

The Story of...
***Silent Word
Ministries***



**Into The Silent World – With The Silent Word
Since 1966**



**Ted & Carlene Camp
- Founders -**

**Silent Word Ministries
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Meet The Founders



Ted & Carlene Camp

Missionary/Evangelist **Dr. Ted Camp** began preaching in June, 1963. Since that time, he has served as pastor of three churches and was on staff for twenty years at the Bill Rice Ranch in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In 1977, he was one of the first men to receive an honorary doctorate degree because of his literature and ministry to the deaf world. In 1993, the Lord led the Camps back to their roots in Trenton, Georgia, to continue SWM. The Camps were married in 1958 and have two grown children and two grandchildren. They are an unusual missionary couple serving both deaf and hearing people. Their goal is to “**Tell the Deaf more about Jesus.**”

I. SWM was founded by missionaries Ted and Carlene Camp in 1966 to fulfill the Great Commission through evangelism to the Deaf world. It is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization. SWM is an Independent Baptist ministry. Their goal is to reach the Deaf world for Christ; to help establish Deaf ministries in fundamental churches; to win people to Christ worldwide; to help build established ministries; and to strengthen both Deaf and hearing into Christian maturity with a **literature program**.

II. SWMission Board and **SWM International** were established to help hearing and deaf missionaries with a like calling and burden for the deaf world. SWM serves as headquarters for missionaries and provides accountability to the local churches, their supporters, and IRS. **SWMission Board** is unique in that it **specializes** in reaching the deaf world for Christ. The goal is to help each missionary reach his/her fullest potential for the Lord. If you are interested, contact: **Jon Barr** Jbarr@SilentWord.org

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STORY OF SILENT WORD MINISTRIES

As Told by Dr. Ted Camp, Founder

“As they ministered to the Lord... the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have **called** them”(Acts 13:2). “But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a **chosen** vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel” (Acts 9:15). Paul knew he was **called and sent** to the Gentiles. Paul always remembered his original calling to the Gentiles on the Damascus road.

In 1966, the Lord called and sent **Ted & Carlene Camp** to minister to Deaf people. **God chose them and built His ministry**, a ministry that would preach the Gospel, teach the Bible, and evangelize the Deaf world. The name ***Silent Word*** was created for the “***The Silent Word***” newspaper. Even in the early days, God was preparing SWM to reach the Deaf worldwide. As the Deaf Bible Institute, tracts, and literature were printed and distributed to the Deaf, **SWM** slowly became the **Silent Word Ministry**. The ministry continued to grow and is now **Silent Word Ministries, Inc.** – Many ministries, reaching the Deaf World for Christ.

The Story of Silent Word Ministries... Usually, when people first meet me, they ask, “**How did you start working with the Deaf? How did Silent Word Ministries begin?**” This is the story of how God led us into the exciting, unique ministry of the Deaf World.

It all began in the summer of 1966 when Clifford Smith, missionary to the Deaf, was scheduled to speak at our church, Beulah Chapel Baptist of Flat Rock, Alabama. On the afternoon of his appointment, he visited our community and found three Deaf families. That night these families attended the services with him. We were very surprised to have Deaf people in our church and also to learn that they lived in our community. This was our first contact with Deaf people. Clifford presented his work, and for the first time, we saw how Deaf people could worship with hearing people. Clifford's wife, **Helen**, interpreted as he preached his sermon. He told us how the Deaf were being overlooked in the field of Christianity. The missionary left, but the burden remained. In one service, Mrs. **Edna Earnest** came forward and told the church she felt a desire to work with the Deaf. We had to start a deaf ministry. Then I had to visit the Deaf to see if they would attend our church. How could I make them understand? I wrote on a large poster card, “**If we learn Sign Language, will you come to our church?**”



Then, I visited Deaf people. The first home had a big dog in the yard. I don't like big dogs, and they don't like me. I slowly walked to the door. Looking through a window, I noticed the Deaf lady inside. I **knocked on the door**. Nothing happened. I knocked again. She was just inside the door. I knocked again. Dumb, stupid me! The Deaf can't hear you knock on a door. I didn't know that. Finally, I walked over to the window. I could see the lady, but I did not know how to let her know I was outside. I began to wave to her through the window. When she finally saw me, she screamed. It was a sound I had never heard before. It sounded like a wild person. That startled me, and I turned to leave. The big dog grinned at me, so I stayed. Cautiously, I went back to the door and waited. She came to the door and stared at me in fright. I knew that I had to do something quickly, so I used the only sign I knew. I smiled!

