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Dear Praying Friends,

"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;" 1 Timothy 1:12. It is hard to believe that it's been two years here at Kerwin Baptist Church! Praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him and to see Him doing wonderful work and through the ministry and the Deaf community outreach.

In February, four local deaf people visited the church's Valentine's Banquet. At another Valentine's spaghetti dinner in the community, a Christian deaf couple sat at our table and started to ask us questions about spiritual matters. At an ASL Bowling activity, we met a mother with her deaf son who lives two hours away. Due to the isolation, she receives very little support for her son. Pray that we can be an encouragement and witness to her.

We continue to be involved with the Deaf Men and Ladies Prayer Breakfast. Robert led the devotions for the men and Lisa continues to lead the ladies with devotions. We have also met several students enrolled in the UNC-Greensboro (UNC-G) ASL program. Three of them have since visited our church.

At an ASL coffee gathering, Lisa had an opportunity to share her testimony with a group of deaf and hearing signers including a young lady who is seeking help with a deaf 16-month-old daughter. At another event, Lisa met a young hearing signer, Rebekah, who has a young autistic son. Lisa continues to be in contact with her and has recently invited them to our church's Pine Derby Car Race. Please pray for Lisa's witness to her. We are praying that the Lord will give us wisdom on how to minister to these families with young deaf children.

Lisa began a new Beginner's ASL class at the church with 15 students. This includes a couple with a deaf four-year-old daughter, and her grandmother and aunt. This family has also started to attend the church. PTL!! In addition, an unsaved young man with his sister attends. Pray that they will receive the Gospel. Robert also teaches an advanced class with our interpreters-in-training.

March has been an exciting month with people joining our church and many salvation decisions! On Baptism Sunday, 17 took their step of obedience. After the service, one of the elderly deaf ladies shared that she was only sprinkled when she was young and was inquiring about "immersion." One UNC-G student said she had never seen a public baptism before. What great blessings God is doing! Continue to pray for these many visitors that have attended our church and their salvation. We are already excited for another baptismal service in April!

Prayer requests: Our church will be conducting a community church service, "Church in the Park" in April. The Deaf Ministry will be conducting a similar outreach in July. Pray for souls to be saved and Christians encouraged. Finally, pray for the Greensboro Deaf Expo held in Greensboro. We will have a booth to share the light of the gospel to an estimated 2,000 that will attend.

We covet your continued prayers for strength to minister and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We thank you for your faithful support in enabling us to do the ministry He has called us to do.

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