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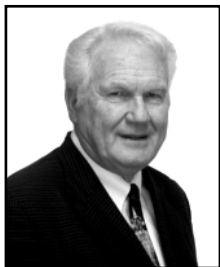
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Use Visualized Teaching and Preaching

(Reprint from DM06 Visual Signing - For Free PDF, Contact: TC@SilentWord.org)

Disclaimer: First, I am not a professional signer, interpreter, or educator, but a missionary who is foremost a teacher and preacher to the Deaf. **Visually Teaching and Preaching** is not intended to **replace** any methods of signing but only to enhance some areas of communications. Naturally, **Visualized Teaching** may not be applicable to all occasions. My goal is to share with you what has been **effective** and **successful** these many years in reaching the Deaf for Christ. **Visualized Teaching** can be helpful to everyone, both deaf and hearing, who want the Deaf to **better understand** the Gospel and Bible teaching. I have seen thousands of Deaf people saved and lives changed using this method. It still works today! Try it! You will like it, and so will the Deaf - Dr. Ted Camp, SWM

What is Visualized Teaching? There are **times** that you need to help people **visualize** an idea using the **eye gate** to enter into the **head (mind)** and then to the **heart**. **Visualized Teaching** is **not signing words** or English **sentences**. **Visualized Teaching** is the art of **changing words into pictures** or **story form** so the Deaf can **visualize** or **see it**. **When they see or visualize it, they remember and retain it**. **Visualized Teaching** has very little **spelling** but uses natural signs and pantomime the Deaf can **visualize** in their **minds**. At times all people visualize what they are hearing. **Examples:** Do not think of an elephant. Now, do not think of a pink elephant in a blue convertible with its head above the windshield and its trunk on the hood. **Did you?** Think: When you drive in your driveway, what do you see on the **left** and on the **right**. You are visualizing images and pictures. **"One picture is worth a thousand words."** Paul said he would rather speak **5 words** and be understood **than 10,000 words and not be understood** (1 Corinthians 14:19).

Visualized Teaching is as the **difference** between **reading** a book and **watching** a movie. It is **seeing** the **story** instead of **sentences**. Deaf people **naturally visualize signs and words they easily understand**. They use **spelling** only when necessary - especially when signing to hearing people. A Rule: If the Deaf can **See** it then you don't need to **Sign** it! **Examples:** Practice Gestures: David & Goliath Smell a Bad Odor - Hitchhiker - Tennis - Golf - Swimming - Bored. Your **actions, gestures** and **expressions** are also **Sign Language**. Your size of signs and facial expressions are also **Sign Language**. Much of **ASL** is **gestures and facial expressions**! One Deaf person said, "I understood every sign but what did he say?" The key word is **"understand."** Just understanding a sign does not mean they understand the thought expressed. When my son applied for a job as an interpreter at a school. He was asked for his level as an interpreter, he replied, "All I know is that I sign and they understand. If they do not understand I keep signing until they do understand." He got the job. Be sure they understand! Understand?

Be conscious of the Deaf worldwide

Do not try to make **all deaf ministries** as your **local** ministry. Deaf people are **individuals** with different levels of education, abilities, and lifestyles. Not all deaf are the same. Some are totally deaf. Some are oral. Some use **SEE**, while some use **ASL**. Your goal is to reach them all. Do not **limit** your ministry by catering only to a certain group of Deaf people. Seek to go into all the Deaf world and reach everyone with the Gospel. Don't limit your ministry by only using signs that only effectively communicate with specific group of deaf. Learn the **art of Visualized Teaching**. You will be glad you did, and so will the Deaf. Sign in pictures and gestures, so they can **visualize** it! **Visualized Teaching** is an art and requires much thought to change words into pictures.

Comparing Methods

We personally tested **two methods** of signing at the **Georgia School for the Deaf** (about 200 deaf students). **(1)** I signed using only words, gestures, and facial expressions. **(2)** I signed using charts, illustrations and **visualized teaching**. The tests proved that they **understood** and **retained** much more when **Visualized Teaching** and when **visual aids** were used. Also, **repetition** was important! **I Hear and I forget. I see and I understand. I do and I remember. How We Learn:** What we **say or sign** = 7% learned. What we **see** = 38% learned. What we sign, see and do = 55% learned. Teach the Deaf so you can Reach the Deaf.

Story Signing or Visualized Teaching

By The Late Eugene Bordean (A Deaf Pastor)

(Reprinted From: Plant Deaf Churches D23 - SWM)

"After I sign the Bible verse, I then put the Scriptures into ASL **story form** using the Scriptures, background information or an example that fits with the verses read. **Storying** captivates the deaf congregation. It helps them to better understand the message. Also **storying** helps the message remain in their minds and hearts as they leave the service. It requires a lot of practice and thinking to be skilled in using ASL **Storytelling**, but the results make it worthwhile."

Pastor Eugene Borden learned the art of **"Story Signing"** or adding visual **helps** into signing. Today, my **"Story Signing"** is referred to as **"Visualized Teaching."** After many years of preaching to the Deaf, I have learned that it is **an art** to be able to convey the message into **visual form** where it is **seen** within the minds of those watching. Great preaching and teaching is taking a **deep subject** and making it **simple**, so everyone can **understand** it. Remember that you are transforming **words** into **pictures** and enhancing them with facial gestures and body movements. When you **only sign and spell words** it can become uninteresting. It is exciting to **see and visualize** the **message** in **thoughts** and pictures. They will remember and retain the message and the Bible stories.

