

Deaf Ministries International

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Prayer Points

- Give thanks for completed building in the Philippines
- Pray for the deaf children & their future schooling in Kenya
- Pray for the DMI conference in Egypt - October 2008
- Pray for David van Namen as he considers future direction
- Pray for acceptance of Deaf Action's vision within the wider Australian community
- Pray for guidance & protection for Neville as he deals with challenges in Africa

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am still trying to get over jet lag while getting ready for the next marathon trip to Africa and the Middle East. Thank you for your prayers and support, for all that is going on with DMI these days.

On the personal front Lill and I were able to take part in my induction into the Bolivar High School Hall of Fame. More years ago than I want to admit, I was an exchange student in Bolivar Missouri as part of the AFS program. I lived with a family there for a year and graduated from the school in 1964. Every year they recognize three graduates who

have done something a bit out of the ordinary - so I was invited back to receive such an award. It was a riot really. I had to drive through the streets waving at the multitudes, attend a pep rally for a football game and, be introduced at the game that night. Saturday night was the banquet and the presentation of the award. I can't imagine such a thing happening in Australia so it was quite a unique experience.

The rest of our time in the US was spent in fundraising, sharing with groups and churches and old friends, from one end of the US to the other. I even managed a day in Canada where I shamelessly went to Niagara Falls instead of having a meeting.



Class of '64

COLOMBIA

Lill returned to Australia while I went on to Colombia in South America. Dewayne was already there so I joined him in visiting some of the projects that he had already started and sites where we would like to start new ones. This was my first trip to South America and I enjoyed it thoroughly. Because

my brother is marrying a lady from Colombia, we now have even more ties to the country and if God opens the door, I hope to be able to return.

Patti Jones, a friend from many years back, has worked in Colombia for as long as I have known her. She founded the Filedelphia School for the Deaf in Bogota where she still works. She has a similar vision as ours to not only provide education for the deaf and job opportunities but, also to start churches that are lead by the deaf and not controlled by hearing people.



Patti & co-worker

Ken's fiancée on right



One young man by the name of William will most likely be our first DMI evangelist in Colombia. He has been attending a hearing church for many years but has never been given the opportunity to lead or work in the way he believes God wants him to. His wife is hearing as are his two children. No doubt you will be hearing more about Colombia in the days to come. Meanwhile, pray as we develop this new outreach and pray too, that the increase in the budget to do this will also be forthcoming.



PHILIPPINES

It is Finished!! The reconstruction and repairs of the typhoon ravaged facilities are now complete and it is up and running. THANK YOU to all who have given to make this possible. Donors from all over the world have responded and we now have a beautiful new typhoon-proof building. I have not seen it as yet but am dying to do so. Thank you, thank you again.



DEAF ACTION INC.

It is a long story but, we are nearing the end of the process of linking with a group called Co-Aid / World Relief. To do so we have had to form a new organization which we registered as **DEAF ACTION INC.** This will act as the overseas aid arm of DMI. Deaf Action's Overseas Aid Trust Fund will issue your tax receipts. Deaf Action funding will concentrate on Schools, Sponsorships, Emergency Relief, Special Projects and the like.

Donations for the support of Evangelism, Church planting, Bible Training and any other part of the ministry that is not eligible for tax receipting should continue to be made to Deaf Ministries International.

It all sounds a bit confusing but, I am sure it will become clearer as we go along. We are actually all the same people doing exactly the same thing but the main difference is that the way money is handled and channelled, has to be different. The American system is much easier as all donations to missions, churches, humanitarian projects and the like are tax deductible but, things are different in Australia. We will be sending more specific information to existing donors using periodic payments, with amendments that might need to be made at your bank and apologise in advance, for any inconvenience this may cause.

NEW BROCHURE

I hope you like our new brochure. If you would like more to use to promote DMI in your churches or groups, please let us know and we will send you some more. A **Deaf Action** brochure will be produced shortly, as soon as we can come up with a new logo. If you are creative and would be able to draw something for us, let us know.

EGYPT

Don't forget the conference date, October 1 - 5, is drawing ever nearer. Register on line www.deafmin.org. it is filling up fast. No deposit is required just yet.

God bless,
Neville and Lill

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