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In Loving Memory of David B. Moore

"Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage each other with these words."
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

David Moore, 79, passed away peacefully July 31, 2009 with his family by his side. Yes, we grieve at our loss of a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, caregiver, friend and fellow worker and Board member in serving the deaf community. David will always be remembered as a loving, sensible, quiet man who did everything in a fitting and orderly way for the glory of God.

The AMD Board was privileged to have such a man on the Board for a period of time. David always cared lovingly for his disabled wife, Peg and was admired by all who knew him.



David Moore

We praise God that we can know that David is now with his Heavenly Father – safe in His loving arms forever.

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." I John 5:11-13

This is our assurance that we will see David once again in the heavenlies as Paul declares, *"And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus."* Ephesians 2:5-7.

Video Phone Ministry Begins

American Ministries to the Deaf has started a new ministry to deaf people called **ASL Talk Time - a VP Ministry**. This provides deaf people with an opportunity to talk with someone about their concerns and questions - personal or spiritual, or to just talk with someone who is willing to listen to them.

Try AMD's NEW VP MINISTRY
"ASL TALK TIME"

For more information call
Phone Number: **VP# 866 641-3389**

Days and Times
Mondays 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturdays 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

More **ASL Talk Time** VP numbers, days and times will be added in the future.

Kenneth Crush



AMD regrets to have to announce the resignation of two Board members.

Board member and friend, Mr. Kenneth Crush resigned as of this past December 2008. Ken is in his 80th year and felt it necessary to reduce his "work load" as he desires to spend more time at home with his lovely wife, Verna. Kenneth has been an inspiration to the Board. Thank you, Ken, for your service to AMD as well as Verna's service as our Bible Correspondence Coordinator for several years. We have appreciated your godly wisdom, faithfulness and contagious smile and all you've brought to the Board for many years. God bless you!

Also, our dear friend Scott Tannehill has resigned as of February 2009. Scott has served on the Board for many years and been our strong prayer warrior, meeting regularly with his deaf friends, praying for the ministry of AMD.

Scott and his dear wife, Dorothy, have the dream and desire to minister among the Jewish Deaf population in the State of Florida. We pray that the Lord will richly bless them in their new future outreach ministry. They are true examples of believers who never weary of doing God's work to reach people for Christ. God bless you as you serve the King of Kings.



Scott Tannehill

Dick Wieder, The Heart of a Servant

Our sympathy to the family of Richard A. (Dick) Wieder, 69, who died at home, September 22, 2009.

Dick is pictured at right with Ron Schoonover on his left and Tim Emery on his right and students at JCSD while serving there with a work team. Dick made 17 trips to the school using his painting skills to assist with the building of the JCSD campus including donating painting equipment to help them paint the entire school whenever necessary.

He and his wife Carol love these students and have been one of the most faithful partners for many years. Dick had a big heart for the needy of this world and a willingness to do whatever he could to help them. This servant of God will be greatly missed.



First Baptist to JCSD June 2009

In June, a team from First Baptist Church (Allentown, PA) provided a type of VBS for the children with Bible stories and crafts. They also ministered in Montego Bay at Robin's Nest Children's Home and in the Public School with morning devotionals.

JCSD Student Family in Need



Monique is the girl on the left.

Monique, 16, one of the precious deaf students at JCSD, recently lost her father, the bread winner of the family. She and her family need lots of prayer. Monique has hydrocephalus (water on the brain)

and struggles with a learning disability.

Her father supported the family by fishing and making fishing nets — they were very poor even with his hard work. They live in a wooden shack within walking distance of the school. Please pray for Mrs. Bird and her family; this will make her life very difficult. She lives with several children (including a younger son with hydrocephalus).

We would appreciate your prayer on behalf of Monique and her family!

In addition, if the Lord would so lead you, funds will be accepted to help with funeral costs (checks payable to AMD and designated for Student Special Need). Mail to AMD, P O Box 3090, Allentown, PA 18106.

*"A father to the fatherless,
a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling."
Psalm 68:5*

FIRST FANTASTIC FREE DEAF FALL FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 17, 2009
2 - 9 P.M.