The Greatest Need: The greatest need in **deaf ministries** is not better signs, ASL, or more philosophies. The **greatest need** is more godly leaders dedicated to making a **difference** in the world of the Deaf with the **Word of God**. Without the Word of God there is no Work of God. The Holy Spirit could say, "I could help more if you would teach the Word." Only the Word of God enlightens, edifies and glorifies. No one can grow without the Word of God - No one! "Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). Teach and preach the Word of God.

If They Don't Understand the Way you Sign - Sign the Way They Understand

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Think On These Things

By Jon Barr, President
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Use Your Abilities For God

A woman came to Jesus with a box of precious ointment and poured it on his head. Some said that was wasting the ointment because it could have been sold and the money given to the poor. However, Jesus praised her, said she did a good work, and that **"she hath done what she could"** (Mark 14:8).

Not everyone can be a pastor, evangelist, or missionary, but **all can use their abilities for God**. Silent Word Ministries realizes that our ministry would not be possible without the many volunteers who use their God-given abilities to serve. Volunteers have included **retired people, students, families, and more**. Some have even taken a **week of vacation** from work to volunteer at SWM. Others have visited during a **summer break from school** or have interned with us for several months. We are thankful for the many who have sacrificed to help us "Go into all the [Deaf] world."

SWM is Growing - Social media, websites, and video blogging are helping us influence Deaf and hearing people whom we may never meet. **One of the biggest needs is for more helpers**. Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). I believe Jesus tells us to pray for laborers because He wants us to become concerned enough to do something about the need.

God can use you - and so can SWM.

- Are you of **retirement age**, but want to use your remaining years to serve the Lord?
- Are you a **student** wanting to serve the Lord during the summer or on a break?
- Have you considered using your **vacation** from work to invest in God's work?
- Would you consider **relocating** near SWM?
- Do you have technical skills to help from **your location** via the Internet?

Ministry of Helps - Silent Word Ministries has opened the door for qualified people to serve the Lord with SWM under the "Ministry of Helps" program. "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not," (2 Corinthians 8:12). You can use your God-given **specialized abilities and skills to serve Him**. You may not realize that what is easy for you may be difficult for other people. You can help!

Use Your God-given Abilities - SWM specializes in Deaf ministries, but we need help in **many different areas** to maintain our ministry. Have you considered that God could use **your specialized skills** to help SWM in reaching the Deaf world for Christ. **Together we can accomplish more!** Volunteers can help in general daily operations of the office, grounds, or print shop area. One man said, "God wants me to help you." Ted Camp responded, "What do you do?" He replied, "I build churches." Soon he **helped build the SWM office**. Volunteers have also helped SWM in the following areas...

Office • Typing • Proofreading
Photography • Graphic Design
Videography • Video Production
Internet Tasks • Website Design
Construction • Electrical • Mechanical
Maintenance • Landscaping • Grounds
General Help • Plus Many Other Areas

Short- and Long-term Volunteers Needed - Whether you can help for just a few **days**, a few **weeks**, or would consider **relocating near SWM**, your **help in your area of expertise is appreciated**. Many come for just one day to help label and send the Silent Word Newspaper. Others help with long-term projects such as the Deaf Bible Institute.

Team Projects - SWM International (SWMI) organizes special team outreaches into the deaf world. **Qualified people can serve** on a short-term mission trip for one week to three months, depending upon the need and project. Previous short-term mission teams have included outreaches to the **Deaf Olympics, Deaf Expos**, and other events.

Who Can Help?



Are You Interested? -Would you like to know more about how you could serve with SWM as a volunteer, intern, or mission team member? Is God calling you to the "Ministry of Helps?" **Do you want to help SWM reach the Deaf world for Christ?** Now it is possible to serve the Lord and SWM within your areas of ability and expertise within a flexible time schedule. Contact SWM (Jon Barr) for more information and to offer help in a specialized field.

Consider serving the Lord using your God-given abilities. God can use senior citizens, students, young adults, Deaf and hearing people, professionals and laymen - and so can Silent Word Ministries!

Contact: jbarr@silentword.org

Silent Word Ministries Events

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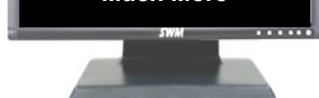
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What's Up?

Deaf news

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To swnp@silentword.org

What's Up? The National Christian Athletic Association of the Deaf announces its 3rd annual **Volleyball Tournament**. It will be hosted by **Liberty Baptist Church of the Deaf** in Columbus, Ohio, on November 13 & 14, 2015. Contact Richard Larson for information: Ncaadprez@gmail.com

What's Up? Creation Museum, Erlanger, Kentucky, Deaf Day is October 10, 2015. This year they will have a **deaf presenter, Calvin Farley**. He will present, **"Why Genesis is Relevant Today."** Calvin is working on his Master's Degree at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. (See ad below.)

What's Up? Congratulations to **Missionary Jim & Joyce Sloan** as they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on September 9, 2015. They are thankful for the Lord's blessings and for using them to reach the Deaf around the world these many years. Also, pray for Jim and a Deaf man as they go on a mission trip (Oct) to France and Austria. Contact: Jsloan1@aol.com

What's Up? Congrats! to **Pastor Rusty & Cassandra VanDonkelaar**, formerly of Harvest Baptist Church of the Deaf, Ringgold, GA. September 13 they had their **first church service** at Palmetto Baptist Church for the Deaf in Powdersville, SC.

