

FALL 2012 NEWSLETTER

A Vessel Unto Honor

“In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.” 2 Timothy 2:20-21

It is our prayer that we will be an honorable vessel in the Master’s hand!

Faith, Family Fun, Fellowship and Farewell Featured at the Fannin County Fair

Early October was busy with the Fannin County Fair. Selah, the reigning Fannin County Queen, signed “Watch the Lamb” and “I Can Only Imagine,” served as emcee at the fair pageant, handed out trophies and awards at the stock show and pageant and crowned the new reigning queen of Fannin County. She also won second place in the fair parade. She finished her reign beautifully and glorified God.



Watch the Lamb: “Father, forgive them...”

Cloudi and Selah won many blue ribbons and seemed to take turns in who claimed first place and who claimed second when they were in the same category. Our family came home with a blue ribbon puzzle, a blue ribbon rag quilt, blue and red ribbons in jewelry, two blue ribbons in photography and a blue and red ribbon in clay work!

Expressions of Emmanuel had a booth at the fair, where we played our DVDs and handed out tracts. Our local fellowship, Life Covenant Church, partnered with us and missionaries, Rich and Sharon*, faithfully manned the booth, as we were busy preparing Selah's songs, etc. Thanks to the Reeces!

Video Tributes and Outreaches

We extend our love, prayers and sympathy to our Hawaiian friend, Ernie*, and family in the loss of his wife, Jessie*. Jessie loved the Lord! She was profoundly deaf and loved our Christian sign language music and Bible lessons on DVD. We sent a testimony DVD and newly edited song "How Great Is Our God" for her memorial service. Ernie's prayer is that people would come to Christ as a result of her memorial service. That is our prayer, too! We pray our DVD was a blessing!

I, Vonda, would also like to thank my friend, Nita*, from the inception of this mission! Nita gave fifty years to the mission committee of Northside Christian Church in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Thank you, Nita, for blessing and helping!

The Work Continues in Phoenix

The Phoenix D.E.A.F. meeting invited us to come speak in November, but we just could not make it. We made a personalized DVD with a testimony, two Bible lessons and a song and sent it to them for their meeting. We were sad to miss the meeting and hope to be able to attend in the future! (But we are very happy that by DVD we can be there!)

Teaching ASL!

We have been teaching sign language to the youth at church and Cloudi has been thrilled with all the girls that are learning to sign! This Friday night, October 26, we will be holding a Deaf Fellowship movie night at our mission house. We will share the movie, "Love Is Never Silent" and have pizza!

A group of the girls that are learning to sign, along with Cloudi, are also going to perform "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed" this year for the 4-H Share the Fun competition. They will make their own monkey costumes and then sign and act out the song! We are excited about this performance! We will use the costumes later to video teachings on creationism for an upcoming DVD.

3-2-1, 1-2-3 Trinity: No Luck, But a Lot of Irish Blessing

This new DVD is to be ready by Christmas! Check out our DVDs online at <http://eoe.tripod.com>! Consider ordering them as Christmas gifts for a donation (or at least the cost of shipping).

College Preparations!

On December 8th, Selah will be taking the ACT again. She did great the first time, but she would like to get a little higher score. Please remember her in your prayers!

As Selah's senior year advances, so are her preparations for college! Selah and Vonda visited Ozark Christian College in September and Selah is prayerfully deciding between Ozark Christian College and Dallas Christian College.

Please pray for favor in her scholarship applications; Selah has been working hard on writing essays and filling out scholarship applications. Please pray also for a car for college for her. She is committed to mission work, so the car will be used not only to get her to and from college, but also for mission outreaches on the weekends.

Dallas ~ Denison ~ Tulsa

We enjoyed meeting many Deaf people as we went to the following: The Deaf Saturday Night Live program in Garland, the new monthly Silent Dinner in Denison, the Deaf Awareness Week Hands and Voices Family meeting in Tulsa, and the DAW Silent Dinner. It was wonderful to meet old and new friends. We distributed tracts and DVDs. Please pray for God's Word to bless the people.



Alex* and Tare* with Vonda

What a joy remembering Bible classes and songs together that I taught them in church: *The B-I-B-L-E, The Birdie Song* and *Read Your Bible and Pray Every Day*.

EOE Prayer Requests

Thanks to all of our EOE prayer warriors! Please pray for:

- For wisdom and strength
- For deaf people and their families to come to Christ and grow in Christ
- Financial support
- Vehicles for EOE
- Health of our family
- For our son, Andres Burnett
- Our family to grow in Christ and to be faithful servants unto the Lord
- Praise for new contacts at DeafNation Expo
- Permission for music licenses for new DVD songs and volunteers to help obtain licenses

- EOE funding to make and distribute DVDs
- More workers for the harvest with EOE
- Completion of new DVDs

Thank You for Your Partnership!

Thanks to everyone for their support! Your support is crucial. Thank you for caring and giving. We are grateful for our partners! We are praying for you! Please write us and tell us your prayer requests. We still are in need of raising more support. We praise God for His provision and His future provision to help us spread His word to the deaf and their families and friends!