I smiled and smiled, and then pointed to the card. I kept smiling as she walked away. I was left alone wondering if she would return or if I should go into the house. She returned with her Deaf husband. I waved and smiled. I showed them the card and smiled. He smiled; she smiled; we all smiled. They motioned for me to come into the house. I smiled and entered the home. Again, I showed them the card. The three of us read the card about five times. Finally, I pulled out a pen, and they signed the card promising to come to church. I shook their hands and smiled. I had smiled so much my cheeks were hurting. It worked! All the Deaf in the area promised to come to church. We had our worker and the Deaf people promised to come to church. Next, we needed to learn Sign Language.



Learning Sign Language - I was referred to Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, because they had a good deaf ministry. I went to the church, and they referred me to Dr. J.R. Faulkner who introduced me to **Don Cabbage**, a student at Tennessee Temple Schools. I later learned that Don Cabbage was the son-in-law of Dr. Bill Rice who founded the Bill

Rice Ranch (a camp for the Deaf) in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Don Cabbage was well qualified because his wife, Betty, was Deaf. I thought, "He had to know Sign Language to communicate with her." Don agreed to teach his first Sign Language class in our church.

He taught classes for one week as he was a working student. He taught three hours each night for one week. As he left, he said, "Lord, you need to help those poor people, because I can't." The Lord did! We had our beginning.



Our First Deaf - The deaf people came to our church so we needed interpreters and a teacher. Hugh Earnest was the teacher and I assisted. One Sunday I taught about Noah. I was shocked to learn that many of our deaf people did not know who built the Ark. They were also amazed to learn it had **never**

rained before Noah's time. It touched my heart as I helped them understand the Bible. This was the same as a mission field.

Carlene's First Time to Interpret - When Don Cabbage taught the sign language class, Carlene was expecting our son, Greg. She attended the class but was only interested in the baby being born. She also felt awkward around the deaf.

Carlene had learned a few signs but she avoided the deaf people. If they came one way, she would go the other way. She sat away from them in church. Then one night the interpreter did not come to church. The deaf people had no interpreter. They tried to get Carlene's attention by using her sign name and pointing to her. She saw her name being used and looked the other way. Finally, their eyes locked and the deaf people motioned for her to come over with them. She had to be a good pastor's wife, so she went. The deaf all pointed to her and said, "**You interpret.**" She almost fainted as she said and signed, "**Who...me?**" Carlene said that she could not stand as her knees were knocking and all strength was gone. She slowly signed a few words and then was amazed as the deaf people accepted her and helped her with signs. She would spell a word, and they would show her the sign for the word. Very little was interpreted that night, but **something happened** that changed her life.

Carlene said, "***That night I fell in love with the deaf people. I learned that they were not strange and weird, but kind and sweet people.***"

Deaf People in Other Cities - It was not long until knowledge of our ministry grew. One night we were contacted by **J.C. Johnston** and **J.P. Ashworth** in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They had found a deaf couple while on visitation and wanted us to come and help witness to them. We visited them and learned that they were already Christians.

As I traveled home that night, thoughts of reaching other deaf troubled me. I was burdened for the deaf, not only for those nearby, but the Deaf people everywhere. How could I better reach them for Christ? What could I do?

Silent Word Ministries Born - One night in **September, 1966**, during our church service, **Alvin Spurgin**, a deaf man, signed a song, **“More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus.”** I watched and wept as I thought of all the deaf who needed to know more about Jesus. God used this deaf man to touch my heart. As Alvin sang in Sign Language, I promised the Lord that I would help deaf people **know more about Jesus**. I prayed and thought of the best way to tell the deaf **“more”** about Jesus. The Lord impressed upon my heart to reach the deaf **through and with the printed ministry**. I would write and **print literature** in their language and culture to reach them. At the same time **Harry Price** a member of our church told me the Lord had laid upon his heart to buy us a used ABDick mimeograph machine. He then sadly said, **“I will need to sell my bird dogs.”**