What's Up? **Dr. Curt Young**, IPM, Hanover, PA, who is struggling with Huntington's Disease, continues to work on a Deaf Bible Institute for those in many foreign countries. He is doing a good work. He says, "In my weakness, I am able to keep going in God's strength." Contact: young@ipmworld.org. (See ad page 7)

What's Up? Happy 75th birthday to deaf friend, **Dorothea Francis**, Hammond, Indiana, on October 1. Dorothea is the widow of Jack Francis who was a missionary to the Deaf for many years. She continues to be active in missionary work through many opportunities there in the Hammond area.



What's Up? **Phyllis Skaggs**, friend and missionary to the Deaf, Pekin, Illinois, because of health issues, recently spent some time in a nursing home for therapy. While there she decided to take her focus off the place and focus on the people. That's when she learned of a **Deaf man, Harold**, who had been in the nursing home for three years. He had no living family members, and the staff at the home did not know Sign Language. After talking in Sign Language, Phyllis and Harold became friends. Phyllis asked him about his salvation, and Harold gave his testimony of accepting Christ at the Bill Rice Ranch as a teen. He is now 65 years old. Phyllis says, "Once again I am reminded that the deaf ministry is a mission field and to keep my eyes on other people and not on myself." (The nursing home has asked Phyllis to come and teach Sign Language.) Hopefully Harold's life will be different now.



What's Up? Congratulations to **Sharon Borden**, Columbus, Ohio, Liberty Baptist Church of the Deaf. On September 30, after **thirty years** as an Educational Interpreter for the Columbus City Schools, **she is retiring** - not retiring to rest but to be 100% involved in ministry. Also, Happy Birthday, September 1!



What's Up? Words of encouragement from **Dale & Cindy Gillespie**, Shenandoah Baptist Church, Cleveland, TN. "We are so thankful for your ministry - the SWNewspaper, **Allen** (Snare) and his help to our ministry, the **Bennetts** and all they do for the deaf internationally, the Fantastic Saturdays, the legacy of **Ted and Carlene**. **YOU ALL ARE A BLESSING TO US!!!** We thank God for you!!"

What's Up? **Bill & Jennifer Green**, missionaries to the Deaf, Yucatan, Mexico, serving with Baptist International Outreach, after serving nine years on the field, began their first full year of furlough in August 2015. They will be visiting with family and their supporting churches. The ministry to the Deaf in Merida, Yucatan, will continue for the year through Brother David Perez. Deaf ministries and Deaf churches in the states might be interested in having the Greens for a special service. Contact: thirty4ps@aol.com

What's Up? Ladies, it is not too late to register for the 29th annual **Deaf Baptist Ladies Retreat**, October 8 - 10, 2015, at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. It is hosted by SWM's Terry Bracelin and Valley Forge Baptist Temple. You will learn from fantastic speakers and teachers, enjoy sweet fellowship and delicious food, participate in a wild and wooly auction, and relax in a wonderful Christian atmosphere deafadladiesretreat.org. See ad page 3.



What's Up? **Chris & Lucinda (Deaf) Radebaugh**, Missionaries to the Deaf of South Africa, Baptist International Outreach, continue, since 1983, to see God's blessings on Signs of Life Missions. They have established two churches for the Deaf, a Christian school, and a Bible College. The need for reaching the millions of Deaf in Africa is overwhelming. The need for more workers is urgent. Visit their new website: signsoflifemissions.co.za



What's Up? Is it a bird? No! Is it a plane? No! Is it the Lone Ranger (AKA: Also Known As) **Ronnie Rice**? **Yes!** He is all ready for the Friday **Ranch Rodeo** during Deaf camp at the Bill Rice Ranch.

What's Up? Sympathy to Deaf friend, and volunteer at SWM, **Jimmy Sharpton**, on the passing of his dad, John Sharpton, Higdon, Alabama, on September 14, 2015. He was 93 years old, married to his wife, Dorothy, for 75 years and a fine Christian.

What's Up? Be a reporter for your deaf ministry. Send news, picture and info of your deaf church, class, or ministry! Send to SWNP@SilentWord.org

Know and Grow It is a Fact

*I do not know what you know.
I do not know what you do not know
because it is unknown.
I do know what I know and this is known.
If you only know what you know then you will not grow.
If you know what I know and what you know,
then you will grow.
The unknown will become known.
What you now know can also be known to others.
Those who know what you know will also grow!*
-- Ted Camp, SWM



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ASL Institute & Deaf Bible Conference

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July 7-9, 2016

Pennsylvania
August 11-13, 2016

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ASL Training – Workshops – Practice – Help

Deaf – Taught in Sign Language
Clear Bible Teaching – Workshops

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Deaf Ministry Training Opportunities

Fantastic Saturdays – D-Day Schedules

Annual area-wide meetings to **Teach & Train** Deaf people and Deaf workers. Teaching is clear, exciting, and challenging. Includes a free lunch, prizes, and games. All deaf ministries invited. Contact **local church** for registration. **See church ads for e-mail contact. Plan to attend!**

Oct 03 - Lighthouse Baptist Church for the Deaf – Seattle, WA – DD – Barr
Oct 24 - Cornerstone Baptist Temple – Dayton, OH – FS – Barr
Oct 24 - Capitol City Baptist Church – Holt, MI – FS – Bracelin
Oct 31 - Hope Baptist Church – Hanover, PA – FS – Bracelin
Nov 12 - Bethel Baptist Church – Hampton, VA – FS – Barr

Please pray the Lord will send forth **"more"** laborers in the Deaf Ministry.

