

Directory of Deaf Ministries

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Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind

Hawkins Chapel

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Chaplain Chris McGaha and a host of volunteers offer a non-denominational spiritual development and education program that reaches beyond communication barriers. Braille and large print Bibles and materials are available and the Chaplain is fluent in ASL. Students are encouraged to develop leadership skills in the Chapel program.

Sunday mornings, students have “Jump Start,” a Sunday school class conducted in ASL. Sunday nights, ASD students attend a worship service with time for music and teaching, with games and high tech videos and sound. There are also weekly activities for ASD, ASB, and HKS students. The Chaplain is also available for personal spiritual counseling.

American Ministries to the Deaf

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Goals are to maintain an independent, interdenominational organization that adheres to, practices, and promotes the principles and doctrines of fundamental Christianity, to instruct, teach and educate the deaf in the whole counsel of God and the gospel, trusting that sinners will be saved by grace through faith and believers will be edified; to support, maintain and encourage Christian evangelists, teachers and missionaries within and without the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the USA to minister to deaf people around the world; and to print and publish pamphlets, books, tracts, and other printed materials. Work with Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf, see below.

Apache Creek Deaf and Youth Ranch

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Apache Creek was founded by Pastor Dean Lang. It is located near Reserve, New Mexico a few miles from the Arizona state line. They offer work camps where individuals or families can come, work six hours, and spend the rest of the time riding horses, hiking, or just relaxing while enjoying preaching every night. They also offer deaf camp, deaf prophecy, junior (ages 6-12), Indian camp, and teen camps. Deaf young people who are still in school can spend the week at camp free. They provide Bible classes, gospel preaching, singing, and recreation.

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Baja Compassion Ministry

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Chula Vista, CA 91912
www.bajacompassion.blogspot.com

Baja Compassion Ministry empowers the Deaf of Mexico with the grace of Jesus Christ. They minister to the deaf of Ensenada, Mexico, working with neighboring ministries and communities. Run by Lonnie and Michelle Suarez.

Bill Rice Ranch

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The Bill Rice Ranch is a revival ministry centered on the preaching of God's Word. Begun in 1953 to reach the Deaf, the ministry has grown now to reach thousands of hearing and Deaf people each year from around the world. Retreats, Conferences, and local church revivals are a continuing part of this year-round ministry.

Bill Rice was an evangelist who traveled across the country and around the world preaching the Gospel. While he was in Bible College, his first born daughter, Betty, became ill with spinal meningitis at the age of two. As time passed, he and his wife realized that Betty had become deaf. Betty's dad traveled everywhere preaching the gospel, but he was heartbroken that his own daughter would not be able to hear the message. Cathy Rice was determined that her daughter would learn the Gospel message that her husband preached. Starting when Betty was young, Cathy began to teach her the creation story using pictures, gestures, and crude sign language. After Cathy was saved, word spread, and other parents of deaf children wanted Cathy to teach the gospel to their children.

In 1950, Bill Rice was preaching in Murfreesboro, TN and told the crowd of his burden to reach the Deaf in American through a ranch. A man in the crowd owned a piece of land outside the city limits of Murfreesboro and sold the property to Bill for \$20.00 per acre. The camp grew over the following years, and by the 60's and 70's it was the largest gathering of deaf people anywhere on the planet. Now, the ranch offers weeks for Deaf and hearing young people.

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Canadian Deaf Ministries International

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Canada

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www.deafhope.org

Canadian Deaf Ministries International (CDMI) exists to provide tools and inspiration for adults and children with hearing loss. Resources are provided to build a personal relationship with Jesus, and to strengthen family life and personal relationships. They provide many internet links on their website to helpful resources. This is run by John & Alberta Blake of Clive, Alberta, Canada. Mrs. Blake trained as a teacher of the Deaf, having taught in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, Canada, and also in the USA at the Christian Deaf Center in Arkansas. John is a semi-retired pastor and is currently a church coordinator of Deaf ministry. They are now working on the development of Deaf ministries across Canada. In March 2006, John became the regional deaf ministry director for Gospel Outreach and head of a new department for expansion of deaf ministry through Gospel Outreach.

Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf

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www.cccdjamaica.net

The Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf is a ministry that brings the gospel of Jesus Christ to the deaf of Jamaica. Through this ministry they will teach the deaf a language, provide a basic education, train in vocational areas, mentor and encourage the leaders and promote outreach, community, worship, and continuing education.

Christian Mission for the Deaf

P.O. Box 28005
Detroit, MI 48228-0005
www.cmdeaf.org

A non-profit organization that focuses on the Spiritual needs of Deaf Africans. With a home office in Detroit, Michigan, CMD utilizes a variety of resources to reach the deaf. Since its founding in 1956, CMD's objectives have been to organize, operate, promote and encourage Gospel and education work among the deaf in Africa. Training local African Christian workers and leaders has been an instrumental method of their outreach.

Having found no mission that would support his call to reach the deaf in Africa, Andrew Foster set out on his own and founded CMD. They opened a total of 31 schools first in Ghana then Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Togo, Chad, Senegal, Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Zaire, Burkina Faso, Burundi, and Gabon. A number of Africans from various countries were trained by CMD to lead the work on a local level. CMD looks forward to establishing more schools and churches in other unreached areas as the Lord leads and provides the means and the workers.

Commissioned Believers Deaf Ministry

P.O. Box 75

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www.cbdeafministry.org

Ministry to reach the Deaf, to teach people sign language, and to start up deaf ministries in churches. Founded by Kathryn and Raymond Montoya, their goal is to train workers to start deaf ministries, to plant deaf churches in America, and to establish a cooperative network between churches with deaf ministries.

CB Deaf Ministry was founded in 2000 to equip churches with the tools they need in order to begin deaf ministries. They started by making video tapes for learning sign language and a few booklets. Three years later they began selling to Canada and Australia, making them an international ministry. They now have contacts in all 50 states and in several countries all over the world.

As they began to grow, they added international deaf ministries to their website and also deaf adoptions. The international deaf ministries page is a place where deaf ministries from third-world countries can post their ministry, and receive donations to help support their ministries. The deaf adoptions pages are a list of deaf orphans from all over the world who are available for adoption. The contact information and adoption agency information is listed with each child. Also, there are links to websites that will help families through the adoption process as well as a list of grant organizations to help fund deaf adoptions.

This is a family run ministry. Raymond Montoya is the worship leader and does all of the original music for the DVDs and CDs. Kathryn teaches the songs in ASL. Their oldest daughter Rachael, a music major, does the piano and vocals for their DVDs and CDs. Their other children make appearances on various DVDs.

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Deaf Baptist Ladies Retreat

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The DBLR began in September 1987 in Rochester, New York. Mrs. Sylvya Boyd and her ladies from the First Bible Baptist Church hosted the first retreat. Mrs. Sharon Bordean from Liberty Baptist Church of the Deaf lead music. Both Sylvya and Sharon had a great burden for Deaf ladies to grow in the Lord after they were saved.

Independent Baptist churches host the annual conference in different cities throughout the United States. An Advisory Board, made up of six ladies, helps to ensure that the retreats run smoothly. The members of the Board are: Sharon Bordean, Mary Buchholz, Carlene Camp, Vicki Kelly, Kim Rempel, and Tracey Wyant.

Deaf ladies are encouraged to attend the Retreat. Each year there are workshops of special interest to ladies of all ages. Also, messages are given each day. The Retreats are held in October the Thursday night through Saturday noon just before Columbus Day. The registration fee covers all materials, program booklet, food, and workshop room fees.

All Deaf and hearing ladies, regardless of church affiliation, are welcome to attend. Voice interpreters are provided at each session throughout the Retreat. No husbands or children are invited. Mothers can bring babies who are nursing.

Deaf Evangelism And Fellowship

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Deaf Evangelism And Fellowship is a fundamental, evangelical organization concerned with propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures. Their purpose is to further the Gospel, particularly to Deaf people, in America and around the world, by communicating it in their language, with their idioms and through their cultural nuances.