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WITH S'MORES

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**RAIN
OR
SHINE**

Held at **The Lighthouse Church**
12 Hollenbush Lane,
Orwigsburg, PA 17961

JOIN US for this first FANTASTIC FREE FALL FELLOWSHIP especially for deaf to encourage you in your Christian walk, sponsored by AMD.

The day will include a time of worship; good Bible teaching; fellowship; testimonies, and an evening campfire with s'mores. All is free!

Those attending are asked to bring some kind of covered dish to share and a folding chair. Please do not bring any meat, no bagged chips or pretzels, no desserts, no drinks. AMD will provide all of these.

The time will include these two messages: "Living in the Light of Christ's Return" by Pastor Martin Lewis and "In the Beginning God..." by Mr. Rick Lanser.

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DIRECTIONS to

The Lighthouse Church:

- Take I-78 toward Cabela's near Hamburg, PA.
- Exit at 61 North.
- Drive north past Cabela's for about 8.4 miles.
- On the right side look for 3 crosses and a pond of water near a building.
- Turn right to the church.
- If you passed Fort Motel on the left side of 61, you went too far. Turn around.

Increased finances needed for JCSD

As with many non-profit organizations, AMD is feeling the financial reduction in donations due to the current economic tough times. For the last two months we have been unable to send full support to JCSD because the money was not there.

The goal of the AMD Board is to supply \$6500 (\$185 per student) monthly for the JCSD Partner General Fund. This fund covers the costs related to the education and care of the students, the day to day operating expenses of the school. The fund is currently \$12,000 behind.

With this need come two opportunities to see God provide:
the 50/50 or The 5 to 5.

The 50/50

It costs \$50 each month to bring entertainment into your home. Might you spend the same to bring quality education to the deaf children of Jamaica? We are looking for 50 individuals willing to give \$50 each month to the JCSD Partner General Fund.

The 5 to 5

This is an opportunity for 5 churches or businesses to invest \$500 each month in the lives of these needy deaf children in Jamaica.

We would like your help in spreading the word to friends, churches, small business owners asking them to consider contributing to the **JCSD Partner General Fund**. We ask that a commitment be made for consistent monthly financial support.

Our current brochure titled JCSD Connection Thru AMD explains the details and has current pictures of the students (available on request using the form on the back of this newsletter or download at <http://www.amdjmd.org/amd/infosheet.pdf>. Share this with those you think might be interested.

We are grateful for your support of the school and care for the students. We covet your prayers and know that the Lord will faithfully meet the needs of JCSD.

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

JCSD Campus Project Updates

JCSD receives certification from Jamaica Ministry of Education

As of September 9, Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf is now fully registered as an independent school under the Jamaican Ministry of Education. We are elated and thankful, it has been a long journey to get to this point.

“There is a saying in Jamaica for when it’s back to school time – ‘Free paypa bun’. The translation for this patois saying is: ‘Free paper burn’ – meaning that free time, play time is over, it is now time for work. Work indeed.”

The new school year at JCSD commenced on September 1 even though four teachers were still needed. Despite this and the usual lack of students arriving for the first day, there was still much thankfulness to God. By the second week there were triumphs and a milestone reached (highlighted in above article).

The school is now fully staffed with teachers for all classes and 33 students are back. Pray for the Lord’s protection on Obrien W. and Robertha G. who have not yet returned. “All praise to our Heavenly Father from Whom all blessings flow.”

Quotes & info from Sept. 14 & 15 letter and note from Dian Thompson, JCSD Principal

*“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.
1 John 3:17,18*

Progress Made

The Staff Apartment is now home to four members of the JCSD staff. Steps were built on the steep hill leading to the Staff Apartment and laundry. The following is needed to complete the Staff Apartment: a rail around the porch and to the side of the steps; eaves around one side of the building; installation of cupboards in the kitchen and bathrooms; furniture including dining table, living room set, chests of drawers and chairs for porch.



Kindergarten & Special Unit Department building will house pre-school, kindergarten and a special unit for students with learning disabilities. There will be three rooms, a bathroom, a teacher’s room and a storage area downstairs. Upstairs will house a meeting hall for devotions and other large gatherings.



Work on the **Vocational Training Center** began in the summer of 2008 with work on the foundation. The vision is to create a place where JCSD graduates, as well as other deaf people, whether children or adults, can get vocational training in skills they need to get a job. Nearby communities would be welcome to use this resource and benefit from the offered training.

