

Silent⁺ Word Ministries

But we will give ourselves...to the ministry of the Word – to Deaf people worldwide – Acts 6:4

Into The Silent World - With The Silent Word

Since 1966

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Dear Friends,

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified...

-- II Thessalonians 3:1

This past year was probably one of our most fruitful years here at SWM. We were all very busy in many areas of the deaf ministry. As a result, we had 692 professions of salvation in our many different 24/7 ministries. Please review our missionary reports on the back. These faithful missionaries are worthy of your prayers and support.

It seems also that, for many churches and individuals, this past year was a time for “**rethinking missions.**” Recently, an executive leader from another mission board stated to me, “**Ted, what is happening? It seems the Faith Promise Program is fading out in this generation. If this trend continues, some of our foreign missionaries will have to come home.**” We discussed the problems of the failing economy, home missionaries being dropped, and churches “**reevaluating**” and “**down sizing**” their mission programs.

Later, as I evaluated the full picture, I realized the problem is **not with the missionaries**, but with the **decline of church offerings**. Many churches continued to operate with the **expectation** that “**faith promise**” would increase as it always has in the past. When it did not, **there was a “domino effect”** causing a decrease in church programs also. Churches have had to make adjustments. There seems to be wisdom in missionaries seeking prayers for their ministries, and praying **more** for their supporters. It is a simple fact that we have all been affected by the views, lifestyles and changing economy of this generation. I am encouraging our missionaries **not to be** resentful or become “**negative,**” but to **be thankful** for the support they currently receive and for the support they received in the past from those churches who have had to drop them. I feel that all of us should **learn from these experiences** and **seek** the Lord for His Godly wisdom. We should not **focus on the conditions**, but **focus on Christ** who provides **all our needs** according to **His riches** (not ours) (Philippians 4:19). **His riches** are not affected by the stock market, politics, failing economy or adjusting church budgets. I have been serving the Lord for over 45 years, and He has been and always will be faithful. These days we should pray more for one another as we are all on the same team. Please forgive me for being personal, but I felt I should share these thoughts with you. I hope they have been helpful and encouraging.

Our goal is to minister to the Deaf “...**both** in Jerusalem...Judea...Samaria, and unto the **utmost** part of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Our ministry is **both “Home” and “Foreign.”**

Thank you for giving, so that we can “**Give ourselves to the ministry of the Word.**”

(Enclosed are two of our ministry pamphlets. Please feel free to order and use them in your ministry.)

Until He Returns,



Ted Camp, Director
Jon Barr, President

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