Preaching and teaching God's Word to Deaf people will achieve this purpose. Establishing and supporting of Deaf ministries and Deaf churches are additional ways. Camps, retreats, conferences, workshops and sign language courses also contribute.

Deaf Harvest International, Inc.

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Helping Deaf believers grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraging, equipping, and empowering them to witness to Deaf and hearing people they know, promoting Deaf awareness among hearing churches and communities, and encouraging them to pray for the lost Deaf world, networking with other Deaf ministries and Deaf missions around the world with prayer support and supplies.

Deaf Institute

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513-471-2990
www.deafinstitute.org

Their six main focuses are to inform people about deafness, teach sign language, develop interpreters, encourage people to train in Bible College for specialized ministries with the deaf, establishing and encouraging deaf ministries in churches, and serving the deaf community. They have a lending library of books and videos available at their mission building. They also make "Gifts of Hope" bags to give to families who find out their child is deaf.

Deaf Kids Mexico

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www.deafkidsmexico.org

Started by Randy and Linda Lindsey in 1994, they have produced evangelism and training materials in sign language on video tape. They were the first ministry to deaf children in Mexico. The Mexican government officially recognized Mexican Sign Language in 2005. This has opened a door for deaf people to receive the Gospel in a language they understand. Their vision is to for Deaf children to have a relationship with God, and not be disconnected from the Church or God because of lack of understanding.

Deaf Media Ministries

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507-332-2182 (voice)

<http://services.means.net/~dmn/>

Provide evangelistic videos in ASL and Spanish Sign Language. Also provides sign language Bible courses on video in both ASL and Spanish Sign Language.

Deaf Ministries International

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www.deafmin.org

A Christian mission to the deaf started in Korea in 1979 by Neville and Lill Muir. After moving to Korea following years of service in Japan Neville and Lill commenced a small church for the deaf in the coastal city of Inchon, not far from Seoul. Together with four young deaf people, the first Immanuel Church for the deaf was begun in the basement of the East Inchon Methodist Church. Over the next few years, 13 churches in South Korea were formed, all of which today are served by deaf pastors.

As time went on, the work of the mission spread from Korea to the Philippines, Taiwan, Japan, Myanmar, Thailand, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi where churches, schools, small factories, hearing clinics, farm projects, dormitories, and Christian centers have been established to bring the message of Christ and aid to deaf people. DMI Thailand is also involved in the production of videos and teaching aids for deaf people.

Deaf Ministries Worldwide

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405-455-7777 (voice/fax)
405-610-6321 (VP/TTY)
www.brightok.net/~dmw/

Founded in 1989, reaching Deaf men, women, and children worldwide with the Good News of God's everlasting love. They encourage, counsel, build up, minister to, and pray for laborers in Deaf ministry. They have the Shalom Lighthouse Cove, which is a retreat for pastors or laborers in Deaf ministry to come and rest and be encouraged. They minister across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. They hold workshops on servant leadership, evangelism, and marriage.

Deaf Ministry at Bethel Baptist Church

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BBC provides a place where Deaf and hard of hearing, their families and friends can worship God in American Sign Language. They can learn the truths of the Bible. Their ministry desires to exalt Jesus Christ as God's only Son. They have opportunities to develop Deaf leaders and interpreters for God's glory.

Deaf Missions

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www.deafmissions.com

Deaf Missions is a Christian mission dedicated to helping deaf people see Jesus Christ so they may accept Him as their Savior and grow in Him. Deaf Missions was founded in 1970. People across the United States and Canada, and in more than 80 other countries are served by Deaf Missions. Bible visuals produced by

Deaf Missions are used by more than 50 different denominational groups. The work is supported by freewill offerings from individuals, churches and organizations.