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"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it."
-- Psalm 68:11

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-- SWNewspaper Editor

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Carlene's Corner

Because... I Care

By Carlene Camp

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Too Much Chocolate

Can one have too much chocolate? In my opinion the answer is no, definitely not, especially if it is Dove dark chocolate, my favorite. I have several bags of this delicious candy hidden in several places in my kitchen. In my desk at the office and even in my purse you can find Dove dark chocolate.

Husband's Gifts

My husband knows Dove dark chocolate is my favorite. On gift-giving occasions he goes to CVS Pharmacy and buys for me. He does not buy just one bag or one bar, he buys several. He likes doing things in a big way. And, often there is a special sale, BOGO, buy one, get one free and he can't pass up a bargain. At Christmas I get three or four bags. Then in February, Valentine Day comes around and I get more. In May, for Mother's Day here comes more Dove dark chocolate. In June, my birthday month, guess what? Yep, more dark chocolate. I have enough for the whole year. Am I complaining? No, no, no! Do I eat it all myself? No, no, no! But, I always have chocolate for myself and chocolate to share. That makes me happy. When I need a small dessert or if I'm feeling a bit down, I have chocolate. Yum! Yum! **In my opinion, one can never have too much chocolate.**

Too Much Love

Can we love too much? God's love is the answer to that question. "For God so (much) **loved** the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..." (John 3:16). Have you ever loved that much? "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye **love** one another; as I have **loved** you, that ye also **love** one another" (John 13:34). We are to love one another as Jesus has loved us. He loved us so much that He gave his life so that we could have eternal life. Have you ever loved that much? It is clear, we cannot love too much.



Diamonds

From

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Close to Him

For over 34 years, God has allowed my husband, Jon, and me to work closely together in the ministry. As we travel up and down the highways, have meetings in churches, or work in the Silent Word Ministries office, we are close. There have been times when Jon went on a mission trip to a far away country. Though thousands of miles apart, we still felt close because of our love, our relationship, and our common goals. (Phones, Skype, and email have helped there, too!) A great benefit from being close to someone is that you can easily hear him - not just his words, but his thoughts and his heart on various topics. You begin to really communicate. You talk about things that are important to each other. You learn the things he likes, and you do those things. You each begin to see things from the other person's perspective. You learn to trust each other. There is joy in being close to the one you love and being best friends.

Here is another "best friend" who wants you to be close to Him at all times. God tells you to "draw nigh (near) to God, and he will draw nigh (near) to you" (James 4:8). Adam and Eve knew what it was like to be close to God. At the beginning of time, God came down in the cool of the evening to walk and talk with them. They heard His voice. They learned His ways and His plans. They had peace because of God's presence and a joy because of their fellowship with Him. Abraham also was close to the Lord - close enough to have great faith in God and close enough to be called "the Friend of God" (James 2:23). Enoch walked with God - so close that one day God just took him home to Heaven (Hebrews 11:5). He pleased God, and no death was necessary. Today, be like these and many others who know the joy and peace that comes by living close to God.

**"Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart,
Draw me, my Savior—so precious Thou art!"**
— Lelia N Morris

Too Much Praying
Can we pray too much? "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by **prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6). "**Praying** always with all **prayer** and supplication in the Spirit..." (Ephesians 6:18). "...men ought always to **pray**, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). "Confess your faults one to another, and **pray** one for another...The effectual fervent **prayer** of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). Naturally, the answer is, we cannot pray too much. Most of us pray too little, not too much. Little or much, my challenge is, **keep on praying.**

Too Much Giving

Can we give too much? "**Give**, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men **give** into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38). "...It is more blessed to **give** than to receive" (Acts 20:35). "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him **give**; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful **giver**" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Giving is a privilege and a blessing. Remember, if you give little, you will receive little. If you give much, you will receive much. The more we give the more we will receive. We cannot give too much. My challenge is, **keep on giving.**

Too Much Compassion

Can we have too much compassion? Compassion means a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is needy with a strong desire to help. Compassion is love in action. "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with **compassion** on them..." (Matthew 9:36). "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had **compassion** on him..." (Luke 10:33). "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of **compassion** from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17). "And of some have **compassion**, making a difference" (Jude 22). Whether it is physical, spiritual, mental, emotional, or social, everyone at some point in life is needy. Compassion from someone who cares **can make a difference.**

"Others, yes, Lord, others.
May this my motto be.
Help me to live (have compassion)
for others that I might live like Thee."

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."
— Philippians 2:4

"Help Somebody Today"
by Charles H Gabriel

"Look all around you, find someone in need,
Help somebody today!

Tho' it be little— neighborly deed—
Help somebody today!

Many are waiting a kind, loving word,
Help somebody today!

Thou hast a message, O let it be heard,
Help somebody today!

Many have burdens too heavy to bear,
Help somebody today!

Grief is the portion of some everywhere,
Help somebody today!

Some are discouraged and weary in heart,
Help somebody today!

Some one the journey to heaven should start,
Help somebody today!

Help somebody today, Somebody along life's way;
Let sorrow be ended, The friendless befriended,
Oh, help somebody today!

My desire is to be a person who loves, gives, prays, and has compassion. **We can't do too much!** We cannot love too much, pray too much, give too much or have too much compassion. (And, may my husband keep buying the chocolate, I can't have too much.)

This is written because I care!


