

Deaf Ministries International

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Taking the Gospel to the Deaf

DMI Celebrating 40 years in Korea

40 years ago we held our very first church meeting in Incheon Korea with a handful of deaf people. Neville had been asked to help start working with the deaf in that city by a mother of three deaf children. He could hardly sign anything in Korean

sign language and the strain of leading a meeting in a language that he did not know, was a bit overwhelming. They asked him back the next Sunday and once again the following week. He was then told that he had done such a good job "helping" that

it was now his job to continue. He struggled on for quite some time, praying that somehow he could get out of it, until one day a deaf young guy decided to follow Jesus. He was so shocked as he did not think anything was 'getting through'

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Anniversary Celebrations continued...

It was like God was giving Neville a whack on the back of the head, telling him to get on with it. This was



Pastor Kim Yong Whan

the beginning of Deaf Ministries International.

At the end of March, the Incheon church celebrated 40 years of ministry and with that came the 40th anniversary of DMI. All that

has happened over the years, blows one's mind. The church is lead by a dynamic and creative deaf pastor, Kim Yong Whan, who was one of those *kids* in our early days in Incheon. Recently 300 people joined the celebration to praise God for his leading over the years. Neville would have loved to have been

there. There must have been a lot of laughs and antics as well as a more serious side to the celebration. From the beginnings of that church, the work has spread now into almost 20 countries and thousands of deaf people have "heard" the Gospel using various local sign languages.



Why Sponsor a child?



Peter is a student in our sponsorship program in Uganda. He entered the program in 2016. Peter became an orphan after the passing of his father in 2013. He has since been in the care of his Aunt.

Due to the generous donations of sponsors, Peter is currently training at Malaika Business and Vocational Institute. He has just completed a certificated course in catering, which has taken him a year of study and he is looking forward to graduating soon!

Peter is also doing an internship at a restaurant called 'The Kitchen'. This is a favourable eating place in Kampala. His supervisor says that Peter is very hard working, eager to learn and does his work with a lot of happiness.

Despite him being the only deaf person in that workplace, he interacts freely with customers and takes orders with ease. His supervisor is seriously considering keeping him on after his internship is completed.

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\$40
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STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

Deaf Action's sponsorship program assists deaf children to attend schools in remote towns in Asia and Africa. \$40 a month helps to cover costs of education, skills and moral training, which allows them to lead productive and fruitful lives. Programs range from kindergarten right through to College level. The schools also work with young adults who have missed out on schooling due to poverty or lack of opportunity. You can help by sponsoring a child in either

Myanmar, the Philippines or Kenya

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Rwanda & DR Congo

Ordinations and Father Heart Conferences

Gunnar (Norway), with Josephat (Kenya), and Sam (Uganda), have been busy in Africa ordaining two of our workers and also leading Father Heart Conferences in Rwanda and



Goreth



Papy

the DR Congo. It was again a joy to be part of the ordination of Goreth in Rwanda. Goreth has been the leader of the work in Rwanda for many years. She and her sister, who we put through University, were genocide survivors and are most outstanding people. Neville was unable to go to Rwanda, but joined

in once again over Skype, laying his hands on the computer screen. Neville was also to take part in another ordination, this time of Papy, one of our workers in DR Congo. Unfortunately he missed out as he was in the Central Australian outback with no internet connection. He could only be with them in spirit.



Father Heart The Congo



Father Heart Rwanda

Gunnar has been very much involved with the Father Heart movement, teaching on the love of God the Father. He has been leading more Father Heart conferences this time in Rwanda and DR-Congo. Other conferences have been conducted in Kenya, Uganda and the Middle East. This teaching has been a great blessing to so many of our deaf people who often have a difficult time imagining a loving father.

Uganda

Gulu is a town in the northern part of Uganda. It became famous in the days of Joseph Kony and the boy soldiers. When we started working there, people from the surrounding districts would come in to town at night and sleep wherever they could. It was too dangerous to stay in the villages because of raids by the rebels. During that time we bought land in Gulu for a church building but we were never able to

build anything. As the area is now at peace and the land is available, we wish to construct a building that will not only serve the church, but also be an income generating project to support the work by renting out parts of the building. We are needing \$100,000 for this project. In the architect's illustration it looks pretty posh but I am



sure it will look a bit more "AFRICAN" by the time the building is finished. Please pray with us over this project and the need for funds.

Uganda continued...

On a much more grass roots level, Domnic Ocen, the pastor of the church, was involved in a traffic accident some months back. Since the accident, he has not been able to work his farm which usually supplements the meagre DMI funds. Hospital bills are mounting and he needs \$2700, an impossible amount for him. If anyone could help towards this, it would be marvellous.

Neville's Update

Thanks again for your prayers. A cystoscopy showed no cancer back in the bladder which was great news. The not so great news is that the previous course of chemo did not work as well as anticipated. I will be starting a different course on the 6th of June using a stronger medicine. I wondered why it did not affect me much so I guess that was the reason, it was not working. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Blessings,



Neville and Lill



Praise and Prayer

- Praise for the opportunity to celebrate 40 years of the work of DMI. For Neville's calling all those years ago to a little church in Inchon, Korea. From a mother asking Neville to sign for her children, to it becoming his life's work; an organisation that is sharing the gospel with the deaf in nearly 20 countries.
- Praise for the ordinations of the pastors in Rwanda and DR Congo. Please be in prayer for them as they endeavour to guide and teach into the lives of their congregations. Pray for spiritual protection as they proclaim the Gospel.
- Praise for the opportunity for Gunnar to speak at the Father Heart conferences in Rwanda and DR Congo. Pray for those who attended, that their lives were touched and are now on fire to return to their communities and share what they have learnt.
- Pray that the funds can be raised to build the multi-purpose church building in Uganda. Give thanks for the land which was purchased all those years ago, waiting for when peace came to the area.
- Pray for Domnic's recovery from the traffic accident. We pray that he can soon be back to working his farm and pastoring the Ugandan deaf church.
- Pray for Neville as he undergoes a new round of chemo. We pray for strength for not only him, but also guidance for his family as they support him during this challenging time.



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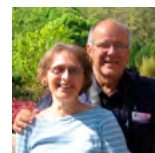
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