Deaf Prison Ministries Network

P.O. Box 1455
Willis, TX 77378
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www.deafprison.org

Deaf Prison Ministries Network is the parent organization which oversees its operations in three areas: Deaf Prison Ministries Network focuses on the efforts of establishing and promoting a national network of individuals and local churches who have an interest in ministering to Deaf people affected by crime. Included in this effort is an annual conference, which is designed to provide their network the opportunity to meet and learn from each other so that they can improve their efforts in reaching out to the Deaf. Healing Hands Ranch is their national aftercare facility for Deaf men coming out of prison or jail. See Healing Hands Ranch. Deafhand Services is their business venture arm, designated to give their aftercare residents the opportunity to gain job skills while at the same time give their local businesses the opportunity to give back to the community.

DeafTeen Quest

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DeafTeen Quest was established in 2000 by Bob and Cathy Ayers based on over two decades of youth ministry experience. DTQuest is a ministry of Youth for Christ/USA in partnership with DeafYouth Ministries. There are currently fifteen DTQuest ministries across the nation in ten states.

Deaf Video Communications

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www.deafvideo.com

DVC is an Evangelical ministry to the Deaf and hard of hearing. They are a support organization that works with many different Christian churches throughout North America. Their mission is to evangelize the Deaf through clear Christian teaching, to encourage Spiritual growth in the Deaf community, and provide resources for pastors and missionaries to the Deaf. They produce Christian teaching materials, sermons, Bible studies, children's programs and more. They make their videos available free of charge to the Deaf, hard of hearing, and their families, friends, schools, and churches through the DVC Lending Library. DVC even mails videos to the Deaf in prisons.

Deaf World Ministries

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www.deafworldministries.com

An independent missionary organization, providing opportunities for Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing who have a call to reach out to the Deaf and hard of hearing people group in the world who have little opportunity to know the gospel.

Deaf World Ministries began in 1999 as a result of being part of another missions organization. That organization was involved with mainly hearing missions and had little to do with the Deaf World or reaching them. When any conference happened or gathering of any kind, the Deaf were often overlooked, not provided for, and generally left out of the thinking, planning, or participation during those times. Most Deaf were not satisfied with the quality of ministry in a mainstreamed environment. Then in 1999 an opportunity came to separate from that organization with them funding a property transfer and release of the ministry to begin as a separate organization.

Some Deaf ministry outreach prior to and subsequent to, the separation were in Calcutta, India, Latvia, England, Denmark for the Deaf Olympics, USA and South Africa.

They began with a heart to reach Deaf people with the gospel and to facilitate in whatever way they could any international outreach as well. This is still the heart of the organization. However, they have been working primarily in the USA in the area of Deaf awareness sharing and planting churches. The organization is planning to relocate in the near future, with the hopes of expanding its outreach.

Door International

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Bunn, NC 27508-0457

919-844-0062

919-844-0220 (fax)

www.doorinternational.com

Door International was established to open the “door” of the Bible, true worship, Christian service, and Christian leadership to Deaf people. Door started in 1983 to give Deaf people opportunities to serve and training in how to start Deaf believers’ fellowships. Door started in the United States and later became an international organization. They now have four Deaf Christian leadership training programs around the world. The majority of Door staff has always been Deaf people. They have Deaf people on staff now from seven different countries on four continents. Their teachers are Deaf and their teaching is all in sign language.

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Evangelical School for the Deaf

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A mission school offering residential and day programs in English for deaf children. All staff are missionaries, none receive salaries. Volunteers for mission work are always welcome.

Located in Barrio Casa Blanca outside of Luquillo, Puerto Rico. It is the only English-language school for the Deaf in Puerto Rico and is staffed by teachers trained to work with the Deaf. All workers are called by God to work with the Deaf. Each is responsible to raise his/her own financial support. The goal of the workers who founded the ministry in 1959 had a goal to teach the Deaf about Jesus Christ. They started by teaching the Deaf sign language.

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Gospel Ministries for the Deaf

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www.gmdeaf.org

GMD provides the non-profit organizational structure for several ministries including Northwest Christian Camp for the Deaf. It has published and is distributing Patterned Language, and is developing an extensive computerized education program based on this system. These programs are used in mission schools for the Deaf which are often located in developing countries.