From the beginning, my **burden** has always been to reach the deaf with a worldwide printing ministry. I realized that I could not personally visit all the deaf, but I could personally reach many with a publication ministry. After only **three months** of being in the deaf ministry, we printed our first (small) newspaper, **“The Silent Word.”** Deaf people could not hear, but they could read. It worked! **Deaf people listen with their eyes!** We sent the silent Word into the silent world. I learned quickly that the Word of God produces the Work of God. Since the beginning **I have always felt that when I write, I please the Lord.**

August 1967 - First visit to Bill Rice Ranch - Carlene and I, along with others from the church, went to the Bill Rice Ranch in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for a refresher course in Sign Language. Cathy Rice taught us to **“think deaf.”**

While at the Bill Rice Ranch, I promised God I would do all I could to help the Ranch during their two deaf weeks. These folks have been an inspiration and invaluable help in our work with the deaf, as well as to the deaf ministry throughout America.

January 1968 – We resigned Beulah Chapel Baptist Church and moved to pastor **New Bethel Baptist Church in Rome, Georgia**. We wept as we were leaving the place that we loved deeply. During this transition, God amazingly increased our church ministry and ministry to the Deaf. We began **printing** teaching materials for other deaf ministries. At that time there was no literature to help deaf ministries. By faith, we ventured into a new area of ministry. I promised the Lord if He would open doors, we would give every penny **above** my church salary to the deaf ministry. I promised that, by faith, these materials would be sent **free** as the Lord provided. We continued to minister to the deaf as I pastored the church. The Lord blessed both the ministry of the church and the ministry to the Deaf. Both ministries prospered and grew.

Deaf School Ministry - The Lord opened a door at **Georgia School for the Deaf** which was only twenty miles from our church. Every Sunday morning we taught about 300 deaf children. This improved our Sign Language and understanding of the Deaf. We entered a new world of deaf culture. We learned as we taught. We learned that the deaf needed visual aids and **repetition** to retain. The methods we learned during those years has continued to be very valuable in our ministry. We slowly learned to **visually** preach and teach. The Deaf loved it!

First Church Supporter - Pastor **John Schrimshire** of Piney Grove Baptist Church in Trenton, Georgia, saw our work and the need of support. He presented this need to his church, and we had our first supporter. We were on our way to a new ministry. He stated, "I hope this will encourage other churches to support this good ministry to the Deaf."

Dr. Bill Rice Endorses SWM Ministry - Our ministry continued to increase with Bible courses, books, tracts, Bible lessons and other literature. It seems that the Lord always gave us the right people and opened doors at the right time. **Dr. Bill Rice**, founder of the **Bill Rice Ranch**, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, had been observing our Deaf ministry.



Dr. Bill Rice contacted me and then promoted our literature ministry in the Ranch's newspaper, **The Branding Iron**. The Bill Rice Ranch then sent all inquiries for deaf literature to our ministry for response. With the Bill Rice Ranch's endorsement, our ministry reached **another level**. We needed many volunteers to help us weekly with the ministry.



First Staff Members - Keith and Jane Ford from Kansas told us that they had read ***The Silent Word*** and God had burdened them to **come and help us** in the deaf ministry. They left **Kansas** and brought all their belongings to live in a small house trailer in Rome, Georgia. They received no salary, but lived totally by faith in the Lord.

With their help, we were able to expand in our printing ministry. Keith ran the presses, and Jane typed the mailing labels. They also helped build our local deaf ministry. Keith drove a van about 60 miles to bring deaf to our church services. I was amazed that God gave us a family whose only thought was to serve the Lord.

Bible Courses Founded - We saw the need to teach deaf people the Word of God by mail, so we started a correspondence Bible program for the deaf with Bible courses. This ministry also grew rapidly and went nationwide. The Bible courses required grading. God gave us another volunteer staff member, **Ruth Bennett**. She was perfect for the position. It was exciting to see hundreds of deaf people being saved through this ministry. One of the greatest joys was going daily to our mail box and seeing what the Lord was doing. We received much mail almost every day. Some wrote telling us we were the only church they had. They may be deaf, but they can read.

1973 - 1993 - SWM Merges with Bill Rice Ranch - As the ministry continued to grow, Dr. Bill Rice, founder of the Bill Rice Ranch in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, asked me to consider **joining the Bill Rice Ranch staff, to help establish a literature program for the Deaf**. In **1973**, we joined the staff of the Bill Rice Ranch as missionaries to the deaf world. These were good years of learning and preparing for a worldwide ministry to the deaf. We learned soul winning and establishing new deaf ministries from **Don Cabbage**.

