf and hard-of-hearing orphans*
- *matching funds for adoption costs*
- *searching for and connecting deaf and hard-of-hearing orphans with families desiring to adopt them*
- *providing pre-and post-adoptive resource materials for families adopting deaf and hard-of-hearing orphans*
- *in country sponsorships for deaf and hard of hearing orphans*
- *hearing screening in orphanages*
- *manual language training for orphan care givers and deaf and hard-of-hearing orphans in orphanages*

I want to say "Thank you!" to those who continually share their time, their talents, and their emotional and prayer support for me during this foundational phase of organizing Signs for Hope. Words cannot express to you my gratefulness for these continued acts of love.

Briefly, let me share with you an upcoming orphan event. ***Share His Hope*** *will be held in Asheville, NC on March 19-20, 2010. The purpose of this event is to connect individuals and churches with organizations that love and serve the orphan and to train individuals and churches in how to do orphan care ministry. Exhibitors and presenters (Deaf and hearing) will be sharing their information and this event will be open to the Deaf community. Sessions will all be interpreted or lead in American Sign Language with voice interpreting for hearing attendees. More details about this event will be shared in the Winter Newsletter in January. I am so excited to be able to share with you about this event!*

There is much more to share but please know that I appreciate your time and I will save some news for January.

Please join me in praying for the launching of the Signs for Hope website before the end of this year and the plan to send an "official looking" newsletter in January.

I have highlighted my prayer requests since they are spread throughout this email. Thank you in advance for the prayers your will pray for Signs for Hope, for me, and for deaf orphans around the world who are in great need.

My prayer for you: You will sense God's indescribable love for you in ways you never have before and in doing so He will cause you to reach out to the orphan whom He also loves with exactly the same love He has for you.

Humbly in His service and only by His grace,

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