Signs for Hope

PrayerLetter *November 2015*

Give God the Glory!

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

His love endures forever.

This is the time of year when we are encouraged to be thankful. Honestly, I am thankful every single day and I suspect most of you are, too. This SFH PrayerLetter will focus on more of those amazing things God has done and is doing in 2015 because of your prayer and financial support, so let's...
GIVE GOD THE GLORY!!

- Melissa Lloyd (my sister-in-law) creates our beautiful monthly Signs for Hope PrayerLetters.
- We now have over 190 members in our Deaf adopting family support group on Facebook. This represents approximately 170 families, somewhere in the Deaf adoption process, across the US and around the world.
- Nine families support us financially ($25 and up) on a regular basis, most every month. Four churches now support us financially on a monthly basis ($100 - $200 monthly).
- Liza Bush continues to volunteer her time and talents to categorize and organize the plethora of articles and links we share in our FB Deaf Adoption support group.
- Two Deaf women are donating their time and life-experiences to mentor two of our Deaf adopting families. SFH pays their travel expenses when meeting face-to-face.

Photo above: Charles Hardin

- 12 volunteers, with various backgrounds and trainings, hearing and Deaf, working with me developing the new SFH ASL Curriculum.

- $2,250 SFH Matching Grants for families adopting Deaf children, this last quarter of 2015.

- 100+ parenting books from the National Center for Biblical Parenting donated to those adopting Deaf children and Deaf pastors and their families.

- $2,842.50 donated by others to support 4 SFH Deaf adopting families.

- New laptop and software for adding ASL translations to webinars, videos and DVD's produced by the National Center for Biblical Parenting.

- Becky's Fall Christmas Bazaar, two weekends ago, netted $877 in sales and many reconnections with dear friends.

- Signs for Hope supports the New Beginnings School for the Deaf in Vietnam (Orphan Voice) $200 monthly. This will increase to $300 monthly in 2016. We support Lifeline Children's Services' (un)adopted program $50, monthly. They support Destiny Newon in Liberia who works with some of our Deaf students during the REAP Camps. We also support Water of Life, $50, monthly. Water of Life has dug 3 wells for us in Liberia, FREE. We recently started supporting the National Center for Biblical Parenting $50, monthly, as well. So thankful to be partnered with these organizations touching Deaf lives, for Him, together.

- Signs for Hope purchased a new laptop and software to help add quality ASL interpretations to webinars, DVD's and videos produced by the National Center for Biblical Parenting, as mentioned above. Jonathan Walterhouse volunteers his time and talents to do these adaptations for us so the Deaf have access to these practical heart-changing trainings.

- Three volunteers currently evaluating the SKI-HI Early Intervention and Deaf Mentor programs for us.

- God's continued protection over this ministry in such clear ways. This is incredible!

- Funds to send an ASL interpreter (Becky) on two upcoming deaf adoption trips, Dec 6 – 17 in the Dominican Republic and January 18 – 29 to bring Christopher home from Bulgaria.

- Charles' unending support of me and what God is doing through Signs for Hope, including his willingness to allow me to travel to the DR and Bulgaria, so close together. ONLY GOD!

- Ongoing opportunities via technology to encourage my Deaf and hearing brothers and sisters in Liberia, even though I have not been there since March 2014. Currently working with Destiny Newon and Stephen Lendeh in Liberia to set up a place for Liberian orphan care workers to "attend" the Empowered to Connect Simulcast in April 2016. So thankful for technology!!

- God is providing the needed interpreting assignments for me in the community to keep my national interpreting RID certification current and to help us pay our bills. He is...Jehovah Jireh...our Provider!

- Charles' sister, Karen Rogers, is working to get everything SFH on QuickBooks by the end of the year. She is also helping with the planning of the, first ever, SFH ASL-Immersion Family Retreat June 2 -5. These both are awesome answers to many years of prayers!

- Challenges and opportunities that cause me to depend more fully on my God and for His glory to shine brightest!

- The continued God-connections and networking! These constantly leave me in awe!

- Each and every prayer you pray and every word of encouragement that you share!

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

SFH Opportunities for Prayer & Giving!

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Two Deaf adoption trips are on my calendar over the next two months. The first is December 6th – 17th in the Dominican Republic with the Pruyn family. Officially, things begin Monday the 7th when the Pruyn family meet their Deaf son for the first time. As usual, we have our plan for this trip and then God has His. I have already been connected to multiple Christian Deaf in the DR via Facebook messaging. Technology!! They cannot wait for me to arrive. Of course, my priority is the Pruyn adoption, but as you know from past adoption trips, in the midst of my priority God shows up in unmistakable connections and ways. Your prayers are greatly appreciated! Especially for this Deaf adoption and the transition this little one and family will be in for some time. They will remain in the Dominican Republic, together, for up to 6 months to complete the required adoption process.

The second Deaf adoption trip will be to Sofia, Bulgaria to bring precious Christopher home. This trip is tentatively planned between January 8th – 28th. We are still asking God to provide a medical person to join us, especially the second week in Bulgaria and on the long flights home. Please join us in this prayer! We are also joining in the effort to raise the funds necessary for this medical person to travel with us. The approximate costs for his/her trip will be $2,200 - $2,500. The Collicotts, Doug and Lynda, are also in full-blown adoption fund-raising mode to cover all their adoption travel costs, as well. Should God touch your heart to give toward the costs of bringing Christopher home, please do so on our Signs for Hope donation page or by mailing a check to Signs for Hope, PO Box 460, Fairview, NC 28730.

**"Seek justice, encourage the oppressed.
Defend the cause of the fatherless,
plead the case of the widow."
Isaiah 1:17**

From my heart to yours…

God has granted me some very sweet face-to-face time with several of you, over the past couple of months. Sometimes it is actually in the flesh and other times it is via phone, Skype or FaceTime. It is hard for me to imagine my life without you in it—really I cannot—and I am so thankful God does not call us to do this earthly-life alone. As I have told many of you, meeting and praying with you and for you is what fuels my desire and ability to persevere and instills great encouragement from within.

Please, if you and I have not had an opportunity to catch-up, recently, let me know when you have time and we will reserve that time. I tell folks, my calendar typically dictates my days so if you are on my calendar, first, I believe that is God's divine time for the two-of-us to reconnect and encourage each other. I look forward to seeing who God plans to bless me face-to-face with very soon!

May your and my season of Thanksgiving spill over beyond these few days/weeks as you and I wholeheartedly follow Him each day, because of His indescribable love for you and me and others.

I do love you, but He loves you so much more!

Becky

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