

Summer 2011

Dear Faithful Friends,



*Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. – Amos 8:1*

Did you know that the word "summer" appears in the KJV Bible 27 times? Of those 27 times, 9 times refer to summer fruits. Here at Harvest Deaf Ministries, we are having a very fruitful summer. We have planted and watered and labored, and now we are seeing the fruit of our labors. We have recently held our graduation ceremonies, with five students graduating from our college and five from our high school. Our elementary graduation also had five students graduate – three from kindergarten and two from sixth grade. Our staff has invested many hours into the education and training of these students and is excited to see how God will guide each one.

Our elementary students have learned many things and are ready to advance to the next grade. We are excited to see them grow and learn more about God and His world. Our high school students are seeking God's guidance for their next step. Three students have decided to attend Harvest Deaf Bible College in the fall, one student will attend Pensacola Christian College, and one student is seeking God's will for her next step. We are excited to see our students further their education at good Christian colleges, and thrilled when they decide to attend our college.



Of our college graduates, four are entering full-time service for the Lord. One student recently finished a month-long internship with Jim Bracelin, missionary with Silent Word Ministries in the Northeast United States, and three of our students are beginning deputation to raise their support for missionary service in Jamaica. The other graduate will be serving the Lord and working in his hometown in South Carolina. We are thankful for the fruitfulness of these young lives.

In addition, we have several individuals and teams going on missions trips this summer. We have students going to Romania, and Zambia, Africa for short-term trips. One of our young couples, both recent graduates of HDDB, will be going to Brazil for two months. We also have a team that will be going to Ukraine to host a camp for deaf children. They are expecting 50-70 children, ages 6-12. A high school girl from our church will be going to Costa Rica for three weeks; she feels that the Lord has called her to missionary service and is seeking His will for the future.

Outreach here at home will also be actively pursued this summer. We will have summer clubs for children and teens each Wednesday night. Colonial Baptist Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School here from June 20-24. We will take a group of deaf children and teens to camp at Bill Rice Ranch, as well as hosting our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Deaf Camp July 24-29 in Fort Bluff, Tennessee. We are excited for these opportunities for ministry.

**Pray:** for each of our summer ministries, that souls will be saved and lives changed for eternity.

that we will be able to recruit new students for our day school and college. It is a blessing to have so many graduates, but this reduces our numbers and can cause financial strain.

that God will provide for renovations to our septic system.

In His Service,

Reggie & Kim Rempel