International Conference on Missions

Please come and see us at the International Conference on Missions (formerly the National Missionary Convention) as we share at our EOE booth. The whole family is going this year and Tiffany* will be joining us! The conference is held in Indianapolis, Indiana this year on November 15-18. We will be at booth #908.

New Transportation: Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord and a BIG thank you to GCS for the gift they gave which enabled us to purchase a 2003 Honda Odyssey, seven passenger minivan! We bought this from our good friends, the Parkers. It is in good condition, but we need to get it checked before going to ICOM. This van is used to transport mission supplies to and from conferences and presentation both locally and nationally. We also use it to transport the Deaf to local events. Thank you so much for the support given to make this possible!

We are still in need of a second minivan for transportation, as all the supplies and people cannot always fit in one minivan! Our 1998 van has some transmission issues (it jerks while driving) and can still get us around locally, but is not reliable for long distances.



Our new transportation!

Help Us with Our Mailing List!

In September, our faithful old computer crashed. We are so thankful for our friend, Joe*, who helped us get a new computer and carefully transfer over all the data from the old computer. Despite our best efforts, though, somehow, the mailing list was lost. We are working to reconstruct it, but if a friend says something about no longer receiving our newsletter, please give them our apologies and ask them to resend us their address. We will be more than happy to send it to them once again! We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause!

Please pray that we can get the internet to work for the main computer, our laptops, and the video phone all at the same time. We still have that glitch to work through.

DVDs Reaching Orlando!

A BIG thank you to Fred and Adrienne*, who ordered 100 DVDs (50 of *TEENAGERS* and 50 of *Inheritance*) and distributed them to the Deaf and hard-of-hearing in the greater Orlando area. They have just ordered 100 more DVDs, so there will soon be 200 DVDs in the Orlando area!



*Our friends, Fred and Adrienne**

So Much Still to Be Done ...

Besides the Missions Conference and an outreach at a church in Indiana, our family is looking forward to our trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas in December. There we will do an outreach at the Signs of Love Deaf Church.

We are planning and calendaring outreaches for 2013. There is still so much editing, videotaping and license work to be done to get out the DVDs that we have planned. We need more workers to help with these tasks and the office work. We also want to start an email devotional outreach to all our Deaf friends and contacts. We are in need of more support to be able to complete these tasks and release these DVDs. Please pray and give with us to see the Deaf “see” the good news!

We wish you a happy Thanksgiving, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year with much love and gratefulness!

EOE on the WEB

For more information on EOE or to order DVDs, visit us online:

- <http://eoe.tripod.com>
- <http://www.youtube.com/user/ExpressionsEmmanuel>
- <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Expressions-of-Emmanuel/485883070440>

Come “like” our Facebook page and keep up-to-date with everything in the ministry!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you enjoy receiving our newsletter, but would prefer to have it emailed to you, please let us know. This helps us cut our costs. Please email us at: **vondabland@msn.com** or **hamilton.steven@gmail.com**. If you enjoy our newsletter mailed to you just as it is, we will continue to do so. If you move to a different address and want to receive the newsletter, try to let us know beforehand, because of bulk mailings the post office will not forward our letter and we often lose contact.

Become a new supporter! *Expressions of Emmanuel* trust that all of you who receive our letter are supporting us already in your prayers. Thank you! If God leads you to become a financial supporter please fill in the form below and mail it to us. If you already support us, thank you!

Yes, I/we _____ would like to become a regular supporter of *Expressions of Emmanuel*, Missionaries with the Deaf.

With a donation of: monthly() yearly() one time donation() other _____

In the amount of \$10.00 () \$15.00 () \$20.00 () other \$ __, __, __. __

Make Checks payable to: *Expressions of Emmanuel*

Mail to: *Expressions of Emmanuel*
PO Box 62
Ector, TX 75439

Expressions of Emmanuel
PO Box 62, Ector, TX 75439,
903.583.6143, cell: 903.449.6328
VP: 903.449.4086
Email: vondabland@msn.cm

Hillcrest Christian Church

509 S Graves St

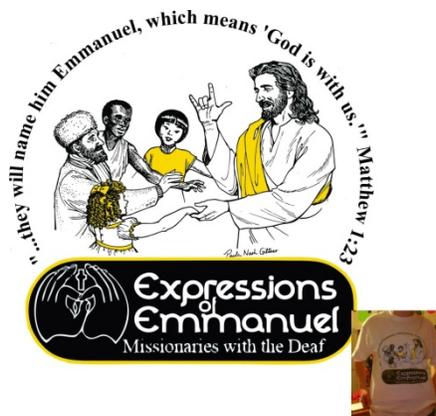
McKinney, TX 75069

Phone: 972.542.6070 Fax: 972.542.6277

Email: hillcrest@hcctx.org

Return Service Requested

EOE T-Shirts Available



Check out our website to order one of these t-shirts!