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Hands in Motion

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Lohrville, IA 51453
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www.signforchrist.org

Hands in Motion started on a summer vacation by one family that said they will heed the call to go into all the world and make disciples. The Deaf community is one of the most under-evangelized groups in America. The focus of their ministry is on serving at youth camps, conferences, and seminars. They have had a nationwide outreach for nine years.

In 1997, the Hauser family was vacationing at Cornerstone Christian Music Festival in Bushnell, Illinois. As Jeff was walking up to get some breakfast, he walked by the coffee house tent where two young women were standing wearing cardboard signs taped their chests that read “We need a sign language interpreter, can you help?” His wife Betty Jo had taken sign language classes in junior high school and lived in a dorm with many students from the Iowa School for the Deaf. Betty Jo spent the entire weekend fingerspelling. When the deaf understood what she was spelling, they would sign “stop”, show her the word for what she was signing, and then she would move on to the next word. This was the beginning of their ministry.

Hands of Praise Deaf Ministry

521 Barksdale Blvd.

Bossier City, LA 71111

www.handsofpraisedeafministry.com

Hands of Praise Deaf Ministry is an evangelistic team who shares God's word through songs, drama, testimonies and devotions. They have set up the Deaf Christian Center to give the Deaf a place to enjoy their culture. Their goal is to witness and help lead as many Deaf and hearing as possible in accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They offer church services and Bible studies for the Deaf and a Deaf Café, which is held once a month for the Deaf to enjoy games, movies, testimonies, devotions, music and snacks.

Harvest Deaf Ministries

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Ringgold, GA 30736

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www.harvestdeaf.org

Harvest Deaf Ministries was established by Dr. Reggie Rempel. As International Deaf representative of BIMl for many years, Dr. Rempel had a vision for a school that would train the Deaf to serve in the Christian ministry. In the spring of 1994, 14 acres of land in North Georgia was purchased and BIMl Deaf Bible Institute was started.

During the third year, the BIMl Deaf Bible Institute was changed to the BIMl Deaf Bible College. Since then, there has been a complete renovation of the buildings on the property. After that, the ministry continued to grow and now includes Harvest Christian Academy for the Deaf (1998) and Harvest Baptist Church of the Deaf (2000). In the winter of 2001, the BIMl Deaf Bible College, at the encouragement of both the BIMl headquarters and supporting pastors, changed its name to Harvest Deaf Bible College. All three are now under the umbrella of Harvest Deaf Ministries, Inc.

Healing Hands Ranch

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Willis, TX 77378

936-856-0819 (voice/TTY)

www.healinghandsranch.org

HHR is a Texas facility with a national program designed to create an honorable, safe, and successful community re-entry experience for Deaf men on parole, probation, or court appointed placement as an alternative to incarceration. HRR is Deaf Prison Ministry's largest and most ambitious project. They have a two-tiered level system. One is behavioral focused while the other is progress focused with three benchmarks categories: Biblical, Character Development, and Maturity. Each category has a specified objective to be met at each of seven levels.

Early in the stages of operation, the board of Deaf Prison Ministries Network sensed the need of aftercare ministry for deaf ex-offenders. They found there were no aftercare ministries available specifically for deaf ex-offenders and with the recidivism rate among deaf inmates running over 90% in the first three years following release, the need was confirmed.

DPMN discovered that most deaf inmates have been denied early release on parole because there were no re-entry programs structured for the Deaf. This is in spite of the fact that their attitude and behavior may be acceptable for release to the parole board. Additionally, Deaf inmates are overwhelmingly denied inclusion in prison programs because of the lack of deaf services. The average deaf inmate has no specialized marketable job skills and reads at a second grade level or lower. In summary, the average Deaf inmate leaves prison after serving their full sentence without the opportunity of gaining any vocational skills, academic education, or coping skills. Job opportunities are extremely limited for deaf ex-offenders. These facts further verify that the tremendous need for aftercare services for Deaf men transitioning into the community from prison was further verified.

