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This school year we received a total of \$732.10 from the Boxtop redemption program. Please tell your friends, church, co-workers, family - anyone - that the Deaf school in Puerto Rico can benefit from their efforts. Then, collect and send in your boxtops - Thank you! (our lifetime earnings are \$15,543.28 since 2012)

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Campbells has ended their *Labels for Education* program. After 40 years of collecting Campbells labels, we are done.

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WITH THESE HANDS

Christian School and Chapel for the Deaf, Inc.
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SPRING 2016



STUDENT WINNERS

We are ending a really great school year in which every student has been a winner in some way.

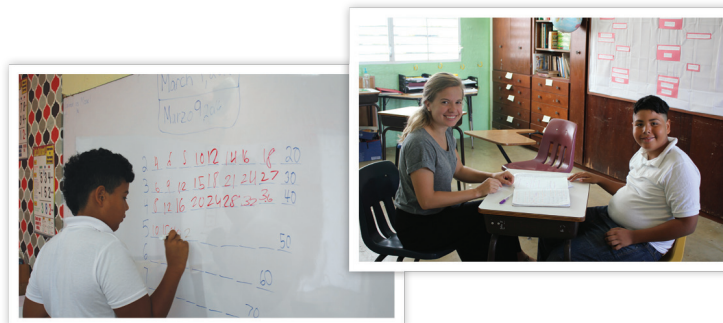
Two CSCD students Larimar Curenton de la Cruz and Mizael Delgado competed in the Certamen de Oratoria de Lenguaje de Señas hosted by Colegio San Gabriel, a local business Servicios Orientados a los Sordos (S.O.S) and the mayor's office of San Juan on Tuesday May 3, 2016.

The activity included students and adults from across the island competing to complete the statement - "As a Deaf person, my vision to improve Puerto Rico is..."

Five students from around the island participated at the level of ages 13 to 18 years old. Mizael was third to present his topic of bringing peace and stopping fighting to the island. Larimar presented last in the section for youth. Her topic was developing strong family values. The judges voted based on organization of the topic, strength of presentation, clear use of signed language, and other factors. All of us are proud of their achievement, Mizael taking third place and Larimar taking first in their age group.

We were also excited to have Kristian, a former student enter into the competition in the Young Adult category and Irma Vega, a former student to enter into the competition in the Adult category. Irma received second place in her group.

Continue to pray for Mizael and Larimar as they set goals and work towards becoming independent thinkers. Pray for the Bible to have a greater impact on them than any other influence has over them.



Also becoming winners this year, Yajaira and Maria Santos, sisters from Orocovis, both came to an understanding of God's plan of salvation. While attending a local church, they saw baptisms and then determined to obey God in this step of expressing their faith in Jesus Christ. Continue to pray for these young ladies in their walk in faith.



"THE HEAVENS TELL ABOUT THE GLORY OF GOD. THE SKIES SHOW THAT HIS HANDS CREATED THEM. DAY AFTER DAY THEY SPEAK ABOUT IT. NIGHT AFTER NIGHT THEY MAKE IT KNOWN. BUT THEY DON'T SPEAK OR USE WORDS.

NO SOUND IS HEARD FROM THEM." - PSALM 19:1-3



Rebekah Yoder reflects on their CSCD experience.

I just had lunch with the school kids and then watched them play games with my three children. I'm humbled and thankful for the opportunity that God gave our family to be part of this ministry.

In 2012 my husband Brendan and I accepted a position with his employer that required relocation to Puerto Rico.

As our moving date got closer Brendan sent out an email to inform extended family that we would soon be leaving for our new home. "Accidentally" he copied the email to an old acquaintance with the same name of a family member. That friend responded back informing us of a deaf school that they had once known of in PR and perhaps we'd like to look into volunteering there? We were intrigued, but assumed that we would likely live in a different part of PR altogether.

We arrived in PR in January of 2012 and started settling into our new home. Thanks to Brendan's co-workers we wasted little time in getting to know some people in our church and town—and within a few short days of moving it was suggested to us by several different people at random times that "maybe you should check out the deaf school" that happened to only be 4 short miles from where we moved.

