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*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every
purpose under the heaven*

Ecclesiastes 3:1



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LET'S SEE HOW ECCLESIASTES 3 IS PLAYING OUT IN OUR MINISTRY:

"a time to break down"

2017 was the year of 2 hurricanes and the post storm trauma.

"a time to build up"

2018 was a year of calm and recovery.

"a time to heal"

2019 has been a year of sickness for our students.

"a time to be born"

When Larimar was born in July 2000, a portion of her intestines were exposed (Omphalocele or gastroschisis). Surgery was performed to get everything back inside. As far as we know, some sections of the small intestine were removed. JUMP ahead to 2019. Larimar had been experiencing intestinal obstructions for much of her teen-aged years. Pediatric surgeons reviewing her case were reluctant to go in to repair things. Larimar was left with trying to eat well to prevent problems.

In March, things got complicated and Larimar had an emergency surgery which removed another small section of her intestine, part of her liver, a miscellaneous scar tissue that had developed. She was healing from that in our local hospital and released. The next day she was back in the emergency room with a blood clot in her leg. She was transferred to a pediatric intensive care unit in a hospital an hour's drive away.

Time. Medication. Skilled nursing care. More time. Finally, on April 24, Larimar went home from the



hospital. She came to school on Friday, April 26!

"a time to lose"

Larimar and her family are making a move to North Carolina during the summer. After having Larimar in the school for 12 years, we are sad to see her go but so content in knowing she is going with God by her side. Her testimony throughout her pain and suffering has been, "GOD IS WITH ME, IF I DIE, I WILL BE WITH HIM. DON'T WORRY." We praise God that her "time to die" is still in the future. We also praise Him for carrying us all through this journey together.

Mizael was born in 2003 and was diagnosed with a progressive/progressing hearing loss by the age of 2 years. Mizael has been at CSCD since the age of 2 and has always been a lively, curious learner. He has worn his hearing aid, learned to speak both Spanish and English, participated in classes with older students and loves MATH!

In October 2017, Mizael began complaining of
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Box Tops for Education

In the 2018-2019 school year, we earned \$462.90 through the Boxtops for Education 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!

Check out World Mission to the Deaf! <http://www.wmdcanada.org/>

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dizziness. He missed weeks of class due to his inability to travel in the car, inability to sleep well, inability to do much.

So many tests later, the doctors have made a possible diagnosis of Pendred Syndrome. (Look it up using Goodsearch.org and get us a few more donations!) There is no cure for this syndrome. There are only efforts to treat the symptoms. As part of his treatment, the doctors are recommending a cochlear implant for Mizael but due to fluctuations in his hearing levels, he has been told that he is ineligible for a cochlear implant.

"a time to be mourn, and a time to dance"

While we are saddened that the treatment is not going forward at this time, we **dance** in the knowledge that God is sovereign and moved the insurance to approve the surgery.

Please continue to pray for this young man as he deals with almost daily incapacitating dizziness and nausea. He is tired of this event in his life and looks forward in hope to **"a time to heal"** and recover.

Those are our two upper-school students. We also have two younger students – Diego is 7 years old and Natalia is 2 years old. We've heard of at least **1** other Deaf preschooler in the area as teachers reach out for some ASL instruction to include these children in their pre-schools.

"a time to gather"

With only **1** full-time teacher, we are not able to have a full-time preschool program as well as elementary and upper school students. The educational trend is toward the mainstreaming of Deaf students. We are praying that we will be allowed into the hearing school programs to assist the Deaf student(s) and their teachers, and that we will be able to offer after-school ASL-language intervention-Clubs for the Deaf children and maybe even some hearing peers. How cool would this be to have an after-school ASL/Bible club to reach the students and their families for Christ!

"a time to plant"

We continue to minister to Deaf children and adults in need of education. This past year, we have reached an all-time LOW number of workers and students. With only **1** teacher, we have our own **1** room schoolhouse! And we have an assurance that God is at work in our area.

