Signs for Hope

This is the new Signs for Hope logo. I hope you like it. Allow me to explain the meaning behind it. The word "signs" stands, of course, for sign language and for all other actions that Signs for Hope will employ to give "HOPE" to Deaf orphans around the world. The "I love you" hands, which are recognized worldwide, represent the love that Jesus has given us for these precious children—the least of the least—and the love He has for each of them.

Rwanda & Liberia 2012

My 27-day Africa adventure was not disappointing. My 8-day Rwanda trip showcasing ZOE Ministry's Orphan Empowerment Program went beyond my expectations and if your church is looking for a wise investment for their mission's funds, I can highly recommend ZOE. You can be assured that your investment will keep multiplying as the orphans become self-sufficient and begin to share what they have with other orphans who have nothing. My 16-days in Liberia granted me some much coveted time with the Deaf children and their Deaf teachers. I began planning my next trip to Liberia while I was there. I desire for as many of the Signs for Hope board members to join me on my next trip as is possible and I would like to take Deaf pastors and Deaf educators with me, as well. I so desire for the Deaf children and adults of Liberia to be exposed to the gospel from their own. And the Deaf teachers in Liberia so want to receive teacher training geared specifically for their Deaf students.

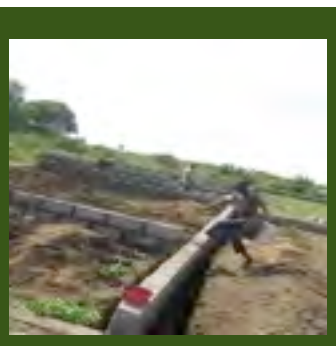
Please join me in praying for God to lead in the planning for the Liberia Trip 2013. I would like for us to raise at least $6,000 to help defray the travel expenses for the Deaf pastors to join me on this next trip to Liberia.

The Deaf children at the Deaf Mission in Liberia and two of their Deaf teachers. (June 2012)

"I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you."
John 14:18

The construction of the vocational trade school in Liberia continues!

Foundation in 2007



Construction begins April 2011

January 2012

Roof-ready June 2012

We are continuing to raise the funds necessary to complete the construction of the trade school at the Deaf Mission in Liberia. Completion includes a concrete-block fence surrounding the perimeter of the 5-acre compound. Donations can be mailed to: Signs for Hope, PO Box 460, Fairview, NC or they can be made via PayPal on the Signs for Hope website specifically labeled *Vocational Trade Schoo*l Donations. On your check, please mark: *Vocational Trade School*, as well.

From my heart to yours...

As always, I truly felt your prayers the entire time I was in Africa. I know that without your partnership with me in this ministry to Deaf orphans, I will never be able to accomplish what He desires. He alone will be able to thank you for those prayers you prayed. The experiences you and I have had over the past 3 months have all been filtered by the loving hands of our heavenly Father. Some of those experiences have been bittersweet and some…down right frustrating, often painful. Some have been outright joyous occasions when we were so filled with happiness we thought we might burst. What I do not want to miss and what I do not want you to miss is this… everything, and I do mean everything, He brings us to and through is preparing us for the future. His greatest desire for us is conforming us to the image of His Son! Not because it is painful, mind you, but because it is for our good and for His Kingdom's good. This is a perspective I find myself being challenged in time and time again. Will I accept 'everything' as His best for me or will I not? It really boils down to a question of FAITH! Will I accept everything He allows to come my way as coming from His face and not His hand or will I not? His hand represents those tangible things that He either gives or withholds from me, but His face represents His love for me which is beyond anything my mind can comprehend. You see, if it is His face I seek and not His hand then my perspective is an eternal one, but if it is His hand that I seek then it is one of temporary/earthly perspective. Seeking His face it is His eyes of love, approval, and encouragement to persevere that I receive. That supernatural transformation from our hearts that 'are desperately wicked' to His all-consuming perfected righteousness cannot be an easy one. It is circumcision of the heart! Will you and I ever be able to do as James instructs? "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

Striving daily to seek His face and not His hand,

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