In February of 2006 Deaf Prison Ministries Network was given the opportunity to acquire a twenty-seven acre retreat center. This facility previously provided aftercare for hearing ex-offenders. It is located approximated fifty miles north of Houston, Texas near the beautiful Sam Houston National Forest. This aftercare facility is also approximately thirty miles from where over one hundred deaf offenders are housed in Huntsville Texas. After one and a half years of preparation and prayer, they began accepting residents during September 2007. See Deaf Prison Ministries.

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Institute for Deaf Ministry Development

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www.idm4.org

IDMD is non-profit and non-denominational. Their mission is to provide ASL interpreters, signers and Deaf ministry workers with the skills necessary to effectively communicate the Gospel and to assist Deaf ministries and churches in reaching maximum effectiveness in ministry with individuals who are Deaf, Deaf/blind or hard of hearing regardless of mode of communication.

IDMD began approximately ten years ago as an informal gathering of Deaf ministry leaders from 4 greater Boston area churches. The leaders met to provide support and to be a resource for each other. In 2003, recognizing the need to improve their ASL and ministry skills, this group began hosting workshops for the members of these four churches. The response to these trainings was excellent and as word spread, ministry workers, interpreters, and students from other churches and programs began to attend the workshops.

IDMD became a formally organized Massachusetts non-profit in 2006 and immediately set out offering workshops to the signing community at large. They offer workshops to churches on starting and/or developing Deaf ministries, selecting and working with interpreters, meeting the needs of the Deaf and their families, preparing the congregation for receiving and working along side Deaf members, and valuing and utilizing the skills, gifts and talents of Deaf members of the church.

International Christian Centers for the Deaf

P.O. Box 540

Cloverdale, VA 24077

540-966-3345

540-966-2273 (fax)

www.iccd.net

ICCD exists for the social, educational, financial, and spiritual needs of the deaf. They are working currently in Mexico and Cuba, but their vision is to expand around the world going first to the deaf who cannot access the Gospel.

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Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf

White Sands P.O.
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sophiajmd@yahoo.com
www.amdjmd.org/jcsd/

Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf (JCS D) actively seeks out deaf children and works with their families to make it possible for them to receive an education in a safe and positive Christian environment. Their desire is to see each student reach his or her full potential.

JCS D is a residential school. Most students live on campus four nights and five days a week, returning to their families on the weekends, for holidays and during the summer. There are some students that return home only when the school is closed during holidays and the summer.

In addition to teaching their students sign language, they give them a solid education in Bible, Math, History, Science, and English. They also offer computer training and work experience for older students. Their students are encouraged to participate in extra curricular programs, which range from community service to dance and science clubs. Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf (JCS D) is a ministry of American Ministries to the Deaf (see above).

Japan Deaf Evangel Mission

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www.deaf.or.jp/vibi/

Established in 1993, they consist of Deaf and hearing, Japanese and non-Japanese, pastors, missionaries, and lay people who first came together with a desire for Japanese Deaf to have a Bible in their own language. Their main focus was ViBi (Video Bible). They are translating the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures into Japanese Sign Language and producing them on visual media, placing these Bible tapes in bookstores throughout Japan. They serve as a resource to churches on Deaf-hearing issues, provide help to those with a burden for Deaf people, and hold sign language classes for hearing churches. They also hold workshops and seminars in sign language on Deaf church issues and translation issues.

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Lighthouse Song & Sign Ministry

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Established by Mark & Sonya Ellis in 1996. Mark is a songwriter who was moved to begin writing Gospel and contemporary Christian music. At the same time, Sonya began formally studying American Sign Language, and was conductor of a sign language choir at the state development facility where she worked. Mark and Sonya combined their signing and sign language and have dedicated themselves to serving God by bringing His message through their music to both the Deaf and the hearing. Mark and Sonya also provide programs for schools, libraries, and children's groups.

Logos International Ministry Association

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Logos began in Michigan in 1975 as Runny's Recreation, a program for deaf children. It then incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1983 with the name Deaf Ears of America Fellowship. In 2005, the name was changed to Logos International Ministry Association. They provide discipleship, encouragement, support, and training to people around the world, minister with deaf and hearing nationals, equipping them to become self-sufficient through training, teaching and providing technical support. They empower Christians by helping them discover, and utilize, the spiritual gifts which God has given them. They establish private schools and schools of ministry in specific areas, equipping nationals to become leaders in evangelism, teaching, counseling, pasturing and other ministry callings within the community.