We learned the importance of a **heart** for the deaf from **Dr. Cathy Rice**. **Dr. Bill Rice** became my spiritual father, advisor, and mentor. He personally trained and taught me the importance of platform preaching and teaching. Dr. Bill Rice often said, **“Anyone can take a message and make it deep, dull, and dry, but great preaching is taking a deep message and making it simple so everyone can understand it.”** I learned to use this same principle in preaching and in writing. Later, **Dr. Bill Rice III** taught me Bible principles that will remain with me all my life. I will always be indebted to the BRR for their investment in my life and my ministry.

During this time, I was presented an **honorary Doctoral degree** from **Faithway Baptist College in Michigan** for recognition of my many **writing publications** for the deaf world. We will always be grateful for the **twenty years** at the Bill Rice Ranch which opened the doors of opportunity for our present ministry.

1993 - SWM Reorganized. After twenty years of service at the Bill Rice Ranch, we decided to **relocate** SWM to our home town in **Trenton, Georgia**. After being away for **over 30 years**, we returned home to the place where I was saved, baptized, married, called to preach, ordained, and sent as a missionary.



A Time to Soar - I told Carlene that it was time for us to **“soar as the eagle.”** Carlene gave me a **new beginning gift** of a painted picture of a soaring eagle. She also inscribed a plaque **“The Year of Renewal”** with Isaiah 40:31. This plaque and picture still remain on my office wall with many other **“eagle”** gifts from many friends. The eagle is also a **“logo”** of SWM.

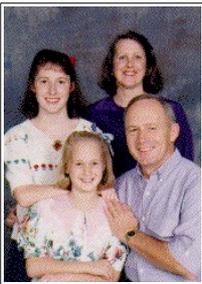
A Local Deaf Ministry - Although there were no local deaf in Trenton, Georgia, we knew the move was of the Lord. The ministry **continued** to grow beyond our expectations and dreams. When we began in our home church, **Calvary Baptist Church** in Trenton, Georgia, there were no deaf people. One day a deaf man, **Joseph Cabrera**, came to visit our church. He asked, **“Can I come to church and bring my friends?”** I told him that if the deaf would be faithful for three months, then we would start a deaf ministry. Eventually, deaf people started moving to our small town, and now a good deaf ministry has been established.

The deaf people teach their own class, preach in a separate **deaf chapel** and are involved in the total church ministry. I am still amazed how God sent deaf people to Trenton. It was a small miracle! (*It is amazing but we have always had deaf people with us since 1966.*)

Seasonal Friends - During these early years, a business and ministry friend was touched of the Lord to help us financially in restarting our ministry. He personally paid off all our existing debts and then promised **\$650** monthly support **until** we were able to raise our support level. It seemed the Lord always gave us the **right people at the right time**. I called these **seasonal friends** because they were “**there**” for a **season** in our ministry.

Fantastic Saturdays - As the ministry grew, we saw the need of helping **more** local deaf ministries. I asked myself the question, “**If Paul worked with the deaf, what would he do?**” Most deaf leaders were working people who knew some Sign Language, but had no formal training or knowledge of how to build deaf ministries. I promised I would help them help the deaf.

New Outreach Ministry - I saw the need to teach and train other Deaf ministries in America. I traveled to major cities and invited area Deaf and Deaf ministries to come to us for a one-day seminar. It worked! We were conducting more than twenty “**Fantastic Saturdays**” and “**D-Days**” in major cities.



First Staff Family in Trenton - From a “Fantastic Saturday,” a family stated that God had called them to **serve** with us in the ministry of “**Helps.**” **Bob & Trisha Hicks** joined with us to take care of mailings, printing, and office needs. God provided another family at the right time and the right place. Our ministry expanded with the help of this family.

Fall 1995 - The Silent Word Newspaper - I have always wanted to send a Christian **newspaper** to the deaf worldwide. I discussed the need of a **newspaper** with **Eddy Gifford**, the **publisher** of our local newspaper, **The Dade Sentinel**. He said, “**Why don’t you publish a ‘real’ newspaper?**” He said, “**You can do it, and I will help.**” Eddy Gifford personally prepared and printed the first few issues. We sent 5,000 newspapers to deaf people and deaf ministries.

