

# Deaf Ministries International

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*Taking the Gospel to the Deaf*

## Korea

When DMI started the work in Korea in 1978 we did most of the work, the outreach as well as finding the finances for almost everything. The deaf in those days could not drive so Neville drove them everywhere. He did the pick-ups and the drop-offs and drove from one end of the country to the other, planting churches and ministering to the deaf.

Not anymore ... things have changed! Our deaf believers do it all. The little church in Chuncheon that we started in 1983 - which is now lead by Ps Heo In Yong - has its own building and is reaching out to deaf people in other parts of the world. They sent a team to Myanmar who painted our school building there and blessed the deaf.



*Building renovations*

deaf in many other ways. Recently another team from Chuncheon went to the Philippines and did a fantastic job on our building in Ligao and blessed the work financially. They have been a fantastic encouragement to us all.



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# Philippines

Throughout the Philippines, the last few months of each year are filled with many celebrations. Our schools and dorm students (Davao, Ligao & Vasayas) participated in World Teachers Day, Deaf Awareness Week and Christmas celebrations, to name a few. World Teachers Day is a day where the students devote the day to celebrating their teachers. They have no “normal” classes but instead spend the day showing their appreciation to their teachers by giving them massages, pampering, beauty treatments, playing games, concerts, taking over preparing all the food and lots of other fun activities.



*Pampering Teachers*

The theme for Deaf Awareness week this year was “Sign language, everyone is included”. It was a great opportunity for those in their community to come and learn what it is to be Deaf. Many attended to learn sign language, watch movies and participated in activities, which better helped their understanding



*Teaching Sign Language*



of deafness and raised awareness. Christmas celebrations were enjoyed by all with fun activities, concerts, presentations, a special meal and a message shared by a guest pastor. It’s also a time where the families of the students are invited to take part in the festive activities. The students have the opportunity to share what they have been learning throughout the year.



*Christmas Celebrations*

not get in but, all managed to get fed! We hope they felt blessed by the service and celebration. Overseas visitors from Japan and Korea took part and enriched the celebration. We are so thankful to God for the faithful ministry of Pa Lian (THEIN ZA LIAN) and Naign Naign Kyaw over



*Christmas Concert*

# Myanmar



There were over 200 people jammed into our building in Yangon for the 20th Anniversary of the church in that place. Many could

all these years. It is a good time to thank the anonymous donor too who gave us the money to buy the building we now use as a home and

church. What a fantastic blessing that has been to us. Thank you to whoever you are! Hope you are reading this!



# Your support provides transport

Transport can be an issue for our workers who try to visit outlying churches and isolated believers, as well as just getting around town. Thanks to recent donations some have been blessed with wheels. Papy from Goma in DR-Congo, is sporting a jazzy new motor bike. I don't think it will stay jazzy for too long as roads in the Congo can be horrendous. We pray for Papy's safety on the roads and from robbers and bandits as he moves around.



## China



Deaf churches continue to grow and be planted all over China. To see God's hand at work in a country where its leaders reject Christ, is testament to the saving power of

the gospel. The Bible translation team had the opportunity to travel to Thailand with the focus of learning how to share the gospel with non-believers and how to build relationships in order to share Christ.

During the Christmas season, congregations and study groups celebrated the joy of the birth of Christ. One group had birthday cakes made up which they sent to deaf businesses, as a way to reach out and

make them feel blessed during the Christmas period.



## Kenya



Having guests visit our deaf schools, programs and churches is always wonderful. It is usually a win-win situation. Our staff, students, pastors and congregations are always excited and blessed by those who visit. So often the visitors are touched and moved by what they see and experience. They often go

away with desires and aims to help raise awareness and funds. Recently, Alayne Madore, Chairperson of our Japan board, together with Kathi Kitao, a major donor to DMI and Deaf Action and Kitao's sister Karen, visited Kenya and Uganda. They were able to worship with our Nairobi church and visit the school in Ringa, Western Kenya. They gave monetary gifts, enabling the purchase of machines and other helpful equipment. Engaging with the students they are sponsoring, made the trip very

personal. They also visited Uganda where they were treated with a home visit for lunch, a program by the Bible School students and heard reports on projects being undertaken using funds that Kathi

had donated for this purpose.

Alayne now has photos on her office wall for all to see. She hopes that this will encourage those who visit her office, to sponsor more



of the kids in Kenya, Uganda and beyond.

# Neville's Update

While trying to be patient and obey doctors' orders I have, nevertheless, been chomping at the bit while raring to go and join in with some of the things that have been going on in the ministry these past weeks. I would have loved to have been attending the 20th anniversary of our church and work in Yangon and to have travelled with the three ladies to Africa but alas, there was no way. I am always reminded to qualify my promises with a "God Willing" statement as we never know what our circumstances will be.

I am happy to report that everything went according to plan without me so, like you readers, I too could only look at the pictures and read the reports.

We are coming up to the 40th anniversary of DMI, which will be celebrated in Korea. Once again I cannot get there due to a chemo treatment right in the middle of it. Maybe we can lash out here in the office and have a workers' lunch in lieu of a trip to Korea. Amazing to think that God has kept us going for 40 years. We will report on that next newsletter.

God Bless,



Neville and Lill Muir

## Praise and Prayer

- Praise for the opportunity to reflect on the last 40 years and see how God's hand has been over the work of DMI and DA from the very beginning. From planting a small deaf church in Korea, to now sharing the gospel with the deaf in 15 countries. We are so thankful that those who were first reached are now the missionaries, travelling to other countries to share Christ.
- Praise for the 20th Anniversary celebrations of the deaf church in Myanmar. Pray for protection of the church leaders against spiritual attack as they minister to their growing congregation.
- Praise for the work in China, a country that is trying so hard to shut out Christianity. We are so thankful for those who are choosing to be light. Pray for their safety as they reach out to those around them.
- Pray for Neville, Lill and their family as Neville continues his cancer treatment. Pray for strength for Neville's body to keep fighting this horrible disease. Pray for Lill and the family as they support Neville through this time.
- Pray for more short term mission groups, to receive the desire to visit and support other projects.
- We are thankful that our Heavenly Father supplies all of our needs. We continue to pray for the provision of finances so that the work of DMI can continue until Christ's return.



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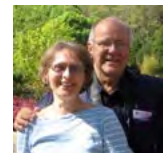
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