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# WITH THESE HANDS

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## THE TREASURES OF THIS YEAR

As I write this, I am listening to a handbell+violin duo practicing in the coolness of the school chapel a.c. while another student is working on a biography beside me. What a peaceful Monday afternoon. Last week was not so peaceful as there was a small explosion emotionally in one of my students. The residue left me exhausted and without words. One of those times when the INWARD GROANING of Romans 8:26 is so real and so comforting. I usually resort to comfort food but that Monday, I just sat. Even the verse BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD that is written on my living room wall was too much to take in. I simply sat and rested. When I woke on Tuesday, my soul was at peace and my body also. My explosive student was home on disciplinary suspension for a day and when he returned on Wednesday, I was ready to greet him with a smile and help him sort through the events and emotions. Pray for us.



Mizael has been attending CSCD since he was 2 years old. He is delayed in graduating due to health issues a few years ago which prevented him from studies. We are SO THANKFUL that God has healed him of most of his migraines and that he is gaining in his academic and spiritual life. What a huge blessing he can be as he helps other students and the staff as well. Mizael helps in our preschool language development program as he works with Natalia who is 4 years old. We have a second preschooler we are praying for and hoping she can join us part-time in the new year.

This year, we have two full-time students who are 17 and 18 years old. They are close in age but far apart in ability. One has been with us for YEARS and is working on completing the requirements for his graduation from Grade 12 in May 2023. Yes. He has another year and a half before graduation. If any of our readers ever worked with Mizael, please make plans to come for his graduation tentatively scheduled for May 23, 2023.

**“LIKEWISE THE SPIRIT HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESS. FOR WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT, BUT THE SPIRIT HIMSELF INTERCEDES FOR US WITH GROANINGS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS. AND HE WHO SEARCHES HEARTS KNOWS WHAT IS THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT, BECAUSE THE SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR THE SAINTS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD.”**

- ROMANS 8:26-27



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## THINKING FRIENDS!

Language is learned in community. Language is not easily learned in isolation. Deaf children need deaf children and language role models. Visual language models who are using language visually for real-life communication. One teacher with one little student is not a community. We need for these little ones to over“hear” (over“see”) conversations; to learn incidentally by seeing ASL in action. I remember one day having some big kids enter the little kids' classroom for a scolding. When the big kids left, one of the little ones said, “WOW FAST TALKING!” Yes! We communicate slowly and clearly with little eyeballs and new learners. We communicate more adult-ly with older students. We need incidental conversations so that our little learners can see adult signing.

Along those lines, our other older student is 17. Henry has come to CSCD as an “ASL as a Second Language” learner. Henry has suffered brain trauma/head injury and lost some of his hearing. He still functions as a hearing person but does not hear as well as he once did. His prognosis is more hearing loss and in preparation for that, his caregivers have him with us to learn to function with hearing loss and to learn ASL. He is able to join Mizael in some lessons but is not at the same mathematics and English level so most of Henry's classes are one on one.

We are SO THANKFUL for the smallness of our school population at this time. We have plenty of classrooms to have students in isolation or with sufficient distance and breathing room so that we can have small group activities together. The Department of Health is still coming for random inspections and testing and we are still passing without any issues.

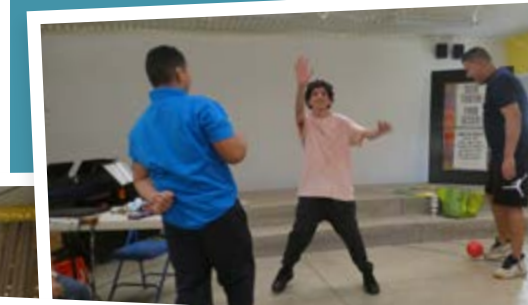
No matter if we have 2 or 12 or 20 students, the licensing and certifications remain the same and October and November were a little busy with getting those certifications caught up. A new law required the installation of a grand and glorious fire suppression system to the tune of a 4 digit number. God provides and we were able to (1) find a technician and (2) pay for the work to be done without hesitation.

That said, Amber and Betsy are spending their days juggling responsibilities. While Betsy prepares lunches, Amber has the boys for exercise and/or cleaning chores. While Betsy has the preschool

program, Amber is working on Sign/Word of the Day videos that are shared with Deaf adults and children who are not able to be with us in the classroom. While Amber is working on ASL vocabulary with Henry, Betsy is working on Algebra and English writing skills with Mizael. When one is feeling tired or ill, the other picks up the slack. The Palmas Community Church ladies' outreach program is bringing school lunches that can be eaten today and left-over for another lunch day. Others are depositing some dollars into the school account so that we can order pizza or other food for pick up and our local handyman is willing to do some of the pick ups for us. God is providing and we are SO THANKFUL.

(pictured above, new preschool student we are praying for when she can join us and her mother and brothers)

We have one pre-school girl who comes on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for language development and intervention work. There is a second little girl we are praying will be joining the first in a few months. Parents have jobs and schedules and for these two, because we are not able to have them for full school days due to shortage of more teachers, we are working around parent job schedules trying to accommodate their needs and not wear ourselves out.



## PRAYING FRIENDS!

Language is learned in community! One person is not a community and we are so thankful for God leading Amber Tate to join our staff at this time. Amber is a recent graduate of an interpreter training program and is working with Henry to increase his receptive and expressive vocabulary. Because she has recently been an ASL as a Second Language Learner, she is in tune with Henry's special needs as a second language learner. Amber's goal is to become a trilingual interpreter so her work with Henry is also benefitting her as she works with both Spanish and ASL in his classtimes.



## MERRY NAVIDAD FELIZ HOLIDAYS

[Christmas \* New Year \* Valentine's Day \* Etc.]

Mail has been SO slow and we are not sure when you will receive this so may this multi-holiday greeting suffice! We are approaching American Thanksgiving in another 2 weeks. Our school chapel times are now focusing on THANK GOD FOR... Since we started back to school in August, we have been focusing on themes from a Destination Dig VBS program. We completed most of that at the end of October and have segued into

*treasure*

What do you treasure and why? What does GOD say about the things we treasure? Matthew 6 has been often visited during our discussions. Pastor Jerry Harmon has been sharing Treasures from the Bible as he presents weekly Bible lessons and our students have loved having him visit. It is so good to have some man-to-man discussion for our boys. Boys become men and we want to see ours become men of God. Pray with us for this.

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