We took the "hint" (or rather "blaring road sign") that this was a door God was opening for us to be involved in His plans. We started volunteering at the school 1-3 times a week and soon found ourselves immersed in sign language (not in Spanish, like we had assumed!) and in various jobs here on campus. Brendan was often to be found fixing broken fans, or carrying around a machete chopping back the vines that were trying to take over the grounds or trimming bananas or rooting out overgrown flowerbeds, mowing lawns, or repairing leaking toilets; meanwhile I started helping with reading classes which turned out to be a great way to learn sign language!

A year later we were spending as much time at the school as possible and just when we needed to move from our first

home an apartment opened up here at the school and we were graciously invited us to join the school's community full-time.

Our roles at the school have changed each semester...from science teachers to cooks to plumbers to electricians to chapel leaders—we have enjoyed each opportunity we have had to serve.

We marvel at the ministry of the school here. Each staff member comes from a different background and a different state or country, but they work together to teach the children about God's love and what Christ did for us on the cross so many years ago. We treasure the opportunities we've had to watch the children grow in their spiritual walks. We watch excitedly in chapel when any of the students starts telling the gospel story from memory and then shares their story of accepting Christ! It's been a privilege to watch these children come from a beginning of not knowing who God is and then to see them start hungering for Him and watch as their lives start changing as they become more aware of what it means to live as Christ did—and then to watch the excitement on their faces as they go around telling people about accepting Jesus into their lives.

In May our family is moving back to the "mainland." Leaving the school is one of the hardest decisions that Brendan and I have had to make—but we feel that we are being led on to a new place/stage in life. We are honored that this has been the starting grounds for our family (Jeshiah and Kyla have joined our family since we moved to the school). It has been a blessing to watch God's hands and feet in action here on this small campus and we look forward to seeing all that God does with and through CSCD in the future.

We leave with thankful and prayerful hearts for the ministry here and ask that you join us in bringing the school children and staff before the LORD as they wrap up this school year and begin preparing for the next.

In Christ,

Rebekah, for the Yoder crew.



This semester, in addition to the Yoders who

worked with us for four years, we said goodbye to three of our short-term workers: Abby Simmons who was with us for 5 months, Christie Hoeksema who was with us for the school year, and Rosa Soto who has been with us for three years. Each of these workers came and served with joyful hearts.

As the semester ends, we are gearing up to

begin summer ministries which include an ASL workshop for interpreters and sign language students (May 30 - June 1 2016), summer fun with the students, visits to their homes, continuing our social night/friendship ministries. Pray with us for times of refreshing (Acts 3:19) during the summer months for both staff and students.

Looking ahead to July and beyond, we are excited to have some short-term missions workers and teams coming. Pray even now for their preparations and all that is involved with these endeavors for our Lord.

----- Clip this portion to keep in your Bible as a prayer reminder -----

Pray for our students:

Safety and protection from the world while they are away from the school; Wisdom in decisions they make.

Pray for new students:

Pray that parents of the young Deaf children who have contacted the office would follow through in getting their children enrolled. Pray that the parents would allow their children to learn ASL and the Gospel.

Pray for the Deaf of PR:

Workers to come prepared to learn their regional sign systems who will share the Gospel with them.

Pray for the students' parents:

Pray that the parents would be willing to learn to sign with their children. Research shows that about 90% of the deaf population has two hearing parents and 88% of those parents do not learn sign language.

Pray for the CSCD staff:

God's direction in preparations for the coming school year; God's provision of new workers.

Pray for new workers:

Three fulltime workers and our live-in all-purpose couple are leaving in May 2016. Pray for teachers for dorm and classroom service. Pray for a cook/maintenance couple to join us as well.

As co-workers leave, pray for God's grace to bring them into new Bible fellowship and services opportunities for His glory.

Pray for transitions:

As workers leave and new workers come, everyone experiences emotional moments. For our students, these can be very difficult. Pray for peaceful transitions for everyone and that these times will strengthen and deepen our faith.

WMD 37TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHEN

Sat. June 11, 2016, 4:00 - 5:30pm
Registration begins at 3:30pm, then stay after for refreshments!

WHERE

Bob Rumball Center for the Deaf
2395 Bayview Ave., Toronto, ON

GUEST SPEAKER

Doug Clutton

WMD Missionary to the Philippines

Doug and Val Glutton feel a burden to reach the Filipino Deaf for Jesus Christ. They have served in the Philippines for nearly 18 years: from 1989-2001 with SEXD International, and since June 2010 through WMD, working alongside Deaf Ministries International (www.deafmin.org).

Christie Hoeksema

Christie Hoeksema will be the CSCD representative presenting.

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