We recently added a Deaf adult to our day program- Zuleika appeared on Mizael's street in Fajardo! She

has just moved into her cousin's house after the death of her mother. Zuleika somehow evaded learning opportunities in her career as a public-school student. Now, she is eager to meet other Deaf people (she is surprised we know so many!) and eager to learn. Even though she is working on simple things like telling time, counting change, and basic reading skills, Zuleika happily joins in with our classroom setting.

We are PRAYING that we will know WHAT SKILLS are most important to her life. The **1** THING we do know it that this young lady needs Jesus Christ. She needs Him as her Best Friend. She needs to know that He loves and values her.

"a time to rend, and a time to sew"

Our hearts break over this young lady's status in life. We know there are SO MANY other Deaf adults like Zuleika. Even with the technology and opportunity available to most people, illiterate Deaf persons are still not receiving God's message of love and salvation. Churches are reaching hundreds, thousands of listeners with radio broadcasts, podcasts, books, and other literature but so many Deaf people are still in need of a **1-on-1** friend who will TELL them about Christ AND who will SHOW them His love.

We are so thankful for God's sewing in of Mike and Glenda Coupe to CSCD. Mike felt God's call to Deaf Ministry about 20 years ago and landed in our front yard 5 years ago as a new friend. Mike and Glenda's recent 10 years have been spent throughout the Caribbean islands. In January 2019, Mike approached the CSCD Inc Board of Directors with a vision and he has prayerfully been accepted as our Director of Chapel/Outreach Ministries even as he continues to work with Caribbean Partnership Ministries <http://caribbeanpartnership.com/> and Disaster Relief Coordination.

There is **"a time to keep silence, and a time to speak"**. God has called us to break the barrier of silence and to speak His love into the lives of the Deaf who are isolated by this language barrier.



Think about this for just **1** more moment.

In Mark 7:31-37 we read how Jesus took the **1** Deaf man aside. Jesus separated himself from the multitude so that he could deal with the Deaf man in a respectful and most meaningful way. He SHOWED the Deaf man by touching his ears that He understood the problem. He used spit as a culturally significant way to show that He was planning to HEAL the Deaf man. He included the man's tongue as part of His communication of what was going to be healed.

That Deaf man probably did not know who Jesus was. He had not HEARD the name of this **1** who stood before him. Being deafness, he most likely never knew that Jesus Christ was walking around Israel healing people. And yet, there was Jesus, KNOWING that **1** man's need and meeting it.

We are a ministry of **1s**. **1** way to Heaven. **1** God. **1** Truth.

God has called the workers at the Christian School and Chapel for the Deaf to do **1** thing. He has given us the example of His Son. Go find the **1**. Meet that **1** where they are. Show that **1** Jesus Christ and disciple that **1** to walk in His way.

November 5, 2019 will mark the beginning of our 60th year in ministry, our goals remain the same as those the first missionaries held in 1959 – to reach the Deaf for Christ and to provide training so that each Deaf person would have skills in life and service.

Pray with us for workers – teachers, counselors, teacher aides, life-skills teachers, Bible teachers, language pathologists, untrained but willing workers – whose **1** desire would be to serve God by reaching the **1** for Him. Deaf ministry is the work of finding that **1** lost lamb and prayerfully bring that **1** into the fold of our Shepherd and Saviour.

Thanks for taking your time to meet with us and to pray with us here.



PRAY FOR CSCD



- 1** Pray for God to supply teachers of the Deaf, Bible teachers and disciplers who will join our team long-term. Praise God for a PASTOR who has come forward with vision to begin a Bible program for the Deaf of our end of the island.
- 2** Pray for God to supply SIGNING people with ready minds and hearts to present the Gospel to those who have no formal sign language. Pray for the Deaf adults we meet who have little formal language and deep spiritual and emotional needs.
- 3** Pray for the Deaf children who are LANGUAGE DEPRIVED. Pray for Deaf students in Puerto Rico who are mainstreamed with sub-par interpreters. Pray for the parents of the Deaf children to have a desire to learn sign language so that they can effectively communicate with their children.
- 4** Pray for peace and safety for our students and staff as they travel and play through the summer.