



## Reaching The Deaf Tanzanians & Africans

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### Subject: **Israel Vowed A Vow Unto The Lord!**

Dear Praying Friends,

*Number 21:2 And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.*

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, the grace of our Lord be abound with you for your faithfulness to the Lord. I am pleased to report that I am currently in the mission field in Tanzania and getting to settle into a new ministry. I believe that Israel's vow as described in the above verse was a vow of faith. The important thing that has caught my attention from this verse is that we ought to demonstrate a similar vow of faith through our prayers into the Lord; we may pray and cry into Him that He may delivery the lost souls to our field and yet kept going after them, so that we can win their souls to Christ. This is an important burden for me in world mission.

### **Ministry Outreach**

I have been conducting an outreach program by visiting deaf people in their homes, towns, and clubs where they assembly. I took a several times to warm up a friendship with them before telling them about the good news of the salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ. There was a positive response from them; some of them have been interested in hearing the gospel but they did not make a decision to salvation because they need more time to understand the meaning of sin and why being born again. I have also met with some deaf who are Muslims. Please pray for them to be saved.

### **Visiting Deaf Schools and parents**

Praise Mountessori is a private Day Care Center for hearing children, the owner of the school is willing to enroll deaf children and hire a deaf teacher in her school. Those deaf are too late in enrolling in school and they are at 6-10 of age. The education system in Tanzania normally enrolls children for a kindergarten at the age of two (2) years old. The school administrator welcomed me to teach a Bible lesson to the deaf in her school! I also visited two homes of parents of the deaf children. They were pleased to know that I am ministering to the deaf with God's Word because they have never heard or seen a deaf pastor who can serve their children. They promised to bring their children to the church once I established.



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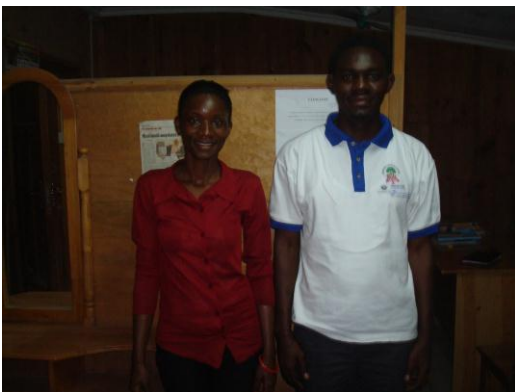


Some parents have asked me to teach them about Tanzanian Sign Language and culture of their deaf children, in order to enable them to communicate with their children effectively and give them a good parenthood. Many deaf have been abandoned and neglected by their own family because of their deafness and lack of communication through sign language. I am praying that God will strengthen me to promote a good relationship between parents and their deaf children. Such an opportunity is very vital in the spreading of the gospel to the deaf and their families.

My heart was broken when I was told by a Christian teacher that a large number of deaf students are Muslims at Temeke Primary School where I visited. This hearing public school is owned by government and has deaf unit. There are 77 deaf students. I survived that there are some deaf who are in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at the age of 9 to 16 due to shortage of deaf schools in Tanzania. Please pray as I have a vision to establish a Christian school for the deaf in the coming future. The above all that I need is your prayer for deaf



souls to be saved. Of course, I need your financial support for this important task for Christ.



### Salvation

Glory to God for the exciting news that I led a deaf lady to Christ, her name is Aneth Gerana. She was a member of Jehovah's Witness. I told her the truth to salvation as only through Jesus Christ, I further explained that Jehovah's Witness is a false religion which rejected the truth to salvation. They pretend to be a Christian church but in fact they are not. I did not know that Aneth is engaged to Idd

Muna and they were planning to get married in October of this year! Idd Muna is a hearing person and an interpreter whom I also led to Christ in 2009 while I was on a short-term mission trip to Tanzania. He was a Muslim in faith but he is now a born again Christian after being accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. They have asked me to officiate their wedding. Please pray that God will give me wisdom to mentor them with

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spiritual growth and baptize them before taking them for a pre-marital counseling, because they're newly converters.

### **Church Establishment**

I am taking the time to win deaf souls and discipline them and teaching them about the meaning of the New Testament church. In the meantime I am conducting a preaching of God's Word in an open air building. Pray that God will fill me with His Spirit to establish a Baptist Deaf Church.

### **Transportation**

I am using a city bus for means of transport, there is a problem with transportation, because city buses (commuter) are much inconvenience, they sometimes don't follow designed trip route, so I have to walk in one to two miles to find the right bus and sometimes I have to wait longer for the bus to come. Hence I am having a delay in carrying out ministry activities due to unreliable transport with city buses. But this situation cannot stop my faith from reaching the deaf souls for Christ! Keep me in your prayer as I real need a car to help me with transport for ministry work.



Thank you for your prayers and support.

Sincerely in Christ,

Frank Laurent

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