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Dear Prayer Warriors,

Recently, we were reminded of the story of Esther where God used her as a Queen to deliver the Jews from destruction. It was indeed God's timing in how it all unfolded. Likewise, we are seeing that God is working and using us here *"for such a time as this"* Esther 4:14.

During the summer, signing fellowships were held at our church for our trainees to have opportunities to develop their skills. Special guests such as a Deaf Japanese lady and a Deaf couple with their two young deaf sons attended. Pray that they will begin to visit our regular services.

Lisa and I continue to attend the signing events in the Triad area. It has been a very productive outreach to various groups: Deaf, hearing signers, interpreters, CODAs (Children of Deaf Adults), and parents of Deaf children. At one event, a lecturer at a university in Boone, North Carolina, visited, as he has been losing his hearing and began learning ASL. We stayed in contact with him as he lives in one of the hardest hit areas by Hurricane Helene. Our church, along with many others, has sent supplies and aid to the Western Carolina region. Please continue to pray for those in the affected areas and wisdom concerning outreach.

As mentioned previously, Robert attends a Deaf Men's Prayer Breakfast while praying for a ladies version. God answered this when a local deaf pastor approached us and asked if Lisa would be willing to start one, as his wife was unable due to health issues. Lisa accepted and had her first Deaf Ladies' Prayer Breakfast on October 12 with three ladies attending. Praise the Lord!

Lisa was approached by another organization to teach ASL (her third class) an hour away. With this new opportunity, one of the students is a senior pastor of a church with a Deaf ministry. He wanted to learn ASL so he could communicate with his deaf pastor as well as with the deaf in his church. Also, as a result of a deaf man observing Lisa's teaching ASL in the community, he has started to attend our Bible study on Wednesday evenings. Praise the Lord!

Our church had a missions emphasis month throughout October culminating with a conference on November 1-3. Along with Lisa and me, there will be two other missionaries to the Deaf, as well as other missionaries from around the world. Pray that God will call some into the gospel ministry and that our people will have a greater burden to reach the Deaf.

Lisa had one vein oblation procedure done on her right leg, but still needs another for the left which will be scheduled later. It has produced further positive results. Praise the Lord! Please continue to pray for her health needs.

We thank the Lord for each one of you and for your faithful prayers and support. Praise the Lord for all He has done *"for such a time as this."*

Your servants in Christ,

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