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"Thoughts From Terry"

Written For Women
By Women
Terry Bracelin, SWM



A Light in This Dark World

(Continued Article – SWM, SPL12)

Third, Matthew 5:16 says, "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*" This is the reason you need to make sure your light is shining bright and right. Others will see your light ... who do you want to glorify? We all should want to glorify our Heavenly Father! We should not want to allow any glory to go to the Prince of this world [the Devil]!

"Glorify" ... what does it mean? It means to *reflect glory to another; to cause the worth of some person to be seen and known; like a mirror.* Your good works should show/reflect the work your Heavenly Father is doing in you. "*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord*" (II Cor. 3:18).

Do you have the right attitude? Be positive! Choose to give praise and thanks to the Lord for His goodness, grace, mercy ... Say kind words – encouraging, and gentle. Not judgmental, or destructive. Do you have the right actions? Are the places you are going the places that Jesus would go? Are the things you are doing the things that Jesus would do? Remember, there are many people watching – they are looking for someone to shine brightly for Jesus Christ! They are looking for someone to give them hope, direction, and light. People see Jesus through you. Some may never go to church. You may be the **only light/witness** they will see of Him. Decide to show Jesus to others. Look in the mirror - **Do you reflect Jesus?**

I Saw Jesus in You – By Ron and Shelly Hamilton
When I enter Heaven's glory and I see my Savior's face,
I will offer Him ten thousand years of praise.
Then I'll find that special one In whose life I saw God's Son,
And through tears of joy
With trembling lips these words I'll say:
I saw Jesus in you, I saw Jesus in you.
I could hear His voice in the words you said –
I saw Jesus in you. In your eyes I saw His care,
I could see His love was there.
You were faithful, and I saw Jesus in you.

The Beginning of Our Deaf Ministry in the Ukraine

By **Missionary Bob & Judy VanSant (BIMI)**



In 1996, we stepped off the train in Simferopol, Ukraine, and were met by 12 deaf, eager to start a church where they could understand the Bible. That Sunday there were 12 deaf in our apartment for our first service. As word spread about, the number of deaf people began to grow. After a couple of weeks, I decided to give an invitation. I asked, "How many of you know for sure that when you die, you will go to heaven?" **Everyone raised his hand!** I knew this couldn't be true. So I asked another question, "How many of you know for sure that when you die, you will go to HELL forever?" **Again every deaf person raised his hand!** I turned to one of the interpreters that was there and asked what I was doing wrong. She said, "**We have an Eastern/Oriental culture. Out of respect for the leader, they will do whatever is asked. No matter what question you ask, they will raise their hands out of respect.**" We then realized that for 70 plus years, this deaf society in this former Communistic country had never owned a Bible. Many of them had never even seen a Bible. They didn't know who Noah was. They had never heard of Moses, Jonah, Daniel or Paul. We slowly taught them the Word of God.

Praise the Lord that a deaf church in Utah had given us the **Betty Lukens flannelgraph** series. Judy and I immediately pulled these out and began teaching them **fundamental Bible lessons from Creation to Christ**. For the next four months we taught these Bible stories. The deaf people would literally sit on the edges of their seats eager to learn and ask questions. Soon we outgrew our tiny apartment and started looking for a place to meet. We were able to rent a small theater in the KGB House of Culture. **After four months of solid teaching**, I gave another invitation. Seventeen deaf came forward and wanted to be saved. Judy took the women aside and dealt with them individually as I talked with the men. Out of these 17 deaf people that accepted Christ that day, all but two are in heaven. And these two are still faithful. The story and the churches still continue. Bob states, "There have been 6 churches or ministries and a Bible College started in the state of Crimea. To God be the glory, GREAT things He hath done!" **The Word Still Works** "...that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6) - Contact: bobvan.sant@gmail.com

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Highlights Of The Old Testament

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Nahum



When you think of the book Nahum, remember that God did not send a second great fish, with a second Jonah, to warn Nineveh the second time.

Years earlier, God sent Jonah to preach judgment, and then God spared the city Nineveh (capital of Assyria). This time, the prophet Nahum preached the certain downfall of Nineveh. God would not send a second great fish with a second Jonah. The people of Nineveh were wicked long before Nahum's time. After Jonah warned the people, they repented and God held back judgment. Nineveh continued for several more years. Later, they returned to their wicked ways and became even more sinful. The armies of Nineveh killed old Jews and young Jews in Israel. They killed men, women, boys, girls, and even babies. Many Jews were forced to be slaves in Assyria. In his book, Nahum told that God would destroy Nineveh. This happened just as Nahum said. The great city Nineveh disappeared from the face of the earth. The once-proud and cruel people were completely destroyed.

Think About: "Vengeance"

vengeance (noun) - punishment as deserved

"Vengeance" in Nahum

Nineveh had its chances... again and again. Finally, God spoke judgment through Nahum and carried out his vengeance on Assyria.

Application:

God's vengeance is always just, always right. God has perfect understanding and full insight. He reserves the use of vengeance for Himself. He alone deals with people in perfect uprightness. Vengeance is not yours or mine. It is God's.

Thinking vengeance? Forget it!



FINGERTIPS FOR INTERPRETERS

By Jon Barr, CT JBarr@SilentWord.org

The Building Blocks of ASL

How many different signs are there in ASL? Martin Sternberg's "American Sign Language Dictionary" (available SWM) lists **over 5,000 signs**, but there are many more. **Mouth morphemes** and **mouth inflections** can modify signs, creating even more and different meanings. Instead of counting the number of signs, it is much better to **effectively use the signs you know**. Also, learning signs correctly can prevent the need to un-learn bad habits.

