Signs for Hope

March 3, 2012

The month of February was full to over-flowing for Signs for Hope, to say the least. The first part of the month presented many opportunities for seeking God's guidance on a deeper level and for requiring greater dependence on Him for much of this ministry. There were multiple days of disappointment, redirection, reflection, and redefining. Your prayers kept my head up so I could see His face through them all. The middle part of the month of February provided me with much needed confirmations and re-affirmations granting, not only a perseverance to accomplish what God began in me, but the ability to do so with renewed strength and resolve. I will always look back in awe of the incredible God-connections—in abundance—God provided during February 2012. These connections gave me a renewed sense of God's obvious ongoing involvement and leading in His call "to coordinate the adoption of Deaf orphans in the world". Once again, your prayers are what made it possible for me to persevere through the events of this month and to discern which way God was leading through it all. I do not believe you and I will ever understand, fully, the impact the prayers others have on our daily lives or the magnitude for which our prayers have for others. In the future, when His Spirit sweeps the name of someone across your mind, follow through with a prayer. In an effort to help us understand the depth our prayers have for another. The half brother of Jesus, James, reminds us, "When a believing person prays, great things happen."

At the request of a few close friends, my blog post for February 25—*More of His Crazy God-Connections*—records the many details surrounding each of His many confirmations during the month of February 2012.

Signs for Hope goes Public!

March 1st, 2012 marks the official launch of Signs for Hope *going public!* This is *p*robably the single most important decision we have ever made; the decision to share the full-time support of this ministry with you, our friends. This simply means we are actively seeking not only your continued prayer support for me and this ministry, but we are also seeking financial support from those of you who feel led to join with us—in an ongoing effort—to reach out to the Deaf/HOH orphans around the world.

The Signs for Hope vision is giving hope to these precious children through adoption and/or sponsorship (heart adoption) with the ultimate goal of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with them in their heart language—sign language. The Fall 2011 Newsletter outlines, in detail, the ways Signs for Hope seeks to give hope to Deaf/HOH orphans and the families God leads to adopt and/or sponsor them. I encourage you to develop a deeper sense of what I do, as the *hands* and feet of Jesus, through Signs for Hope, by rereading the Fall 2011 issue of our newsletter (click on the link above).

Recently, it became overwhelmingly clear, to Charles and to me, that we can no longer fund Signs for Hope 'out of our own pockets'. Instead, God has revealed that we are to share this great opportunity, to fulfill the Great Commission, with each of you in a more tangible way. The goal is to reach 100% full-support by May 24th—the departure date for the Liberia 2012 trip.

We received our *how to* training for embarking on this new adventure at the Support Raising Solutions "boot camp" in Birmingham, AL February 15 and 16. What an enlightening experience this was, especially as we delved deeply into those scriptural truths directly related to how His Church—brothers and sisters in Christ—become co-laborers with those called into His full-time Kingdom's work, not only through prayer but through financially supporting them, as well.

So what does this mean exactly? It means we, Charles and Becky Lloyd, are officially launching Signs for Hope as the full-blown ministry God has enlarged it to become. The initial budget for Signs for Hope is based on what my expenses have been over the past 3 years, as I followed God's lead to discover what His call truly meant and then adding those opportunities God has already opened the door for me to be involved in during 2012. Included in this budget is also a reasonable salary for me. Please feel free to request any additional information about the Signs for Hope budget.

A defining moment came when I finally realized that I had only two choices; either I would have to find a full-time job in a vocation other than God called me to, or I could become a full-time missionary and seek full-support to accomplish what God has called me to do. Honestly, I balked at the idea of having to seek full-time support from you, but once again, God has humbled my false pride and shown me that seeking full support for Signs for Hope was part of His masterful design from the beginning. I can now say that I look forward, with great anticipation, to what God has in store for this ministry as He brings those co-laborers, alongside me, to accomplish His call "to coordinate the adoption of Deaf orphans in the world".

Charles and I are praying that you will ask God to show you what your part is in God's call to "coordinate the adoption of Deaf orphans in the world" through the ministry of Signs for Hope. We are seeking to meet with you face-to-face to present the need more clearly and personally, if you will allow us to do so. If God leads you to continue to pray for us, THANK YOU! If He leads you to continue to pray for us and to begin supporting the work financially, THANK YOU! Email or call me (828-691-2581) to let me know of His leading, please.

Allow me to share several of the scripture references that have impacted Charles and me as we have worked through this faith-building task. Deuteronomy 15:10:11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 2 Corinthians 9:8-11.

In closing, there are two timely requests you can join with us in praying for; 1) the completion of the 501c3 paperwork for Signs for Hope to become a fully recognized tax-exempt organization. 2) God to identify the initial board members He has ordained for the Signs for Hope board. He is working to accomplish both, but the second must be known before the paperwork can be submitted for approval. Again, your prayers are vital to this ministry. I believe it is only by your prayers I am granted the ability to do all that He desires.

Only by His mercy and by His grace,

Becky

And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19