



Harvest Deaf Ministries

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Harvest Deaf Bible College | Harvest Deaf Camp & Summer Outreach | Harvest Baptist Church of the Deaf

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Dear Friends and Family,

The more we serve God and the older we grow, the more we realize the wonderful goodness of our God. He is so amazing. Kim and I will celebrate 43 years of marriage and 42 years of serving as missionaries with BIMl. We celebrated our 30th anniversary of Harvest Deaf Ministries this spring but let us share some of the things that led up to that time.

In February each year, Kim and I travel quite a bit with our Travel Choir and we did so again this year. Kim felt so blessed to be able to be with us as she was so sick last year with chemo. We all enjoyed serving the Lord and representing the ministry here so much. In March we had our annual Mission's Conference and were so blessed. We had a young Deaf couple that serve with Silent Word Ministries. The young lady attended our school most of her life and Harvest is like home for her. The second missionary we had was one of our graduates now on deputation to go to Cambodia to help begin Deaf ministries there. Both missionaries were a blessing and we tried to be a blessing to them.

Easter is always a blessing at Harvest as we welcome visitors, celebrate the resurrection of Christ, and partake of the Lord's Supper together. April brought a conference we hosted for Senior Citizens from all over the US. We hosted this in Pigeon Forge this year and used Freedom Baptist for our services. We had over fifty in attendance and just had a blessed time as we focused on "God, Our Rock".

CLAIM Team came mid-April and spent 10 days making our campus look better. They worked on the boy's dormitory, our Christian Education Center, and a new facility needed to house our drama costumes and props. This also has an area for make up to be done and changing rooms for the week of drama. We are so excited with this. We praise the Lord for CLAIM Team. Our people love having them here and they are such a blessing to us.

After CLAIM left we ran around like "chickens" to get ready for the 30th Anniversary Weekend for Harvest Deaf Bible College. This was May 3-5 and so many people returned to our campus. What a blessing this was! Reggie's mom is 94 and was able to attend along with his sister's and brother in laws. Kim's sister and brother in law attended and we were just blessed by all that God did. We ended the weekend with college commencement services. Two of our students graduated. Pray for the young man as he seeks God's leading to where He should serve and young lady as she wants to return to classes in order to earn her BA Degree. We are blessed by both their testimonies.

After the 30th anniversary we thought we would step back and take a breath however, on Tuesday evening following commencement, one of our youth leaders and faithful members suddenly died. Joey Bradley struggled most of his life with Crohn's Disease. Most of our people did not even know how sick he really was because he was always there. He sang in the Choir for the Friday night banquet and helped grill chicken for the meal. On the last page of his diary he had penned, "Just show up!" That is what Joey did. Our church grieved much at his loss.



The weekend after he passed, we had a wedding for two of our people on Saturday, Mother's Day on Sunday morning, and Joey's Funeral on Sunday afternoon. On Monday night Kim spoke at a baby shower for one of our former students. It was amazing to sit back and see so many walks of life in one weekend and realize how God works and guides in them all!

Last week we had our third annual Counseling Training Week and were blessed as we were once again taught how to counsel and help those in need. This was just an encouragement to our entire week as Dr. Steve Viars taught. We love Dr. Viars greatly! Last night, May 29, we had our year end awards and activity night for our youth clubs. What a blessing to see young people awarded for their faithfulness!

Now we prepare for our Annual Harvest Deaf Camp, July 15-18. We look forward to having Deaf from all over the US attend. This week Reggie has talked with people from Wisconsin, Chicago, and Indiana that are attending. Please pray for us as we prepare for this week. We want to make it special for the Deaf that attend but more that we ask that God send us people that need to hear the gospel.

God has done great and mighty things in recent days. We do not want to just be busy. We want to see souls come to know Him. He has drawn people to the knowledge of salvation and also given us new members. In February, we had three new families as well as a young man join our church. This was a total of 16 new people. We praise the Lord and ask that He allows us to help them to grow in their relationship with Him.

Please pray that God will provide all that is needed for Camp. We also ask that you pray for us as we continue to raise funds to build a gym. We appreciate so much all of you that sent towards this. We have received close to \$40,000 but we need about \$200,000. God know this and will provide. We desperately need a gym for the college, the youth, and to use for outreach to the community. Please pray about helping us with this need.

On a personal note, in March Kim had a CT scan and was told; "No Detection of Disease". Praise the lord this means NO CANCER! She was encouraged however to begin a new medication to kill cancer cells left in the tissue near where her tumor was. She has begun this and it is very hard on the stomach but she is doing well. Please pray for her.

We love serving the Lord! We feel so privileged to do so! We love serving Him through Harvest Deaf Ministries. Please pray that He will allows us the help to continue!

We love and appreciate you so much!

In Him,

Reggie and Kim Rempel
Harvest Deaf Ministries



PRAISES

- Praise the Lord for the 30th Anniversary Weekend of Harvest Deaf Bible College and our two graduating students as the Lord continues to lead them.
- 16 new members joined our Church in February.
- Kim had a CT scan and was told, "No detection of disease". Praise the Lord this means NO CANCER!
- Praise the Lord for providing some needed repairs on our campus.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our staff recruiting for the college this summer. Praying for more students to come to the college to train to reach the deaf.
- Pray for unsaved campers to come to camp, and that many will make decisions to serve the Lord at camp.
- Preparation for Harvest Deaf Camp
- Pray for Kim as she begins a new medication to kill cancer cells left in the tissue near where her tumor was. It is very hard on her stomach. Please pray for her.
- Installing fire alarms and AC/heat units in our buildings.