Loving Hands Ranch

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Loving Hands Ranch provides summer camps for Deaf children. It is located on the outskirts of Sulphur, Oklahoma. Sulphur is home to the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. It is directed by Tim and Ann Moore. The governing board is made up of some Deaf members and some hearing members. Their focus is Bible activities including Bible study and chapel services. They also have games, activities, crafts, clowns, a sand volley ball court, baseball field and a swimming pond with a water slide. The 3,500 square foot bunkhouse has seven bedrooms and five bathrooms. The entire structure was built by volunteers and donated material. For ten years, LHR was a foster home for several boys who attended the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. Many of these boys had been expelled from the school's dorm and needed a structured environment of love and direction. After ten years of providing foster care, LHR redirected their ministry to a summer camping program for deaf children. Over several years, LHR built four cabins with donated materials and volunteer labor. Each cabin can accommodate ten campers.

As the ministry grew and expanded, LHR has now sent a Deaf missionary to the Dominican Republic. Working with other Christian groups, LHR has established two schools for the Deaf in the Dominican Republic.

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National Deaf Culture Fellowship

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The purpose of NDCF is to encourage and promote the worship of God, to encourage and promote the edification of Deaf believers, to provide a foundation of fellowship among Deaf Christians of the same faith, to encourage and promote the evangelism of the Deaf around the world, to bring the Deaf to Christ and to train Deaf to become active members of Deaf churches.

New Life Deaf Ministry

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New Life Deaf Ministry's mission is to "tangibly demonstrate the love of Christ and make disciples of Deaf Hondurans, their families, and people who work in the field of deafness through evangelizing, educating, and equipping deaf and hearing Hondurans so that they may have a greater impact on the Deaf community and society at large and become ambassadors for Christ by spreading the Gospel."

Northern New England Deaf Ministries

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Established to train Deaf leaders for ministry. They hold a fall New England deaf retreat every year. They help establish Deaf ministries and Deaf churches, hold discipleship and leadership training and workshops, and mentoring for Deaf pastors. They have set up a child sponsorship program to help the poorest Deaf children in Kenya.

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Psalm 40 Ministries, Inc.

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Mark Mitchum is a nationally and internationally known Christian concert artist, and has been deaf since birth. Mark's ministry is taking some of the best loved Christian music and transforming it into "sign art." Mark has been featured on TBN network and has also appeared with a number of artists such as the Gaiter Vocal Band, Twila Paris, and many others. Melanie Mitchum does all the

booking for their ministry. She also travels with Mark and co-teaches interpreter workshops and serves as his voice.

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Rancho Sordo Mudo

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Rancho Sordo Mudo is a free home and school for deaf children in Mexico. Ed and Margaret Everett, the founders of RSM, believe that deaf children can be taught how to read, write, to communicate in sign language, and to learn a trade for their future. More importantly, the goal of the ministry is to teach the children of God's love for them and give them a hope and future. This has been the work of the ranch for almost 40 years.

Remington Deaf Ranch

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Remington Deaf Ranch is a rehabilitation ranch for Deaf youth ages 12-21. Pastor Mike Remington worked with many deaf youth who had drug, alcohol, and rebellion problems in their lives. While trying to find rehabilitation programs for these deaf children, he learned that there are few rehabilitation programs that have interpreters for the deaf. Those that were able to provide an interpreter didn't have full time interpreters. Many deaf who have been in these programs report they were often lonely and didn't understand the classes and workshops. These deaf often went back to their world of troubles after leaving the programs.

Deaf youth on drugs or alcohol are required to stay at the ranch for a full year to detoxify their systems. Each will receive counseling related to their problem. The ranch provides home schooling and hands on work experiences for each youth during the year. Once they have finished their year, they are evaluated to determine if the program requirements are satisfied. If they pass, they are free to go home as long as they have a mentor or church to check on them for the next

year. Youth with rebellion problems will stay for the length of time it takes to help them if less than one year.