Much work was done on the building during the summer. Five rooms were blocked and covered.

JCSD Principal's Report 2008-2009

I give thanks first and foremost to our Heavenly Father from whom all blessings flow, then to the two ladies who help to lift my hands so victory can prevail – Sophia Reid and Mary Ricketts.

The 2008-2009 School Year was a challenging one. However, by the grace of the Almighty and the close knit family at school, we came out with only a few bruises. The school year started fairly well but by the end of the term we lost two students and three teachers. The resignation of the teachers placed a strain on the academic staff making it necessary to double up in our duties and responsibilities. I went back in the classroom to teach Computer and Reading.

We did our best and made it through the first term. With blessings bestowed, two new teachers were added to the staff, praise His Name. I, however, still had to teach. The adversary must have work to do, so he sowed discrepancy among the staff but greater is He that is in us than He that is in the world. We won this round also.

For the next two terms, we had to go in overdrive. These are the busiest terms of the year. The students were entered into various competitions, they had performances and there was end of the year exams. They did well. The students have matured socially, academically and

spiritually. I, along with the staff and parents, am proud of them.

The Spelling Bee for the Deaf was a hectic event – this is the brain-child of JCSD. It took a lot of time and energy but I give thanks for all the support both from home and abroad.

I am taking this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the teams that graced our doors as well as the individuals; all, who gave selflessly of their resources – their strength, their love, their finances, their prayers.

We at the school are so thankful for the tremendous support that these individuals and groups have given. You are constantly in our prayers. *“Give and it shall be given you, full measure, pressed down shaken together and running over.”* Luke 6:38

We have been paid a second visit from the government's Ministry of Education. We are thus awaiting confirmation to say that we are fully registered as an Independent School.

I look forward to the continued support from you, our extended family, as we approach the new school year. Please continue to partner with us as we empower our differently-abled children.

Peace & Love,
Dian Thompson, Principal

“Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.”
Acts 10:4b



A new student enrolled this fall, **Antonecia**, a six year old girl. She has been placed in the Kindergarten class and has fitted in quite well since her arrival at JCSD. This is her first time in a formal educational setting. She lives with her mother.

Campus Project Needs

Help needed to complete projects

Kindergarten & Special Unit Department and the Vocational Training Center are in need of the following: roof and floor, rendering inside and outside of the buildings, windows and doors, beams for two class rooms and bathrooms.

Playground, originally built in 2005, is in need of some additional equipment such as monkey bars, a see saw, swings and a portable pool for the small children.

Perhaps your group would be interested in planning a work team to help with these projects. For details please contact:

JCSD School jcsd_1@yahoo.com
Sophia Reid sophiajmd@yahoo.com
Nancy Gery nancy@amdjmd.org
May God bless you as you seek God's wisdom in how you can best help JCSD.

Men's Work Team January 2010

Any men with the time and heart to serve are welcome to join this work team going to Jamaica. It requires no special skills – just willing hands and heart. Use a week in January to make a difference in Jamaica at JCSD. For details contact:

Ron Crider roncrider1@verizon.net
from Faith EFC (Allentown)

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might”
” Ecclesiastes 9:10a

Is God calling you to serve JCSD? They need our prayers, our financial support, ministry teams and work teams. Contact AMD if you'd like to partner with the school in any way.

Correction Notice of Spring 09 Newsletter. In introducing Bob and Denise Daldo, we apologize for making an error regarding the information on their daughter. Jen is not a mom. Jen is 29 years old, recently completed student teaching and has earned her Special Education degree.

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- \$ _____ Deaf Bible Church Fund
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- \$ _____ Ministry of Marcia Reid
- \$ _____ JCSD Bus Purchase Fund
- \$ _____ JCSD Special Needs (most needed)
- \$ _____ **TOTAL** Donation

Please see our web site for details on each of the above categories

- **Sign me up to receive JCSD E-NEWS
- Send me one copy of the JCSD DVD.
- Send me ____ (#) JCSD Brochures.
- I would like to sponsor JCSD student(s).

PAYMENT METHOD

Send an e-mail receipt

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- I will **regularly** send a check each month /quarter / year in the amount of \$ _____. Enclosed is my first check.
- This is a **one time** gift in the amount of \$ _____.

Paying by CREDIT CARD

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