ASL signs differ in 5 ways, which are also called **parameters**. These are the **building blocks** for each sign. Realizing how each sign is different makes it easier to learn and correctly produce signs.

Handshape - How the hand **looks**. Handshapes can be a letter of the manual alphabet or other shapes, such as those used in classifiers. A - C - Claw - Bent V - Flat - etc.

Location - Where the sign is **located**. For example, on the head the sign could be placed on the forehead, chin, cheek; by the lips, nose, eye, ear; over the eye, mouth, and more.

Movement - Which **direction** and with what **intensity** the sign moves. Signs can move upward, downward, outward, inward, diagonally, a variation of those, and more. Signs can be smooth, jerky, long, short, repeated quickly, repeated slowly, fast to slow, slow to fast, and more.

Orientation - Which way the handshape is **facing**. A palm can be oriented palm out, palm in, palm up, palm down, palm left, palm right, and more.

Non-manual Markers - Facial expression, head tilt, shoulder raise, mouthing, etc.

All signers, from **beginners** to **experts**, must use caution to produce signs correctly. Knowing these 5 parameters can also help with **receptive skills** and **understanding**. Details are very important. Sometimes a slight change in one of these 5 parameters can greatly change the meaning. Follow the ABC rule... Always Be Clear!

Some Things I Have Learned

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As a Missionary to the Deaf I Have Learned...
(Please keep an open mind and remember that these are my personal opinions about the Deaf in general, not all Deaf.)

I have learned that there are some smug "militant" Deaf people with a feeling of superiority, just like there are smug Hearing people. All Deaf are not created equal. Some are sweet and friendly and some are bitter and unfriendly. I have met many, many more sweet Deaf people than bitter Deaf. God has helped me to love all Deaf no matter what they do. I have also noticed the "militant" Deaf feel they do not need hearing people. These are a few Deaf who are PROUD of their deafness to the point of wanting to be totally separated from the Hearing world. Thankfully, this is not the norm, but in some areas, this is a problem. I have known entire church ministries that have tried to cater to this kind of Deaf people, only to totally lose their Deaf ministry. The reason for that is that we cannot build a church on PRIDE. Pride destroys grace. Reaching these people is very challenging. I am thankful they are not the majority but the minority. Be careful, as a few of these can greatly influence many others, and you could lose the "normal" church Deaf.

I have learned that at times, I wish I were Deaf so I would not hear all the loud noises. I envy Deaf people who sit peacefully in a noisy room. Also it seems that the Deaf have a **special silent relationship** between them and God. They can be still and know in a "still small voice" within their hearts, not their ears. It seems that because of their deafness, they can **glorify** God even more. Sometimes I just wish I could **"Be still"** and know He is God ... (Psalm 46:10). I am thankful for my hearing, but at times I envy their special intimacy and quietness with God! It seems God is more glorified through their deafness. "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the **weak things** of the world to confound the things which are mighty" (1 Corinthians 1:27).

Be still and **know God** or be busy and **not know God**.

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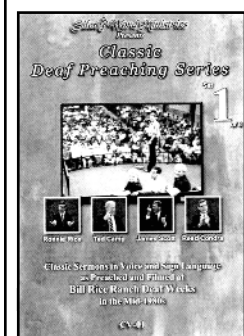
Five Things You Should Know

1. **Know** you need to be saved because one day you will die. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so **death passed upon all men**, for that **all** have sinned" (Romans 5:12).
2. **Know** you cannot save yourself. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy **He saved us...**" (Titus 3:5). Trust the Lord!
3. **Know** only Jesus can save. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man** cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). **No one** is saved **without** Jesus.
4. **Know** you should repent and turn to God to live for Him (Acts 26:20). Know you need to receive and believe in Christ as your Saviour. "But as many as **received** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe** on his name" (John 1:12). Will you **believe** that He is the Son of God and **receive** Him?
5. **Know** you need to do it now! Tomorrow may be too late! "...**now** is the accepted time...**now** is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). If you die without Jesus Christ, it would have been better if you had never been born. "**It would have been good for that man if he had not been born**" (Matthew 26:24). Don't die without Jesus Christ! Pray and be saved now! Tomorrow could be too late!

[] **"Yes, I know I am a sinner. I now repent (turn from my sins) to live for You. I now pray and accept Jesus Christ to be my Savior. I believe He died, rose, and is now alive to save me. I want to go to Heaven. I now accept Jesus to save me."**

[] **"I am now saved." - Amen!**

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Jim & Terry Bracelin "SWM Northeast"



Both Jim and Terry graduated college with a Bible major and Missions minor. Jim served as an **Assistant Pastor** in two different churches from 1980-1992, Grace Bible Church in Phoenixville, PA, then Church of the Open Door in Westminster, MD. In Maryland, they met Ted Camp, saw him preach in voice and sign language, and **became burdened for the Deaf**. Through these two ministries they gained experience in ministry to youth, young couples, camp ministry, coaching, and the Deaf.

Later, Jim served for five years as **Senior Pastor** at Calvary Bible Church in Phoenixville, PA, where they also started a Deaf ministry. Later Ted Camp preached a special meeting at the church with the theme, "**Come Help Us!**" He and Terry always had a desire to be missionaries, but the Lord had not opened the door for them. Jim felt that he was a pastor with a missionary's heart. At that time, they sensed the call of God, and surrendered to give their lives as **full-time missionaries to the Deaf** with Silent Word Ministries (January, 1999). Their sending church is Valley Forge Baptist Temple (Pastor Scott Wendal).