The goal of the ranch is to break their addictions and help them see a better way of life in Jesus Christ. This is done by separating them from the source of their addictions long enough for them to detoxify and learn there is a better way to live and that life's problems are not answered by rebellion, but by learning how to face the problems and deal with them. They are given responsibilities on the ranch to learn how to work under others, and eventually to supervise over others as they pass each of 4 stages.

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Signs of Life Baptist Church

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Provides Deaf Sunday church services, Sunday school classes, sign language classes, Deaf Bible studies, family counseling, revivals and conferences, visitation, Deaf choir, retreats for men, women, and families, Deaf camp, and Deaf VBS.

Silent Blessings Deaf Ministries

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Silent Blessings Deaf Ministries was founded in 1996 by Marshall Lawrence, father of a deaf daughter. They are a non-profit Christian outreach and evangelistic organization made up of both Deaf and hearing Christians. Their goal is to bring spiritual healing to Deaf and hard-of-hearing people and their families. They advocate on behalf of Deaf ministries, working with individual congregations and with denominational leadership, to develop more effective strategies for ministry within the Deaf community. They educate the hearing church about the unmet spiritual needs within the Deaf community and to help connect people with useful resources. They create new resources which minister

directly to Deaf people and their families, as well as resources to encourage better understanding and support of Deaf ministry among hearing churches.

Silent Word Ministries

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Silent Word Ministries was founded by missionaries Ted and Carlene Camp in 1966 to fulfill the Great Commission through evangelism and ministry to the Deaf world. It is a Nonprofit, Independent, Baptist organization with a federal 501(c)3 [58-2430412] approval.

The goal of the ministry is to reach the world of the Deaf for Christ; to help establish Deaf ministries in strong, fundamental churches; to win people to Christ worldwide; to help build established ministries; and to strengthen Deaf people into Christian maturity with a literature program.

Silent Word Ministries also conducts area Deaf and Deaf Workers' Conferences in many states to help local deaf ministries and to evangelize area deaf people. It is the home of Silent Word Deaf Bible Institute, a correspondence program providing free Bible courses for Deaf people to study the Bible at home.

It also publishes "The Silent Word," a free bimonthly newspaper to the deaf and deaf workers. Its literature includes Sunday School lessons, manuals, books, and videos in voice and Sign Language.

Speaking Hands Ministries

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A sign language ministry that interprets Gospel and Inspirational music into sign language. For over 13 years they have brought together the hearing and Deaf communities by bridging the gap of differences through the universal language of music. In 1999, they were invited to sign the National Anthem for the opening of Super Bowl XXXIII. They focus on Deaf community awareness that need positive, God-inspiring influences in their lives.

Sword Deaf Ministries

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Sword Deaf ministries consist of a group of ministries in Cincinnati Metropolitan Area, Ohio. These are headed by Dr. Fred Adams, founder. Dr. Adams is a deaf man whom God has called into the ministry. With a burden for the deaf, he established the Deaf Missionary Baptist Church, later to become the Sword Deaf Baptist Church. Today that church is an important ministry in Cincinnati.

Seeing a need to establish across America independent Baptist churches with Deaf men as pastors, the church began its Bible college ministry under the leadership of Dr. Fred Adams. Today the church and college work side by side to accomplish the mission goals of reaching people of Southern Ohio for Christ and reaching around the world to establish churches with Deaf leaders. The ministry has now begun building churches with Deaf pastors and interpreted ministries in churches with hearing pastors.

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World Mission Society

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World Mission Society is building Gospel work around the world. They do international work with Deaf and hard of hearing people, professional sign language interpreting through American Society for the Deaf, Christian educational projects, camping programs, and developing sign language training materials and educational materials.

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Youth With a Mission Deaf Ministries

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Provides opportunities for Deaf and hearing to reach out to people in the world who have little or no opportunity to know the Gospel. Focuses on evangelism with outreach in sports and performing arts.