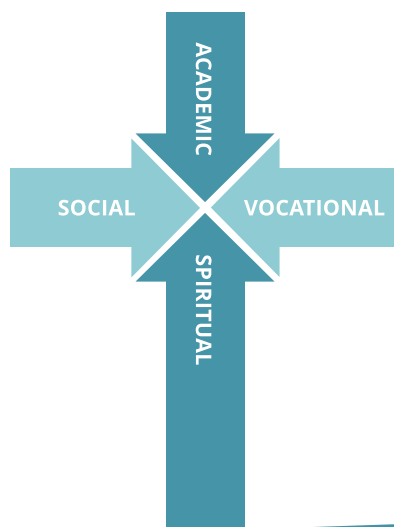


Here at CSCD we have a four-fold vision for our students (young and old):

- **ACADEMIC** – to see our students reach the highest potential they have educationally.
- **VOCATIONAL** – to see our students develop independent living and thinking skills and a work ethic.
- **SOCIAL** – to know our students are able to communicate their thoughts and needs, to speak up for their rights as Deaf persons and to develop friendships with others.
- **SPIRITUAL** – to have a relationship with Jesus Christ that will carry them through life's hardest moments and that they will share with all they meet.



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Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts & minds through Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7



As we write this, we are thanking God for the work He is doing in the life of our long-time student Mizael who will graduate in May 2023. Mizael is feeling pressured to come up with a post CSCD plan. Mizael began at CSCD as a 3-year-old and has been here for his entire academic journey – minus a few months after Hurricane Maria when he moved to Florida for a semester. He is graduating a year later than planned due to missing most of a school year to illness. We praise God that his migraines cleared up through dietary and chiropractic interventions and Mizael has been able to participate in 99% of our activities.

We thank God for our chapel themes for the past few years which have led up to Bible Bootcamp, our chapel theme for this year. In previous years, our students have studied TOOLS FOR LIFE (Bible study, prayer, Bible reading, personal discipline, nurturing the Fruit of the Spirit) and TREASURES found in God (God's character – His omniscience, etc.) This year we are doing BIBLE BOOTCAMP in preparation for the spiritual battle that we encounter. We studied Andrew Murray's Helps to Intercession (Ephesians 6:18) in August and September, and then moved into a study of the armor of God (Ephesians 6:14-17). By the end of the school year, we pray that God's Word will be deeply implanted in all of our students' hearts (as well as our workers' hearts) so that having done all, we may stand firm in the Lord. (Ephesians 6:13).

This school year, **we thank God** for His guidance as we bring educational services to a variety of individual Deaf children through tutoring.

Our youngest learner is 4 now. Due to distance and storm interruption and other issues out of our control, Salem has not been IN a classroom often this semester. (Pray for this.) Her family has had a few zoom ASL classes and we pray they are able to serve as models of ASL in their home.

Our second youngest, Natalia, coming in at almost 6-years-old continues to come for ASL + English language + speech and language tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She is doing well in her day classes at a Montessori school and we are able to support her learning as we work with her after school. Amber, our resident interpreter and classroom aid, began to teach ASL to her classmates in September and others of us are able to enter the classrooms to teach ASL with some of the older students in the school. What a blessing to be able to offer this service to that school. Every hearing-impaired child needs accessible language and what better way to equip peers and older language models? We are also able to use Christian songs as we teach ASL and to use Bible stories and examples in the classroom!

This semester, we have added a 14-year-old student from Morovis, PR to our teaching schedule.



Having avoided teaching by video so far, **we thank God** for providing us a really consistent internet connection and for Betsy now learning how to set up and move through teaching materials using the webcam, a green screen and computer files. We are praising God for this girl and her mother who are helping us to learn this system. We are prayerfully seeking how God would use technology and our resources to reach more students.

We thank God for Henry who comes part-time this year as an ASL student. Henry is 18 and is losing his hearing. Helping him to transition from fully hearing to partially hearing with the prospect of complete deafness is a struggle. We are thankful that Henry has come to understand his need of Christ's salvation. Henry has shown a desire to know more of the Bible and we thank God for the opportunities Henry has to apply all that he is learning. Henry also helps as we teach ASL in the Montessori school. This is helping to grow his confidence in his own signing abilities and allows him to practice ASL with students that are about his same age. It's been good.

