



Deaf Ministries Update

Bringing the Gospel to the Deaf

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Dear Friends and Supporters,
I was going to make a count this year of how many nights I have been able to sleep in my own bed, but I messed up a bit probably because I don't really want to know how few! This year has been the year of travel but unlike other years, Lill has been able to be with me on a few of the trips. It is still not over yet but hopefully January I can spend at home.

Many people think that I take constant holidays abroad but really that is not quite the case. On our recent trip to Norway, the US and Canada we had the opportunity to speak at some 25 meetings and gatherings from home groups to Norwegian State Church services; Free church meetings; an Anglican Men's group meeting; a Presbyterian mission group; as well as share with individuals of what

God is doing among the deaf in these days.

We did sneak in some personal matters too which enabled us to attend a wedding of the son of great missionary friends from Japan days, Ron and Joan Stoller, visit past Korean workers in Canada and renew the contact with the Korean family who lived with us for years in Korea but are now in Canada. The highlight however was what motivated the trip in the first place, Lill's mum's 90th birthday.

This gracious lady is still going strong. Her faith and testimony are firmer than ever and the party, held at the Free Church in Fredrikstad, was a wonderful tribute to a

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the uplifting and successful trip to Norway & the US
- Pray for wisdom & discernment in dealing with personnel issues in the Philippines
- Pray for the graduation and ordination of students in Africa and Uganda
- Pray for the planning sessions in Egypt for future works in Rwanda and Tanzania



very special person. Friends and family came from near and far to pay tribute to Mormor as we call her (Norwegian for Grandma). In her typical generous form, the party also became a DMI promotion meeting as no gifts were requested but instead that donations be made to DMI. In all, just under \$24,000 was given. We are looking forward now to her 100th!

lot of time and energy to get information out about DMI. Thanks to all of you.

In case you don't know, our DMI office consists of David's old bedroom where Lill and Brenda work and a smaller office down the back of the house where I hang out. It is a bit risky to move out of our house as the room will be taken over by some DMI activity.



L-R: Linda, Ruthie, Brenda, Joan, Aaron & Lill

HEAD OFFICE

We here in the DMI office in Australia are blessed by a full time assistant, Brenda Clearwater, a Kiwi who has, in the short time she has been with us, become indispensable. We also have a team of volunteers who come in from time to time to help with mailings and other matters. Getting our newsletters out is quite a job. The Browns, as far away as Echuca, help put stamps on envelopes as does George Harman. These folk also donate the stamps. Joan Thompson comes in regularly to stamp and address envelopes. Linda Angus and Aaron Cresswell, both deaf, together with Ruthie Muir are also called on regularly. Karen Chan comes in on Fridays to help. Our Ian gets roped in from time to time and thanks also go to Brent who spends countless hours working on our computer issues and messes. We often thank our supporters, but just wanted to let you know of others who give a

Our "mail" room is our dining room and the mail desk is our dining room table! Being able to use our house in this way saves DMI rent money.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all who signed up as Members of DMI. We were actually staggered by the response and encouraged to know how many do read the letters that go out. Brenda has been working very hard to make little membership cards and most of you will have received them by the time this letter reaches you. Thanks so much for your wonderful response.

Your prayers for us would be appreciated as I have to make a Philippine trip and another one to Africa before Christmas.

God Bless,
Neville and Lill



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