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# MISSIONARIES TO THE DEAF



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## **Dear Praying Friends,**

We celebrated the Lord's resurrection by attending our local church and having a nice meal with family. Though we enjoy ministering to churches and missionaries away from home, it is also nice to be home to participate in local ministry when we can.

#### **Office Ministry**

Certainly a large part of our work is serving the missionaries who minister through BIO. The first part of the year is always taken up with paperwork that must be submitted for tax reporting on behalf of the missionaries. It is neither enjoyable nor glamorous; but it is an important part of how we serve the missionaries. This keeps them from having to deal with all the extra tax paperwork that would come their way if they did not work through an agency such as BIO. We can't take all the burden away from them, but we do what we can to help them avoid an unpleasant IRS visit.

# **Preaching Ministry**

I preached in two evangelistic meetings in deaf churches recently. One was a four-day revival campaign. Another was a one-day rally in which I was asked to give a simple and clear Gospel presentation. It is an honor to be given that task. We did not see anyone saved in those two meetings, but I am confident that God's Word was clearly presented by the various preachers who were involved.

I trust that fruit will grow from these two meetings.

#### **Bill Rice Bible Institute**

I have been teaching a missions class in a Bible institute at the Bill Rice Ranch for the last two years. Some of the classes I teach by Skype, and others I am there in person. I pray God will use these young people in



Selfie at the Deaf Rally at Palmetto Baptist Deaf Church

ministry for years to come. None of my students this year have indicated that God is calling them to fulltime mission work, but they are open to the Lord's leadership. This class will help them have a better understanding of how to minister when missionaries visit their churches.

## **Camp Ministry**

A couple of weeks ago I was in a deaf church when a man came up to me and signed, "In 1996, when I was 16 years old, you preached at camp. I understood the Gospel. You prayed with me and I got saved." Then he gave me a hug.

It is times like this that I am reminded of what a privilege it is to have an impact on the lives of young people through camping ministry. There are thousands of Deaf (and hearing) who have been saved because of camps that preach the Gospel. It is an encouragement to me when I meet someone who tells me they were saved at camp.

I will be at the Bill Rice Ranch again this year for four weeks. Serving in camp ministry is such a privilege. Whether you are a camp speaker, a camp worker or a supporter of camp ministry, allow the Lord to use you in making an eternal impact on the lives of young people in the coming months.

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