

Deaf Ministries International

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*Taking the Gospel
to the Deaf*

DMI Syria - Thankful for your support

For those who donated towards the Syrian conference, we thank you, as do the Syrian deaf for your generosity and help. About 40 deaf people from Damascus and from Homs were able to attend. Some of those were actually from Alqreaten (This place has various spellings) where the deaf had been held by ISIS before being released after the Russian bombing of the town. From all reports this was a wonderful time of teaching and refresh-



ment. Nedal and Fadi are very creative people so the conference was packed with activities and Bible teaching. Some of the deaf were able to share testimonies of receiving Jesus

into their lives and the difference He had made. It is hard for us to comprehend what these conferences mean to deaf people who have lived under such pressure and tension for so long. Thank you for making this all possible.



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Chelsea's Philippines Fundraiser

Young Girl, Big Heart!



Chelsea Smith is a young 14 year old school girl from Drouin in Victoria. Last year she went on one of the work parties

Chelsea decided to raise the funds to complete the building. The \$20,000 price tag for the completion of the building did not seem to phase her. What a challenge for a 14 year old! She contacted businesses, friends, churches, then organised an additional concert with a well known singer and entertainer here in Australia, Colin Buchanan, who was visiting the area.



Chelsea with a student from the Ligao School

lead by Barry Cutchie to DMI's school for the deaf in Ligao Philippines. She was most challenged by what she saw. She developed a great rapport with the kids at the school as well as with the teachers. More than just enjoying the experience and the challenge of getting to

know and communicating with the deaf, she took on an even larger challenge when she saw the half finished



state of the dining room and kitchen, the construction of which had ground to a halt due to lack of funds.



Colin Buchanan

We are happy to announce that the fundraiser exceeded its goal! This has been a great encouragement to us to see one so young achieve so much for the Kingdom of God among the deaf. Thank you Chelsea.



Current kitchen stove/fire



Current construction of the Kitchen

Update on Domnic

You may remember in our last newsletter we shared that Domnic Ocen, the pastor of one of our deaf churches in Uganda, was involved in a traffic accident. He was unable to work his farm due to his injuries. We also asked for your support to cover his mounting hospital bills.

We are so thankful to inform you that due to our generous supporters, his hospital bills were covered. Heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed toward this.

Domnic is still undergoing treatment for pain in his wrists and feet but we are happy to say that he is slowly recovering from his injuries.



Kenya Water Appeal Update

In our most recent Deaf Action newsletter, we put out an appeal to raise funds for our school in Kenya to have easier access to water. Currently, the students and teachers are walking a 5km round trip to fill up drums of water to reach the



school's daily water requirements. Since launching the appeal, we have been taken a back with the positive response - \$14,000 raised so far! We'd like to warmly thank all those who have donated towards this project so far. We have not yet met our target so we're asking if more folk could help in working towards reaching our goal. Funds raised for this tax deductible project will be used to improve the water supply to fulfil of the school's daily needs.

If you'd like to contribute, please fill out and return the enclosed form, or donate on our website.

<https://deafmin.org/donate/>

Please mark your donation as "Kenyan Water Project"



2020 International Conference - Kenya

Every three years, DMI holds an international conference. This is a great opportunity for you to share in fellowship with other DMI supporters and workers from around the world.

Next conference will be held in Kenya in 2020

VENUE:

Mombasa Continental Resort

DATE:

10th – 15th August 2020

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Inyeong Heo (South Korea)



Registrations open soon
keep checking this
website for details
www.dmikenya2020.com

John 17:21 "... that all of them may be one Father, just as you are in me and I am in you"

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Neville's Update

(Written three weeks ago in Myanmar).

Even though the air-con is doing its best, I am still saturated as the humidity must be close to 100%. I am still in the middle of my second round of chemo but felt well enough to make the short version of my usual Myanmar adventure. Our school here has been going through some staff issues. It's horribly under-staffed at the moment due to some financial restraints. This is a real concern and is currently being dealt with.

Andrew (now of Sydney, but for the last 25 years served in Japan) is travelling with me. He is hoping to represent DMI in the Sydney area so is trying to get a feel of DMI by visiting our fields. Myanmar is the first on the list. Andrew and family have been keen supporters of DMI for a long time and he has served on our board in Japan for some years.

I am going to do one more chemo treatment on my return which will be followed by more scans and tests. It seems that this second chemo treatment is not working either so everything might be reviewed yet again. I feel ok, but the tumours are not decreasing and the PSA levels are increasing so something is amiss. More news next time.

We have had some wonderful answers to prayer since the last letter. Chelsea raised a huge amount of money for Ligao; Syria conference was a great success, Domnic is on the mend but still undergoing treatment and other projects are gaining momentum.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

God Bless,



Neville and Lill

Praise and Prayer

- Praise that sufficient funds were raised for DMI Syria to run their camp. We thank God for their time of fellowship, sharing and growing in His word. We are also thankful for the blessing of those being able to attend who had previously been held captive by ISIS. We pray that their testimonies change the lives of the people around them.
- We are thankful for the way God stirs in the hearts of young people so that they can be an example to all us. For the desire, determination and selflessness that Chelsea has shown in raising funds to help people less fortunate than herself. For the desire she has in her heart to serve God in this practical way.
- Praise for the funds that have been raised so far towards helping the Kenyan school. We pray that the target for this project will be reached so that they will have convenient access to water.
- As we conclude another financial year, we remain thankful to God for His provision and blessings on DMI. Even when times are tough, God always provides and we have been able to continue to bring the gospel to the deaf throughout Africa and Asia.



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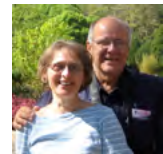
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