God has **uniquely equipped** the Bracelins to help local churches with Deaf ministries. They are **missionaries with the heart of a Pastor**. The Bracelins focus specifically on reaching the **Deaf of the Northeast** with the Gospel. Jim also serves as **SWM Vice President** and **Director of Outreach**. Their desire is to use their lives for God to reach lost people with the Gospel, and especially the Deaf. **Contact Bracelin@SilentWord.org**

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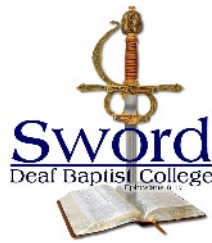


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The Deaf

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The Deaf Can Depend Upon The Bible!

Here are some things the Deaf **cannot** do. Deaf people **cannot** play the piano or sing with their voices. Deaf people **cannot** hear a bad muffler, birds, or even a baby cry. Deaf people **cannot** hear the chimes of Christmas or the Christmas Cantata. Deaf people **cannot** hear radio broadcasts, sirens, alarms, or a knock on the door. There are some things that the Deaf **cannot** do. But all Deaf **can** serve the Lord and do right. Not everyone can be the pastor, but everyone **can** be faithful and serve the Lord. The church needs more Deaf to be involved and become leaders and followers. The Deaf **can** be leaders in their classes and church. Deaf are now deacons, ushers, and helpers. Some Deaf ladies are singing specials in deaf services. Some Deaf ladies help in the kitchen and nursery. Some deaf are teaching and discipling other deaf. Some Deaf are now preachers, evangelists, missionaries, and pastors of Deaf churches. It is wonderful to see the Deaf do it! Do you want to serve God? First, you need to become faithful and meet all the requirements of the church to serve. Just being deaf does not qualify or disqualify you. You can get involved in your church and deaf ministry. **You can do it!** Remember, Deaf people should also meet the **same standards** as hearing people.

I hope that in the future, Deaf people will be used more and more to serve the Lord. It is my desire to see Deaf people become mature and used of the Lord. It is my desire to serve God. **I am Deaf and I can do it!** I have been serving the Lord for many years.

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Why Are Things The Way They Are?

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1. **Why do we have "Drinking Straws?"** Straws were invented for the 1888 New York Giants game so fans could eat hot dogs and easily sip sodas while watching the game.

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3. **Why is he called "Uncle Sam?"** In the War of 1812, a man named **Sam Wilson** was known to many as "**Uncle Sam**." He sent meat packed in crates to soldiers. He stamped on the crates "**US**" which he intended to mean United States. An inspector asked him, "What does 'US' mean?" He jokingly stated, "**Uncle Sam**." That is why "**US**" or **United States** today is referred to as "**Uncle Sam**."

4. **Why does God love you?** Because God's love is unconditional and He loves you in spite of yourself. There is nothing you can do to make God love you more or love you less. Why? God loves you for Christ's sake. God also loves you with an unconditional agape love.

5. **Why are lines in the "Middle" of the road?** Because in 1912, Dr. June Carroll, who lived in California, wanted to make a certain road safer. She personally painted a one mile **line** down the middle of road. The state liked it and decided to do the same with all roads.

6. **Why do golfers yell "Fore?"** Because in the early days of England, the golfers would yell "**forward**" meaning that the ball was rapidly advancing **forward**. It was later changed to the abbreviated form of the word - "**fore**."

Did You Know?

News and Info From the Deaf World

SWNP Reporter Tabitha Beam - Receptionist@SilentWord.org
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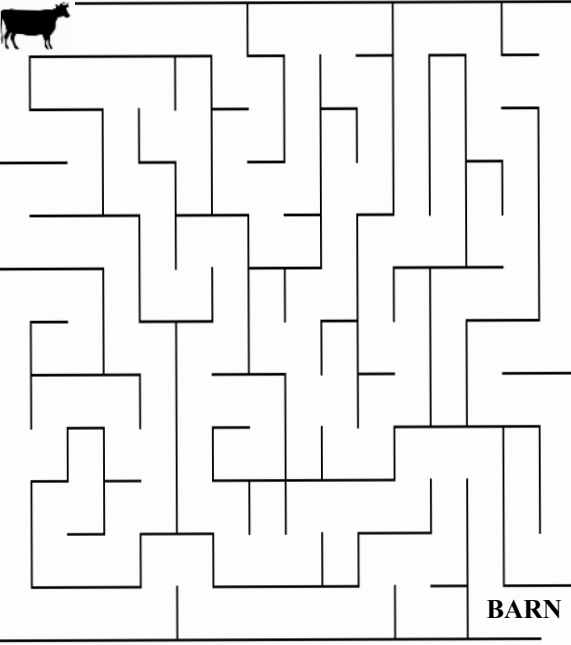
7. **A Startup from Israel has Accidentally Created "WhatsApp for the Deaf"** - Josh Horwitz - qz.com.