Please pray with us as we see God transitioning the ministry from teaching full-time students in larger classrooms to tutoring individuals of many ages.

Our ministry does not stop at the classroom doors. We have been excited to see many of the Deaf adults from this part of the island begin to return to activities in our post-Covid ministry activities. There is usually a game of dominoes going (background) and our recent favorite is SKYJO (a card game). We have added movie night to the schedule and there have been requests for more movies and more of that delicious sweet-and-salty popcorn!

We thank God for several Deaf adults who desire to increase their literacy skills and for a few other deaf families and deaf children we have heard about. Amber, mentioned above, is studying with literacyevangelism.org (<https://www.literacyevangelism.org/>) and is slated to begin literacy tutoring with a Deaf adult this fall. To see a grown-up woman HUG her composition book and ask "WHAT WILL YOU TEACH ME TO WRITE? WHEN?" made me turn away for a few moments.

Pray with us that God's Word will come alive to this woman as she learns to read and begins to meditate on it. Pray with us for the time and energy and understanding of how to help them with this and also to bring the Gospel to them. If we can reach more students by distant learning (sometimes driving 3 hours for an hour of class is just not feasible), we want to do it!

We want to share Mizael's writing with you. His English is not perfect and we have left it that way. Remember, Deaf people think in ASL and then translate their thoughts to a second language to write them. This is a very difficult endeavor. He wrote this in response to a chapel lesson:

"SOMEONE TARGETS US EVERY DAY"

I walk anywhere and keep walking and the problem always keeps showing up and targets us. This is not my problem; It is his problem since the beginning. He tries to trap us and pull us in with him. Everything from him is so nasty.

I love this: because I always use my God's word to make him disappear over and over again. He will never influence me again. But he will always be showing up as the problem.

My God will help me in my problem, and He is the greater in battle to attack the problem. He will win forever. He will never give up His vision and goal. I asked Him to forgive me for everything (I lied, disobeyed, was jealous, stubborn, never listened to people, etc).

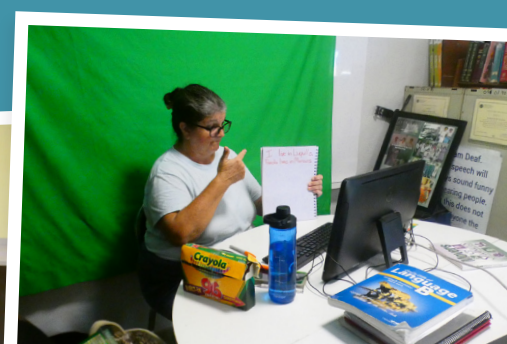
I want to kick the enemy's butt out every day. He is not part of my life. My real Father is part of me and encourages me in my life and He fixes everything. I thank God that He didn't give up His vision and goal. I thanked God for having already forgiven me. He did everything on the earth.

THE END



PRAY FOR CSCD

- 1 Pray for workers – IF we had residential workers, we could invite the Morovis girl to come for school. IF we had residential workers, we could have that student from Culebra. Pray for residential/dorm workers.
- 2 Pray for our Deaf Adults – they hunger for God's Word and need a pastor-teacher who will come alongside them and lead them in literacy as well as Bible study.
- 3 Pray for the students and their struggles as Deaf children in a Hearing world – even in their homes, they sometimes feel they are not understood.
- 4 Pray for the hands of our present staff – most are working overtime to cover all of the needs of the students and the physical plant of the school. Pray for their stamina, spiritual awareness and physical needs. Our staff this year includes – Elisabeth (Betsy) Hoke (principal and teacher), Valie Carrillo (maintenance and ASL instructor), Amber Tate (interpreter and ASL instructor), David Markle (maintenance and ASL learner). We are thankful for each member of the team and are excited to see His Work among us.
- 5 Praise God for His provision for each need as it has arisen and for His protection as we weather the literal storms and live in a country of precarious infrastructure.



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