For years, I had a desire to publish a Christian **newspaper** to the Deaf. Now, for the first time, I held “it” in my hands. At last, **The Silent Word Newspaper, was born. To God be the Glory!**



1998 - Mission Board Established - During a “**Fantastic Saturday,**” **Allen Snare**, a deaf pastor, talked to me privately. He signed, “**The Lord impressed me to become a missionary and join Silent Word Ministries.**” I quickly told him, “**No way!**” It was all we could do to take care of our present ministry, and we could not

expand any more. As I returned home from the meeting, the Lord did it again. He used a **deaf man to open my heart** to another new ministry. After much prayer, we finally founded SWMission Board. As **Reed Condra** read our Mission Board policies, with tears in his eyes, he said, “**Can I join?**” Our new mission board now had **three** missionaries.

SWM Becomes Incorporated - When the Silent Word Mission Board was established, it was also necessary to become an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit ministry. This would permit SWM to receipt gifts and be a clearing house for SWM missionaries. We **incorporated** and installed a **Board of Directors** that would advise and be involved in helping with their different areas of their expertise to help build other areas of the ministry.



Spring 2000 – At this time the ministry was operating from our home and in our two-car garage (picture). In a board meeting in our living room Carlene stated, “**I want my home back.**” One of our **board members** agreed and took us to see some prized land. He then asked me to

step off how much land I needed. **I did and he did.** He donated the land for our office. We now had the land but needed someone to help to build our new office. In a special businessman's luncheon I spoke about our ministry. A man, **Leon Spurgin**, said, “**God has touched my heart to help you.**” I asked, “What can you do?” He said, “I have a team that builds churches.”

I excitedly asked, "Will you build an office building?" He agreed to help us and they did. The **Men of Action** (Church of God mission team from Cleveland, Tennessee), led by **Leon Spurgin** (brother of Alvin), donated labor to construct the office building in **only one week. "The Alvin Spurgin Memorial Building" was built. Carlene got her house back!**



January 2001 - Jon Barr, a SWM missionary, was appointed by Ted Camp to be the **president** of SWM. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University and a **certified interpreter**. He brought his expertise in Internet, videos, filming, computers, Sign Language and Deaf ministries. He is also the Director of Officer Operations.

Diane, his wife, is the bookkeeper, assists in the office, and serves on the Executive Operating Board. Jon Barr is well qualified to continue the operations of SWM. Contact: Jbarr@SilentWord.org



May 2004 - SWM International Born - David Bennett, a veteran missionary to the hearing and deaf in Brazil for over twenty-five years, joined SWM to establish an **International ministry outreach**. For the **first time, foreign missionaries** could seek application with **SWM International** to serve in other **countries**. SWMI leads mission teams to serve in worldwide deaf events. Contact: davidbennett@SilentWord.org.



October 2004 – The second phase. The Case-Warren Annex (two board directors, Larry Case and John Warren). was completed. **Again the Men & Women of Action** and local volunteers did the work. It houses the **Gifford** print shop, the **Baker** (Don & Tylie Baker) studio, **Tate** library, and an upstairs office. It was also **built in five days** for material cost of about **\$55,000**. Churches and friends responded to meet the need. Deaf people **listen with their eyes**. Preaching and teaching **videos** in Sign Language and voice would be an effective tool in evangelizing and teaching the Deaf world. A church in Decatur, Alabama also donated funds for needed studio equipment to convert VHS into DVD. **The Lord did it again!**

June 2007 - The **third phase** of the building program was built , again, **by the team of Men & Women of Action** and other local volunteers. It was also built in **five days**, and the Lord provided the funds necessary. This building houses a **fellowship hall**, classrooms, kitchen, rest rooms, and an upstairs dorm. It also houses the **“Merrill Chapel”** named in honor of a deaf-blind couple, **William and Helena Merrill** (Grand Rapids, Michigan) who left a gift in a will to SWM of almost \$54,000 which was used to build the chapel. It still amazes me that a **deaf-blind couple** who had the



Silent Word Newspaper signed into their hands by a Deaf friend **Gilbert Branagan** of Grand Rapids, Michigan. They provided the need to complete this new building. We were again debt free. **The Lord did it again!**



