

The Deaf - An Unreached People Group

The Need

Imagine growing up in a world of utter silence. You've never heard your mother's voice saying "I love you." You've never heard your father laughing or singing robustly. You've never shared a secret because you have no means of doing so. You've never been comforted by the familiar sounds of home, because you've never heard them. This is the world of the Deaf. Their inability to hear robs them of comforts we take for granted. But far more importantly, it frequently robs them of knowing God's great message of love and salvation.

God has commissioned ICCD to reach the Deaf around the world with the joyous news of His salvation. We seek to shatter the silence of their world with the proclamation of God's glory. Though many Deaf have home gestures, these signs do not allow for a faithful presentation of God's gift of salvation and life. We bridge our communication gap by teaching and using Sign Language. These silent words allow us to share the gospel with integrity to this unreached people group.



The Method

When we first enter a country, we share the often ignored needs of the Deaf with local pastors and leaders. About 1% of their population are Deaf who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ. We pray that God will direct us to leaders who will be interested in using their church facilities as a school during the week. We will then help their church develop an effective ministry to this unreached people group within their towns and villages.



The Schools

To get things started, our personnel open the school and teach the local deaf children. We also provide on-the-job training for godly Church members so that they can become the full-time teachers. Since local churches provide the facilities and the teachers, the Church School is a relatively inexpensive means of breaking the dark silence of deafness with God's great gift of Light and Life.

Planting The Church

But what about the adult deaf? How do we speak the love of God to their hearts? Once again, we enlist the help of local believers and facilitate them in 'loving their neighbor.'

We encourage them to befriend deaf adults and invite them to the Church School where both of them will learn Sign Language. This training will provide adequate Sign vocabulary for both the hearing and the deaf so that they can minister effectively and plant churches for the Deaf within existing hearing churches. Once our missionaries have established a Church-School, they will relocate to facilitate the rapid expansion and growth of more churches and Church-Schools in nearby towns.

The Petition

God has given ICCD an enormous vision and task of reaching the Deaf of every country with the gospel. Please pray with us that God will provide missionaries and national believers to join us in fulfilling our responsibility that the Deaf, too, from every tribe and nation may bow before the Throne of the Lamb and worship Him.

The Praise

Please join us in praising God for who He is and for allowing us the privilege of sharing the Gospel with the Deaf. Praise Him for graciously opening the doors for us to get into new areas. Finally, praise Him for the Deaf whose silence is broken and who now worship Him as their Savior.



You Can Be Involved!

Yes! I am interested in exploring the possibility of investing my life serving God with ICCD.

Please contact me.

PLEASE PRINT

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For additional information:

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ICCD Seeks Servants of Faith

"Why am I here?" It is one of life's great questions. God has created us for His glory, and only in Him will we find our purpose and fulfillment. Have you given serious thought to God's claim on your life, your talents, your dreams, your being? Are you fulfilling your God-given purpose? Are you investing your life, or are you killing time? Perhaps God would have you serve Him by joining us as we minister to the Deaf. Will you pray about that possibility? We're looking for committed believers who want to invest their life for the glory of God wherever He may lead.

Short Term

Invest the next two years of your life for God's kingdom – in any 'kingdom' in the world. (We will consider one year commitments.)

Long Term

Invest four or more years for God's glory and the salvation of the Deaf.

Qualifications

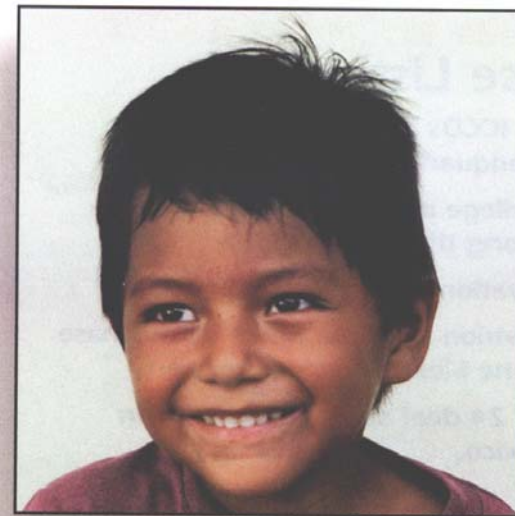
A Christian from an evangelical church willing to:

- ~ work in submission, cooperation and harmony with fellow servants for God's praise and glory.
- ~ work with people from different cultures.
- ~ live and work within the deaf culture.
- ~ learn Sign Language.
- ~ teach the Deaf.
- ~ live overseas in third-world conditions.
- ~ raise financial and prayer support.

ICCD's Assistance

Our staff looks forward to helping and advising you in any way, including raising your support and getting you to the mission field. Give us a call!

Reaching the Deaf for Christ



Church Schools

