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CELEBRATING THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF OUR 2017 HURRICANES IRMA & MARIA

So much has happened in the past 12 months. As you can see from the pairs of photos here, Puerto Rico is beginning to flourish once again. Foliage is re-growing and we are planting new trees where needed.

We praise God that through all of the storms last fall, we only missed 8 school days. The parents were dedicated to having their students in school and we were dedicated to assisting the families however possible. Sometimes that meant driving children home - and praying that the gasoline supply was consistent; sometimes that meant keeping students overnight in the dorm - and praying that the generator would work through the night to provide some light and fans.

God proved His faithfulness through so many of YOU who sent parcels that provided much needed supplies: candles, batteries, food, drink powders, sheets, games, toiletries... your creativity in sending parcels was a reminder to us of God's creativity in His Creation.

NOW, we have started a new school year, the 59th school year of this ministry. None of the present workers or students were here in 1959 but we are here as evidence of God's provision and care of His ministry through all of these years.





THE FIRST 60 YEARS:

Our school began in 1959 as Evangelical Deaf Mission with 7 students and 3 missionary families. Through the years, we have seen our numbers rise and fall but we have never seen God withdraw His faithfulness. As we approach our 60th anniversary of serving God in this place, we look back...

In 1970, the ministry changed its name to Evangelical School for the Deaf and our largest student population occurred during the 1980s when we had 24 students and 12 full-time missionaries.

We don't have actual records of each Deaf student who has come through the school. Some have come for a few years; others have begun their pre-school education and stayed to graduate from high school. Our best estimate is approximately 350 students having been taught at the school since 1959 and approximately 500 Deaf adult individuals who have attended summer camps and retreats and outreach events.

All of these numbers are conservatively estimated. God knows the names of each person who has passed through the school including full-time long-term workers, short term workers and interning university students. Since 2002, the list expanded to include "Jr. Missionaries" and other younger short term (less than one year) workers. Just in the past 10 years, we can count 4 to 6 mission work-teams per school year and a plethora of individuals serving with us as short-term workers for non-specific time periods.

Each person has been with us in a time and place where their hands were very necessary. Some have been back for repeat working visits. Others left to attend university – many of those have studied ASL Interpreting or Education of the Deaf and most maintain contact with the students they knew while here.

God has provided above all that we could have asked or thought through all these years.

In 2012 the mission changed its name again to reflect a desire to broaden the ministry's renewed vision. The Christian School and Chapel for the Deaf, Inc. seeks to follow God not only in educating Deaf children but in reaching the adult Deaf community for Christ. Pray with us for workers to realize an adult Deaf ministry on our northeast corner of Puerto Rico with CSCD as the home base.

HECTOR SAROZA†

In April 2017, our guitar teacher and vice-president of the board of directors, Hector Saroza, died due to complications related to an on-going illness. We are thankful for the prayers of all who knew at the time and your continued prayers for his family and friends as they walk this earth in his absence. How great it is to know Hector is now in Heaven and we will see him again. If you do not have assurance of your eternal home in Heaven, please send an e-mail or letter to the school so we can talk with you about this.



AND WE LOOK AHEAD

As our board of directors for the ministry has met during the past year, we have been challenged to pray more specifically for the future of our school and our ministry options. THE NEEDS are so apparent. The SAME needs that the first workers discussed in 1957 and 1958 before opening the Evangelical Deaf Mission:

1. the need for Bible teaching among the Deaf population (there are presently less than 10 Bible-teaching churches for the Deaf on the island),
2. the lack of literacy skills among the Deaf population (how can God's Word speak if God's Word is not accessible?),
3. the lack of skilled interpreters (how can God's Word speak if the interpreter doesn't know sign language?),
4. the lack of a common sign language throughout the island (how can we better present the Gospel in parts of the island where minimal language skills exist?).

We are seeking God's will for our property, His desire for our future efforts, and for this present school year.

We began classes on August 9 with 1 full-time teacher/missionary, 1 part-time maintenance volunteer, a work team comprised of teachers and skilled laborers and their support team from Hanover PA and 3 full-time students (ages 6, 15 and 18) and one part-time preschooler aged 18 months. We have a new elementary student who needs a fulltime teacher. We would love to have the 18-month-old full-time to provide her language development but with only 1 full-time teacher we are unable to do that. We have two high schoolers who need fulltime teaching. We don't have a kitchen worker/cook or an office worker.

We have willing hands and willing hearts to do the work in the evenings, on weekends and before classes so that the lunch needs are met. God supplies the energy, the ideas, the flexibility and we respond with joy at His answer.

"HE BROUGHT ME OUT INTO A SPACIOUS PLACE; HE RESCUED ME BECAUSE HE DELIGHTED IN ME."
PSALM 18:19



PRAY FOR CSCD

1

Pray for God to supply Bible teachers and disciplers to disciple the Deaf for Christ and a PASTOR with vision to begin a formal church program for the Deaf of our end of the island.

2

Pray for God to supply Spanish/English/ASL teachers who would tutor Deaf Puerto Ricans in receptive and expressive written language skills.

3

Pray for God to supply interpreter trainers who can assist local church interpreters in improving their skills in sharing God's Word in sign language.

4

Pray for God to supply linguists or people with ready minds and hearts to present the Gospel to those who have no formal sign language.