



Meet at Care Leader's Home



The Robb Report

The Measure of Success

Very often the measure of success in any ministry is a simple matter of nickels and noses. If that were the measure of Deaf Missions or a Deaf church the report would not be very favorable. The general ratio of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing people to Hearing people in any given city is 1:500 (2:1000). Furthermore, the Deaf ministries (interpreted ministries in a Hearing church) in most cities regardless the size of the city or the church, will likely average 2-6 Deaf people in the pew. A Deaf church, on the other hand will easily double that in the first few months of it's ministry life.

The reason is simple: Ownership and accountability. Every church member (whether part of a Hearing or Deaf church) desires to be a part of something that feeds them and needs them. So, the fact that a Deaf church, which depends on the participation of Deaf people to get anything done, being generally better attended than the Deaf ministry in a Hearing church, is no great surprise.

So, measuring every Deaf ministry, affiliated Deaf congregation, or Deaf church using the same rule is an inaccurate measure. And comparing the measure a Deaf church to that of a Hearing church, in just about any category, isn't adequate, since it doesn't take into account the much smaller ratio of Deaf people in a given community.

It is no small thing, as well, that many Deaf people have



Nickels and Noses?

been at a disadvantage of job, and by default, income opportunities all of their lives. This naturally effects the Deaf church's ability to not only thrive, but sometimes, survive.

The measure, therefore might better be made at the spiritual levels and Deaf community outreach of any Deaf ministry. In fact, sometimes, just the fact that a Deaf ministry has survived in one location for any amount of time may be, in itself, a measure of success; especially, as Deaf people are spread all over a greater community and not very accessible to reach.

Yet, to such as these are we encouraged, even commanded, to make room, to be a blessing, and to commend the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Like an Update Visit?

We just completed a visit to Punxsutawney, Pa First Assembly where we give a Deaf Missions update.

If you are a current supporter and would like for the Robb family to visit your church to give a 5-15 minute missions update, or take the entire service to share the 2010 Deaf Missions ministry, please contact David at:

david@goingdeaf.org or 215-755-5002 to schedule a service

Points of Interest

- Barbara is expecting our 4th child (a girl) on October 8th (now 2:2 / boys:girls)
- Isaac worked on a farm in Illinois this past Summer. And will have his first local job at the Phila. Library.
- Drew is taking piano, and Isaac Drum lessons
- David is in the process of securing his Pennsylvania court interpreting certification

Parenting is Heart Work

Parenting is Hard Work, because Parenting is Heart Work! This is that mantra of the ministry Biblical Parenting, Inc. It's a great curriculum and we would recommend it to any church; Hearing or Deaf. The advantage that God is working for the Deaf community is that we have the opportunity to interpret all of the session videos into American Sign Language. Biblical

Parenting, Inc, is interested in working with us to create a Sign Language based parenting series. We're just at the beginning stages of this project as we familiarize ourselves with the content by teaching through it in a Philly Deaf mid-week parenting series with several people attending.