When Jonathan Caras and his co-founders created Glide in 2013, he expected it would appeal to families and friends that wanted to communicate via video. "I wanted to create a way to quickly send a short video." They envisioned Glide to be like **WhatsApp** for video messages. But they had accidentally created something quite different. The Jerusalem-based team first realized their app was popular among the deaf in August 2014. Without their knowledge, the marginally-popular startup had become a hot topic in the deaf community. Many deaf people can read and write but...[they] feel they can express themselves more naturally through sign language. This makes a video app like Glide preferable to a text-messaging app. More than 4 million people in the United States are deaf or hard of hearing, according to the US census bureau. "For some, English is not their first language," Caras says. "It's a foreign language that is not natural for a deaf person." Glide currently has 20 million registered users, of which Caras estimates about 250,000 are deaf. Caras says that the deaf community continues to provide input that often gets included in app updates. He also says that Glide is looking at ways to create instant subtitles for sign language, to convert text into visual graphics. "We've had people write to us saying we've allowed them to talk in their child's first language while she's away at college," says Caras, "whereas before, it would have been like being forced to talk to your mother in Spanish."

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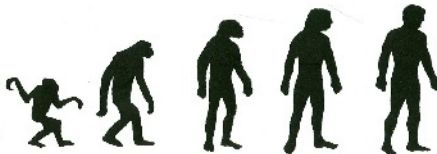
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Creation or Evolution? Which Is Right?

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"In the Beginning God created the heaven and the earth."
- Genesis 1:1

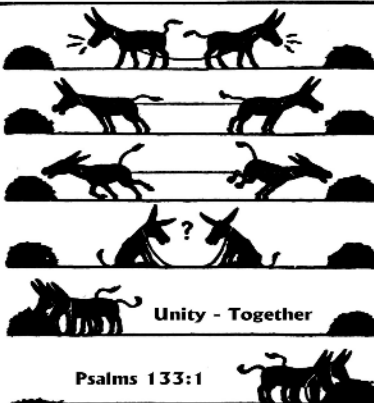
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My Heart's Desire

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- Romans 10:1

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GOD WILL OPEN THE DEAF'S EARS IN HEAVEN

The Bible says in Isaiah 35:5 "then...the ears of the deaf shall (will) be unstopped (opened)." All my life my ears have been closed. I am fully deaf. I often wonder about voices and sounds. I watch people as they listen and laugh. I wonder how it would be to hear. I have never heard music, birds, or voices. I am really excited that one day my ears will be opened in God's Heaven. **Wow!** In Heaven I will be able to hear for the first time. I am excited about that day!

A few months ago I took a break and sat in the swing outside the SWM office. It was noon time and a beautiful day. I looked at the sky, clouds, flying birds. I enjoyed the sun. I felt peace and quiet and enjoyed the presence of the Lord. I saw the cars and trucks moving on the state road near the ministry. I sat and enjoyed God's peaceful day. Then **Jon Barr** (hearing person) came from the SWM office. I called him and said to him that **I felt peace and quiet and beautiful day**. He looked at me, and told me that it was **very noisy** with the traffic passing on the nearby road. I said to myself, "OH." I said nothing to him.

Then I remembered many years ago in Pennsylvania, when my Pastor Leon Foote asked me if I would visit some deaf with him. I said, "**yes**" because I enjoy visiting deaf. As I drove with Pastor Foote, the windows were down, and Pastor Foote stared at me. I wondered why? I stopped and asked him, "What?" He said, you do not hear all that noise from the many trees where many bugs (locusts) eat the leaves and make noise. I was shocked! I looked at the trees, but I did not see any bugs. I only saw many green trees. Oh Well! Anyway I cannot wait for "that" day when I will have a voice to talk and ears to listen. In Heaven for the first time I will be able to know about sound and voices. I am excited about "then...the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped (opened)" - Amen! **Deaf - Are you Saved?**



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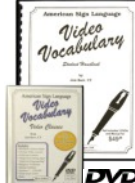
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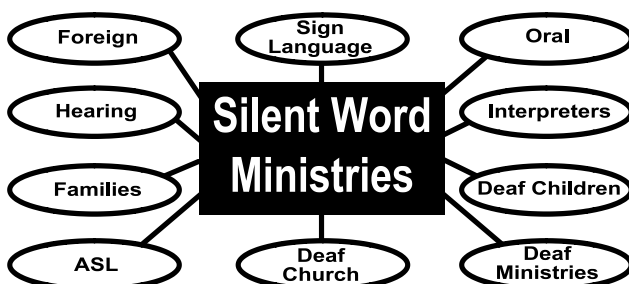
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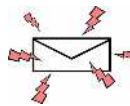


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He knew God is good and the Devil is bad. But he did not understand about **sin**. Every time I pointed to a picture of sin, he began telling me stories about **OTHER** people who had sinned. He spent about 10 minutes telling me some boy who had stolen his water bottle and how that boy would go to Hell! But **HIS** sins were not to be discussed. You will probably meet other people like this. Here are some things I did on Sunday to help the boy understand he had sinned.

1. Keep trying different pictures and different sins. I understood that the sin of stealing would only cause him to blame other people. So I began to teach other sins. Finally, he pointed at a picture for anger and signed, "Me **before**." You then continue the idea, "You sinned **before (past)**. The wages of sin is death." Then you can continue to witness.

2. Be patient. I have seen workers lose their patience and become angry. Of course, this helps nothing. Just keep trying. If they do not understand, stop and try another day. In fact, we had one girl who simply did not understand. It took **five years** of teaching until she was finally saved. Just keep trying and keep your cool.

3. Pray. Pray for the person to understand. But pray for yourself, too, that God will give you an idea that might help the deaf to understand.

By the way, please continue to pray for the boy (Sorry I did not get his name.) He still has some things to learn. Please pray he will soon understand and be saved. It is good when the light finally comes on and they understand.

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