

Deaf Ministries International

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Taking the Gospel to the Deaf

Dear Friends,

It is time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

What a year this has been! I seem to have spent more time in doctors' offices, hospital, having cancer treatments, lymphedema treatments, palliative care meetings, physiotherapy sessions and cancer counselling than anything else.

Two lots of the chemo treatments did not work, but finally an oral chemo medicine seems to be doing the job. This was the very expensive medication I alluded to in our last letter, which I did manage to get at no charge! I was getting a bit worn out with all the treatments and things I had to go through, but then I became very grateful for the

wonderful care and treatments that have been made available for me, for basically very little charge. I am so thankful and am praying



like King Hezekiah in the Bible, who prayed and God granted him 15 more years. I am thankful to God for as long as He gives me, for my family and all the wonderful medical and support staff who have helped me along the way. Thank you for your prayers for me and the family over this journey. Ian is improving little by little and we long

to see him back to his old funny self. Lill too is holding her own and managing very well. Thank you very much for your prayers and

support for us and DMI during this past year. I still tire very easily and my travels and speaking engagements have been a bit limited but, hope to do more in the New Year, God willing.

Once again thank you to you all and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and prosperous and happy

New Year.
God Bless,



Neville and Lill Muir

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Philippines - Ligao

The new dining room and kitchen that Chelsea Smith raised money for, is almost completed. What an improvement on the old one which was a horror. Thanks to all who were involved in raising the funds for this and the contributions that were made. Neville is looking forward to another visit to the school so that he can see it for himself. They will need some furniture to put in it so we'll know next year whether the budget stretched that far to allow for some. We'll keep you up to date in a newsletter next year.



As we go to print, another typhoon has hit the Bicol region of the Philippines and a direct line to our school in Ligao. Information to date has been non-existent other than a few photos posted on Facebook by others. Communications are down and how our people have fared we do not know. Please pray for the people in the Bicol area; for their protection and that their needs will be met following another disaster. They knew it was coming

and were preparing but one never knows how things will end up. We received photos of sand bags on the roof of houses but, if the wind

could tip over a truck, we don't know how well mere sand bags would have protected the roofs. We have been disaster free for a few years and we're saddened to learn this has struck at Christmas



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

VENUE:

Mombasa Continental Resort

DATE:

10th – 15th August 2020

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Inyeong Heo (South Korea)

Registrations are open!
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"

The Congo

Please pray for the Congo and Beni in particular. We have been forced to close our school in Beni as have all schools in the area and beyond. This is due to rioting and the burning of United Nations buildings. The riots are apparently in protest of the inability of the UN to protect the populace from



the killings being carried out in the area by rebel groups. The country is very unstable so we have been asked to pray. It is rather disappointing as things were really just starting to get going with the school. We are hoping that sanity and peace is restored quickly so that the school can be reopened. Pray for protection for staff and students as well as our buildings; many have not long either been renovated or built thanks to the donations of our generous supporters.



With the problems comes the blessings too. Congratulations to Jacob (one of our preachers in Butembo) on the birth of his son, Israel. Mother and baby are both



WATER FOR KENYA APPEAL

Kenya school will soon have a water supply! Enough funds have been raised to run a pipeline directly into the school grounds!

THANK YOU very much for all the donations for the WATER FOR KENYA APPEAL.

Volunteer Required

Do you have the ability to work in Word and Excel?

We are looking for someone to support our School Sponsorship team one day each week or per fortnight.

Please send an email to:

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Uganda

The Neville Muir Memorial Comprehensive School in Lira Uganda, has had another graduation ceremony. So many deaf and handicapped young people in the area are still waiting to get into the school.



They have had to make a waiting list to get in. The facilities are very minimal. The dorm is inadequate so there are two to a bed, but still they come. The toilet block, thanks to a gift from Norway, is very good.

It is hoped that a new van will be purchased shortly with funds already donated. Such is the desire for some kind of education and recognition that the shortfalls are ignored.

God bless Denis, the deaf and physically handicapped young man, whose vision is to care for these people.

Praise and Prayer

- Thank you Lord for the provision, daily comfort and guidance for the Muir family as they continue to devote their life to the work of DMI. Thank you also for the professional medical people you have put around them
- Thank you for individuals like Chelsea, whose initiative has provided a wonderful result for the kitchen/dining room at the school in Ligao. Bless her mightily Lord and let her know just how much she is appreciated.
- We pray for protection over our workers and families in the Philippines, particularly in the Bicol area and trust that every person is safe and that they have provisions enough to get them through this difficult time. May their resilience and trust in you Lord, be a blessing to others in the area.
- Whilst giving thanks for the progress made at the school in Butembo, we now lift those dear ones to You Lord, for safety and protection while the surrounding areas are rife with unrest. We also pray for continuing good health to the leader, his wife and baby boy.
- We give thanks also for all those who have made it possible to commence the vital water pipeline which will benefit the school in Kenya.



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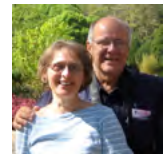
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