DEAF Christian Ministries Foundation of the Midwest

HANDS IN MOTION

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Open doors — too many to count!

The DCMFM (Deaf Christian Ministries Foundation of the Midwest) has been very busy at the Overland Park Church of Christ and in areas of the Midwest.

Our non-profit organization began in 2008 with 5 members of OPCC who felt led by God to make sure Deaf people of all ages get to learn the gospel and to participate in worship in their own language, American Sign Language (ASL).

Deaf Worship service is led by our Deaf members during second service in room 104.

The DCMFM keeps the pulpit filled with guest preachers, who teach in ASL. We pay their travel expenses, hotel, and honorarium. On Sundays, there is Deaf Bible class taught by OPCC Deaf men or guest preachers.

REJOICE! Your donations are reaching souls for Jesus through DCMFM.

In 2012, the Lord provided many opportunities and accomplishments.

The National Deaf Workshop

DCMFM financially helped 10 people attend the National Deaf Workshop in Tulsa, and 13 total attended from the Overland Park Church of Christ.

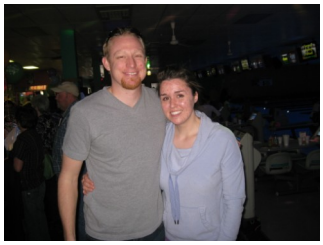
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Preachers in 2012

We had over 20 men filling the pulpit for Deaf Worship during the year 2012.

They came from Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Iowa, and South Carolina.

Deaf men volunteer to lead singing and prayers during Deaf worship and the DCMFM provides a grant to visiting preachers to preach. The grant is for their travel expenses and a modest honorarium.



A fulltime grant-based Deaf minister position is open and hopefully will be filled soon.

The DCMFM at Work

Here are specific examples of how donors' gifts have been used, in the last twelve months, to benefit the Deaf in our area:

Provided partial funding for a Deaf youth retreat in Missouri, November 2011 .
Paid for 22 preachers to come here for weekends of social interaction and teaching Bible class and preaching at Deaf worship.
Paid for 27 Deaf group meals together, either at fast food places or by catering meat at potlucks.
Funded social fellowships such as 3 bowling parties, 2 swim parties, a Christmas party, and a Tropical party.
Paid for a Summer intern for two months (Jess Neal, Student in Deaf Biblical Studies, Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, TX).
Paid for the Summer intern and his wife to go to the Deaf Christian Camp near Altus, Oklahoma (travel and registration).
Paid for 2 Deaf families (10 people) to attend the National Deaf Christian Workshop in Tulsa (gas, meals, hotel, and registration for workshop).

Some of the projects that the DCMFM supports:

We help support the Deaf Biblical Studies training program at SIBI in Lubbock, Texas which trains Deaf people for ministry.
We provided a new television to be attached to the classroom wall in room 208.
We help support Deaf Youth Impact, which is a group near Blue Springs/Raytown that works with Deaf teens, bringing them Christian devotionals and events.
We hosted a community event for Deaf Christian ladies in Olathe on Sept. 24.
We co-sponsored and hosted the Deaf Youth Ministers National Convention in our OPCC building, Sept. 26-29. It focused on bringing Jesus to Deaf teens.
We provided scholarships to Deaf teens so they can attend a Missouri Deaf Christian youth retreat October 19-21, 2012, in Amsterdam, MO.
We plan to have a men's devo and dessert event for the Deaf community soon, and to fund more community events that will draw more people to follow Christ, such as financial workshops, parenting workshops, family retreats, etc.

Looking Forward:

We are actively seeking a fulltime Deaf preacher to work as a grant recipient, serving the Deaf community in this area.

The Lord has opened many new doors! The DCMFM is on the move as the Spirit is leading! We do need regular donations to keep the momentum going. We are a small non-profit, but are **nationally known by major leaders in the Deaf Christian missionary field,** and we are striving to do our part to take the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Deaf world.

DID YOU KNOW?
We are the only non-profit in the United States designed to grant-fund fulltime preachers for the Deaf and Deaf events.

Devo & Dessert Ladies' Event

We provided an opportunity to meet at the Chestnut Fine Arts Theatre in Olathe to bring a non-denominational event to the community.

Ladies from different churches led prayers, taught a devo, read scripture and then shared cookies and chatted. There will be more and larger community events planned as funding allows.

And he said to them, "As you go throughout the world, proclaim the Good News to all creation."

Fellowship and Fun

DCMFM financially assists meals together so all Deaf people, regardless of income, can enjoy fellowship and encouragement. We also use it as time to meet visiting evangelists and grow connections. The Deaf members often continue contact with evangelists via videophones.

Deaf Youth Ministries National Convention

DCMFM financially co-sponsored the non-denominational Deaf Youth Ministries National Convention in September.

We paid part of the rental at the Overland Park Church of Christ where it was held.

The OP Deaf ministry prepared meals and assisted with transportation. Attendees came from Washington DC, OH, TX, MO, KS, GA, KY, and all the way from JAMAICA!

It was a time for devoted Christ followers to be encouraged in their efforts of reaching Deaf teenagers for Christ.

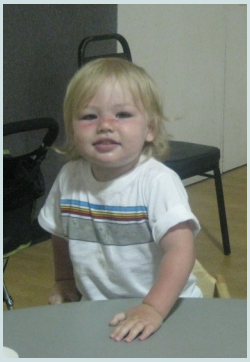
Thank you, donors! And thanks to the many volunteers who contributed work and money to support this national event!

Jess Neal: Deaf Intern

DCMFM provided a two-month internship grant for Jess Neal, who is in Bible training at Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI) in Lubbock, TX.

During June and July, Jess taught Bible class, preached, visited nursing homes, met the Deaf in their homes or at McDonald's, and helped with food distributions.

DCMFM paid expenses so Jess and his wife could attend the Deaf Christian Camp in Altus, OK and also the National Workshop in Tulsa, OK.



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