

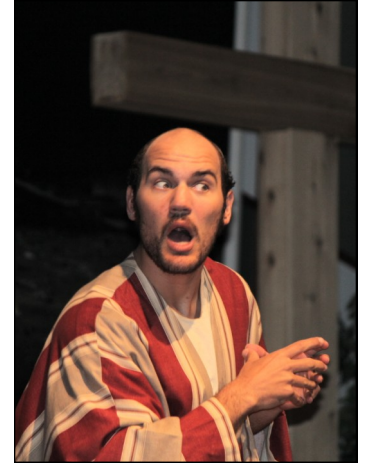
## Welcome to the Neals

Jesse Neal has been given a grant by the DCMFM to begin teaching and preaching with the Deaf group at the Overland Park Church of Christ. The Deaf members at the church requested a grant be offered to Jesse, a recent graduate of the Sunset International Bible Institute, Deaf Biblical Ministry Studies, in Lubbock, Texas.

Jesse and his wife, Debbie, are Deaf. Their four children are Hannah, Ty, Lukas, and Justin. Thank you, Lord, for the Neal family!







**“Blast  
from the  
Past”**



In April, 2013, the DCMFM provided major funding for a free Christian Drama and Supper for the Deaf community. It was held at the Overland Park Church of Christ and 130 people attended.

**What a blessing it was to see a live performance  
on the big stage and performed in ASL!**

"Blast From the Past" took the audience on a Biblical journey with Old and New Testament characters bringing to life God's Story.

The drama on Saturday, April 13, was moved from the Fellowship Hall to the church auditorium because of the greater number of visitors than expected from the Deaf Community.

Students, under the direction of **Alex Abenchuchan** from Deaf Missions International Bible Training Institute and Extension Program instructor **Stacey Morgan**, portrayed many Bible people from Adam to Jesus. Following the program, there was a delicious dinner and fellowship to enjoy.

Heartfelt thanks go to all actors, food preparers, decorating team, light & sound team, and many volunteers for all their acts of service which made this a wonderful evening.

**And thanks to you, our faithful donors.  
YOU really keep this ministry vibrant.**

## **When is the next big Christian event for the Deaf?**

September 12-15th! DCMFM will fund the first **Mid-America Deaf Men's Retreat**. DCMFM will pay for the materials, honorariums, food, and rental of Tallgrass Christian Camp in Harveyville, KS. We anticipate attendance of about 40 Deaf men from KS, IA, and OK. Pray for lives to be touched for the Lord and pray for the Deaf Christian men who will plan and lead the Bible classes and activities.



## **What are specific ways DCMFM impacts the Deaf in 2013?**

Besides paying numerous preachers' honorariums and travel expenses, the DCMFM (Deaf Christian Ministries Foundation of the Midwest) also:

- provided funding for Deaf Group lunches together about twice per month.
- purchased CODA class materials (Children of Deaf Adults) for a Bible class that meets each Sunday.
- sent money to help Deaf Biblical Ministry Studies program in Lubbock, TX.
- gave some financial help to the Deaf Christian Camp near Altus, OK in July.
- helped fund a Deaf Christian Youth Camp in Missouri.
- helped fund a mission trip to Honduras for a Deaf husband and wife.
- provided two summer internships with Mike Cantrell and Jesse Neal.
- began plans for an area-wide Deaf Ladies event in the Fall.

**[SEE PAGE 6 FOR PICTURES FROM THESE EVENTS >>>>](#)**

## **Are donations used for ministry or for overhead?**

The overhead costs are LOW for this non-profit because we have no paid staff. We have basic recurring expenses such as liability insurance, special event insurance, postage, newsletter printing, an annual Kansas state fee, and a post office box rental. The major expenditures relate to funding Deaf Christian ministers and Deaf Christian events. . . directly serving the Deaf. Our goals focus on encouraging the Deaf and their families toward Jesus and His love.



**The DCMFM provides funding for Deaf Christian ministers and for Deaf Christian events. Most churches do not provide such funding, so we try to do what we can to fill that void.**

During 2013, DCMFM has hosted (provided travel expenses and honorariums) to these out-of-town preachers who preached in American Sign Language (ASL) at the Overland Park Church of Christ Deaf Worship:



Jose

Jose Abenchuchan from Council Bluffs, IA  
Terry Heidecker from Hurst, TX  
Alex Abenchuchan from Council Bluffs, IA  
Joseph Abenchuchan III from Council Bluffs, IA  
Tim Moore from Sulphur, OK  
Chad Entinger from Council Bluffs, IA  
Duane King from Council Bluffs, IA  
Mike Cantrell from Lubbock, TX  
Jess Neal from Lubbock, TX  
Milton Cabrera from Council Bluffs, IA  
Jerry Bates from Bartlesville, OK



Duane



Alex

DCMFM has also provided thank you gifts for local Hearing men to preach in Deaf worship with interpreters who relay the sermon. Among those who have preached within the last year are:

Ken Harwell  
Zach Sewell  
J. J. Woolf

Gary Blake  
Mark Barone  
Dan Knight

These preachers have blessed the Deaf with Bible teaching and all attending are blessed with new or stronger Christian fellowship.

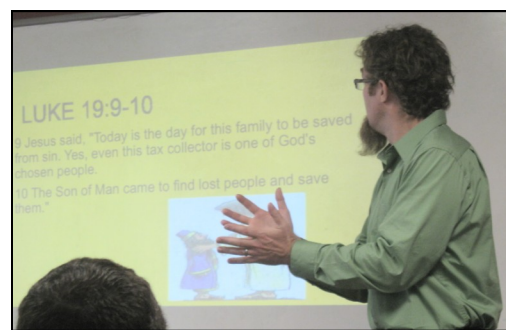
**Thank you, Donors! Your gifts bless many!**



Deaf Lunch at Steak & Shake



CODA class on Sundays



Jesse, during summer internship



Michael Cantrell, during summer internship



Thirty two people attended the second Deaf Youth Retreat held at Camp Keirsej near Butler, Missouri April 5th-7th, 2013. A Deaf pastor, Bob Barker, came from Texas again to lead the weekend. He led the deaf students in a study of the armor of God and helped them to understand how to apply the armor to their daily

lives. Deaf people from various places across the state of Missouri attended the retreat and deaf young adults were involved in leading the students in team building activities and games. **Deaf Christian Ministries Foundation of the Midwest** and **Deaf Youth Impact** helped fund local deaf teens; **First Baptist Church Raytown** provided a van to transport them to and from the retreat.

The kids had a wonderful time, and best of all, the Holy Spirit was really moving on the hearts of the teens. We really appreciate your financial support.



Deaf Christian Camp in Altus, OK

**More good news! You can now donate stocks directly to DCMFM, which avoids a tax hit. Just contact Britt Elam at 913-951-5800 for details.**

**To use credit cards, please visit our website: [www.deafchristianfoundation.org](http://www.deafchristianfoundation.org). Paypal is easy to use there.**

**Checks of all sizes are VERY welcome! Bless you for blessing the Deaf!**

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