

DEAF MINISTRIES UPDATE



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Load to talk about this time but not enough rooms to go to. I will make it brief and to the point, if that is at all possible.

After about two and a half months away in ministry in the Philippines, China, Japan and Korea, I am back in Australia doing nice things and trees in the garden and still trying to get the house ready for Lill, David and Ian's arrival on the 23rd of June. David actually is in Japan at the moment and won't be here until the end of July. It is great being back and for the first time in my life really enjoying working in the garden or rather trying to create a garden from the muddy weedy plot of land that it is at the moment.

CHINA

I was given a trip to China. I spent 2 and a half weeks travelling with a school group and a handful of adults from Melbourne. We arrived in Shanghai and exited from Beijing with loads of travel in between. In one town a friend of a friend arranged for a "few" deaf folk to come to the hotel to meet me. I thought that we could go up to my room but when I went down to the lobby to greet them they found 27 folk waiting for me. I couldn't fit them all in my room so we took over the coffee shop in the hotel. I still couldn't believe what was happening. Someone asked me to tell them about Jesus. For about two hours we shared about Christ in a public coffee shop in a major hotel in China. No one else came into the shop during that hole time. Five of them were Christians who begged me to come back and help start a church. Well... we will see. The next day was even more dramatic as I met with some 200 deaf folk in a park. This time the police did show up but the chairman of the deaf association told them that I was deaf and only meeting some deaf people who always gather there. We were then left in peace. I was so impressed by the hunger and openness of the deaf in China at this time.

KOREA

There were lots of highlights during my two week stay here. Two stand out above the others. The day after my arrival saw the opening and dedication of the Kangwha Immanuel Deaf Church and his Japanese wife Kumiko. You might remember that the church had been kicked out of the building they had used since I started the church 15 years ago. They met then in a plastic house used for growing vegetables. It was sweltering in the summer and freezing in the winter but they had built their own beautiful building. It was marvelous and the facility can be used by the whole mission for retreats, seminars, minicamps and the like. We have much to thank the Lord for.

A friend from our early days in Korea who we had witnessed to and encouraged over the years finally after 23 years asked for baptism. One Tuesday afternoon we borrowed a little church in Seoul that had a baptistry and I had the joy and privilege of baptizing him into Christ. With some people these seeds take a bit longer to germinate, so don't be discouraged.

KENYA

Thank you to those who prayed for Gloria and who have contributed towards her fare and expenses. She returned to the Philippines for medi-

PRAYER POINTS

- *Thank God for openness of deaf in China*
- *Healing for Park Kwang Chol*
- *Ian Stillman and his family and his appeal*



The new Kangwha Immanuel Deaf Church

cal treatment and is now back in Kenya. Her arrival in Kenya was marked however by a few setbacks. She got another bout of malaria, her husband was involved in a major traffic accident and when she returned to the school found that the man they had entrusted to look after the place and plant crops for the food supply for the children had run off with the money and had done absolutely nothing. Mission work at times can be a bit disappointing.

PARK KWANG CHOL

Park Kwang Chol is one of our young men being groomed to take over the Seoul Church. He is 31 years of age, a fine faithful man with a lovely wife and two little daughters. I had just spent time with the family while in Seoul a few weeks ago so was shocked to receive word that he has Leukaemia and is now undergoing chemotherapy. Please pray for him and his family.



The "few" deaf people who came to meet Neville in China

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INDIA

I was also shocked a few minutes ago to receive news that Ian Stillman, a deaf missionary to the deaf from the UK to India lost his case on trumped up drug peddling charges. After a year every one thought that he would be acquitted on June 2nd including his lawyers as his case was so strong. Instead he got a 10 years sentence in the supreme court. Please pray for Ian, his wife Sue and the family who are all devastated at the outcome.

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AUSTRALIAN SCHEDULE

On a more cheery note I will be sharing in the following churches over the next couple of months either with a mission spot or the whole service.

- June 17 Murray Bridge Church of Christ Morning
- June 24 Zillmere Church of Christ Evening
- July 1 Burleigh Heads Church of Christ Morning
- July 1 Nambour Church of Christ Evening
- July 8 Monash City Church of Christ Two morning services
- July 15 Avernall Uniting Church 9:15am
- July 15 Seymour Uniting Church 11am
- July 29 Mill Park Baptist 10am
- August 3 CWFS Swanston St. Church of Christ 10am
- August 12 Echuca Baptist Morning
- August 18 FECAD Dingley Afternoon
- August 26 Collingwood Christian Chapel 2pm
- Sept 9 Kyabram Uniting 9:30am
- Sept 9 Kyabram Community Church 10:30am



Park Kwang Chol with his family

We are available for deputation meetings anywhere. Have car. Will travel! If you are in any of the areas above, we'd love to catch up with you.

God Bless,

Wendy



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