

The BARR Family Missionaries to the Deaf

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from all around the United States! At least that is what it has seemed like for the past few months. Spring has been both very busy and greatly blessed. Thank you for your prayers for safety and for the Lord's working through our recent meetings. Thank you also for those who have given special offerings recently for the Ukraine missions trip and for our additional expenses with trips to FL surrounding my dad's home going and my mom's time of adjustment.

Meetings - March - 1. Our spring schedule continued with a Fantastic Saturday in our home church in **Trenton, GA**. There were 201 people present from 17 churches and one Deaf lady prayed for assurance of salvation. **2.** Thirty-two people braved a snow storm for our Fantastic Saturday in **Huntington, WV**. We had a great time of preaching, teaching and fellowship. **April - 3.** After Easter, we headed out West for Fantastic Saturdays in **Phoenix, AZ**, and **Covina, CA**. In both places, God blessed with Deaf ladies being saved. Both finally realized that it is "only Jesus" who could save them. **4.** While in **Arizona**, I also preached in the jail and on the radio for the White River Apache Indians. **5.** Our final spring Fantastic Saturday was in **Rock Hill, SC**. The Lord blessed with the greatest attendance they have ever had - 168 people. What a blessing to see Deaf children, young people, and adults, in this meeting! One Deaf teen girl was saved, and there were several other decisions. **6.** Next we presented our missionary work with the Deaf at a missions conference in **Virginia**. Praise the Lord the church reached their Faith Promise goal and will be helping more missionaries. **7.** Recently we helped a church start a Deaf ministry in **Tampa, FL**. Several people in the church became burdened for the ministry after a Deaf lady visited their church. It is exciting to see this new deaf ministry established and workers beginning to reach the Deaf of their area for Christ.

March Ukraine Missions Trip - It is always heart-touching to preach to Deaf people in other countries. I preached for a Bible Conference for Simferopol Baptist Deaf Church in **Simferopol, Ukraine**. The church has been well established by missionary Bob Van Sant, and the people responded well to the preaching. One hearing son of Deaf parents was saved, and many made decisions for Christian service.

Upcoming Meetings - May - Silent Word Ministries will have its first **Deaf Leadership Conference**. We will be giving tools to Deaf men who are already leaders to help them more effectively minister in their churches. **June** - I will be teaching a class at Harvest Deaf College, in **Ringgold, GA**. Diane and I will also go to Florida for a "**Silent Weekend**." I will be teaching several workshops at this gathering of over 300 interpreters/deaf workers who are learning and improving their Sign Language skills. Many interpret in their churches. It is our policy to always display SWM Christian book table materials. Please pray for God to bless this ministry outreach. **July** - We look forward to training church deaf ministry workers at the ASL Institutes in **Georgia** and **New York**.

Special Ministry Need - Deaf people use their eyes to communicate. PowerPoint presentations have become a tremendous tool for preaching and teaching Deaf people. Our present projector has a brightness of only 1100 lumens and does not meet our current needs. A new NEC VT700 projector, with 3000 lumens will cost \$949 and will greatly enhance our ministry to the Deaf world. We have already received \$150, so **\$799** is the current balance needed. If you would like to help with this project, please designate your gift to "**Barr-Projector**."

Personal News - It's hard to believe it, but our kids are no longer kids! On **May 3**, Rebekah graduated from Bob Jones University with her BA degree in Biblical Counseling. After one session of summer school and traveling with a summer ministry team, she will return in August to start work on her Master's degree. Joshua just completed his second year of Missionary Aviation training and will be staying for summer school. He will also continue his work on Public Safety (Security) at the University. Thank you for praying for our family and for our unique missionary deaf ministry.

For Deaf Souls,



Jon, Diane, Rebekah, & Joshua Barr

Prayer Requests:

1. *Monthly Support - Additional \$700 Needed*
2. *Teaching & Training Institute Development*
3. *Video Projector - \$799 Needed*
4. *Continued wisdom for the care of Jon's mom.*

Pray For Us!

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