



The Robb Report To Do & Needs



Auto Repairs: CV Shaft, A/C Compressor, Tie Rod Ends, Struts & Mounts (140,000 miles). \$1500.00 repairs this month.

Interpreting: Weekly Community Interpreting and visitation includes: Valley Forge Christian College

Deaf Church: weekly Deaf Studies, Sunday evening meetings, men's/women's monthly meetings, and special church/community events.

Family Care: Special 20th wedding Anniversary weekend out at Baltimore Inner-Harbor for David and Barbara. Homeschooling continues (Andrew makes the Honor Roll)

Holiday at Pd: Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinners, Showing "Nativity" closed-captioned Candle-light Service, and New Year's Eve Party.



Deaf Culture Point

I recently visited a Deaf woman in the hospital and asked her what was wrong with her. She didn't know. The next day another Deaf woman, Grace, from the church, went to visit; arriving in time for the discharge. She asked the staff if an interpreter was available to help communicate the diagnosis, treatment, etc. to the Deaf patient. The nurse assured her that the patient understood from writing and lip-reading. Grace turned and asked the Deaf patient if she knew what was wrong with her and what the treatment would be. Her replay was "No." The staff conceded, postponed the discharge until an interpreter was present to complete the discharge properly.

It is estimated that only 30% of what is mouthed can be lip-read. And that's on a good day. It's not beyond reality that a Deaf person be left in an empty building after a co-worker mentions something to you about their "mom." Meanwhile, everyone else evacuated the office because of a bomb threat announced over the PA system.



The careleaders of Philly Deaf ministries met in November for a weekend retreat for planning the 2012 Philly Deaf calendar. Questions we asked ourselves included "what are we doing?" "What is right?" "What is wrong?" "What needs to be

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fixed?" and "What needs to be dismantled?" Our primary goal is more local community involvement and increased community contact, more video phone, postcard, and follow up contact with Deaf people.