2007 - Jim Bracelin, a SWM missionary, was appointed by Ted Camp to be **vice president of SWM**. Jim has a Bible college degree and he was also a senior pastor. In 1999, during a meeting with Ted Camp, God touched Jim's heart to serve the deaf. He is also Director of SWM Northeast with headquarters in Pennsylvania. Jim

is the Director of **SWM Outreach Ministries**. He also serves on the SWM Executive Operating Board. He assists Ted with in raising financial funds and assists Jon with SWMission Board. He and his wife, **Terry**, minister to the deaf and deaf ministries in the Northeast and also assist at SWM. They are a great addition and asset to the ministry. Contact: Bracelin@SilentWord.org

January 2016 - As we look back over these past **50 years** of Deaf ministry, we are amazed at what God has done. I continually say, **“To God be the glory. Great things He hath done!”** The ministry has reached **far beyond** our expectations. We have seen **thousands** of Deaf and hearing **people saved** through our varied ministries. It is hard to believe that all this could have started from such a humble beginning. There have been heartaches, but the joys of reaching a Deaf world have been much greater.

In 1966, God put a love and placed a burden in our hearts **for the Deaf world**, and it still continues today. I now realize that God only **called me once**, and I have just sought to be faithful to that one calling. From the beginning, we never sought the ministry, but it sought us. We have lived by faith these many years and every need has been met. As He guides – He provides. We have learned it is **His** ministry. We are just His stewards, managers, and overseers.

In 2016 – SWM continues to be a unique ministry that **specializes** in reaching the Deaf for Christ worldwide. SWM has greatly expanded with evangelism outreach ministries on the Internet (**SilentWordMinistries.org**). Also at this printing SWM has 14 families on our worldwide mission board. The Deaf ministry is still a **frontier ministry** and there is always much more that needs to be done. We still need more laborers to help us build the body of Christ, especially in the deaf world. We are still going where **no man has ever gone before**. I often say, ***“We are not great; we just don’t have any competition.”***

Now, when someone asks me, **“How do you start a deaf ministry?”** I simply reply that you need to get a large poster card and write on it, **“If our church learns Sign Language will you come to church?”** Then visit the Deaf and knock really loud on the door. As they come to the door, show your card and smile. Keep smiling until it hurts. When they finally agree to come to church you are ready to start a deaf ministry.

In Closing... There was a time when **Alvin Spurgin**, while he was on his death bed, signed to me, **“TC, promise me that you will never stop helping the Deaf.”** I wept as I prayed in Sign Language and promised **Alvin and the Lord** that I would never stop helping the deaf **“Know more about Jesus.”** And never stop, quit, or give up – Never!

This is our story...How God used two common people from the small town of **Trenton, Georgia**, and gave them a worldwide Deaf ministry. It is amazing how God can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things. If the Lord can do it with us, He can do the same for anyone. **Come and see what the Lord hath done!**

The story continues... Ted Camp, SWM

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SWM Mission Statement

*“But we will Give Ourselves... to the Ministry of the Word
--- to the Deaf” ~ Acts 6:4*

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***Because they have lost their hearing,
they do not need to lose their souls.***

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Go, Sign to Them for Me

**Master, "What shall I do today?
Where shall I go for thee?"
And He pointed to the deaf people
"Go Sign to Them for Me."
"Oh no, not there!"
No one will notice and see.
I must learn Signs - - no, it isn't fair.
Oh no, not the deaf world for me.
As He spoke I begin to understand,
"Search your heart
and use your hands,
I died for you on Calvary.
So, go sign to them for Me."**

By Ted Camp, SWM

I CANNOT HEAR

Now in this life I cannot hear,
One day I will, for Jesus cares.
I cannot hear the birds that sing,
I cannot hear the bells that ring.
I've never heard a baby cry,
Or heard the thunder in the sky.
Sometimes I'm lonely and I cry.
I have to brush the tears from my eye.
For in this life I cannot hear,
But one day I will, for Jesus cares.

I thank my God that He saved me.
I may be deaf but I've been made free.
I have God's word in Heaven I'll be,
With Him for all eternity.
There I will praise the Lord and sing,
There I will hear the bells that ring.
My deafness gone forever more,
I'll sing with Him, my dear Lord.
I'll sing with angels and happy be,
With Christ my Lord through eternity.

For in this life I cannot hear,
One day I will, for Jesus Cares!

(Written for our foster deaf daughter)

By Ted Camp

