

DEAF MINISTRIES UPDATE

Dear Friends and Supporters,

A much shorter letter this time than the 4 pages of last month! If you remember we were on cloud 9 after our conference in the Philippines but as what often happens after a blessing, we have problems.

First of all one of the girls from our dormitory in Davao Philippines went missing. She was last sighted talking with a stranger so that was of great concern. The police were involved, local and national television and the radio. Some, who have been opposed to encourage the mother to bring a lawsuit so it was the Asuela family who had responsibility for the check for the Asuelas as the girl was found unharmed. She was not invited to return again to the dorm!



This is what remains of the home of one of the deaf in Taiwan

Our work tried to be a very stressful time for me. It all ended happily when she had run off so was

EARTHQUAKE

It wasn't long before familiar scenes to us who live on television screens as news of Taiwan's earthquake followed by frustrating days as contact was not able to be made due to downed lines and all kinds of imagined damage. We thought our Korean missionary, Choi Myong Eui, was safe people, but it took longer for news to come from the country where we have a church and where the damage

We have learned that 6 deaf people died, none were

in Kobe filled the hearts of each of us. This was a relief to be made due to the fact that we eventually learned that the deaf were our Taipei central regions of the country where the damage was more severe. We had no one known to us, but



David's brother and his family during happy times

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for:

- *David Bulime and the death of his brother*
- *the people affected by the earthquake in Taiwan*
- *the new believers in Thailand*

four people lost their homes as did the hearing pastor of the church where we meet. As a result we are opening a fund for any who would care to give a little extra to help these people. Funds can be sent to the usual address where money is forwarded to us but marked for Taiwan relief.



Some of the deaf in Taipei visiting and bringing help to victims.

UGANDA

A further tragedy struck the family of David Bulime from Uganda following his return to his country after being in the Philippines and Japan with us. His elder brother, aged 37, was shot and killed during a robbery in Kampala as he was leaving the bank after making a withdrawal. He has left a widow and 6 little children with whom David now has much responsibility for. An account has also been opened for any who might feel led to help with the family at this time. Your prayers more than anything would be valued for the family and for those adjusting to the trauma in Taiwan.

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MYANMAR

More problems there as the government continues to clamp down on any form of opposition. The borders with Thailand have been closed. Due to all the foreigners going in and protesting what the government is doing, no individual travel visas are being issued at the moment which I found out much to my disgust as I lugged into Osaka the other day to go at the moment is on a group tour so that is the way I am hoping to enter. I hope to leave October 22nd if I can get a visa issued.

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One of the deaf outside her home.

THAILAND

Dewayne and Jackie Liebrandt who were with us for our conference in the Philippines report 6 baptisms at the end of this month. These are the first after 10 years of missionary service to the deaf in Thailand. They are greatly encouraged as we are too. Please pray for these new believers.

God Bless,

Neville



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