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## In Loving Memory of Peggy Moore and Janet Hartman

*"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:1-6*

Two sisters in Christ, who both faithfully served the Deaf community for many years recently passed away. We do not grieve as others do who have no hope because we believe that Jesus died and rose again and will come again (1 Thes. 4.13-18).



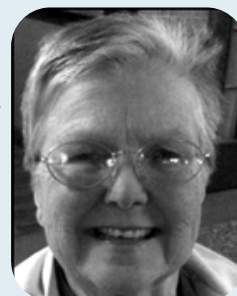
Peggy Lou (Hall) Moore, formerly of Fleetwood, died peacefully Sunday morning, March 20, 2011, at Riddle Memorial Hospital, Media, while holding the hand of her son. She was the widow of David B.

Moore, who passed away July 31, 2009. The AMD Board was grateful to have David on the Board for a time.

## AMD Board Change

Recently there was one change in the AMD Board of Directors. Rick Lanser, submitted his resignation from his position as AMD Vice-Chairman due to more responsibilities with other ministries. However, he will continue to serve on the AMD Board.

Janet R. Hartman, 74, Allentown formerly of Elwyn, PA, died Wednesday, April 13, 2011 in Crozer - Chester Medical Center, Upland, PA.



Both ladies will be missed by family and friends.

*"When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:54-57*

Mr. Robert Daldo was elected to serve in the position as AMD Board Vice-Chairman. All other Board members remain in their same elected positions.

*Do your best  
to present yourself to God  
as one approved,  
a worker who has no need to  
be ashamed, rightly handling  
the word of truth.  
—2 Timothy 2:15*

## **Bible Correspondence Course continues to bless**

Last summer found a significant drop in participation compared to during the year. We need to study God's Word at all times. When we stand before God He will ask us what we did while living on earth. What will you say? The Bible lessons from AMD are full of so much spiritual truth!

The following are notes from some of the students:

"You are appreciated for the Bible Study you mailed to me. I really enjoy the lesson of great salvation." - Stephanie

"The cross is the only solution to all our problems." - Jo Ellen

"Jesus sacrificed on the cross for our sinners." - Maritza

"I'm enjoyed this Bible Study lesson." - Alice

"I was very happy when I received the lesson again. I am learning more and more how to come closer to God." - Diane

"Thank you for many Bible lessons books and many certificates. I'm so much enjoying book many lessons of Bible book every day. Pray for me." - Alice

Congratulations, Sarah Johnston!!! Special honor goes to Sarah of Greenbelt, MD. She is the only student who has completed all the courses AMD offers.

My prayer for each student is that you continue with the lessons so that you will grow in God's Word and get closer to Him. God loves you and so do I. God bless you!

Carlene Ulrich,  
BCC Coordinator



## **Deaf People, A Ministry Field Of Their Own**

Deaf people are really a Deaf nation of their own language and culture. They are scattered all over the world. They cannot be satisfactorily reached by the hearing world's tactics such as radio, (can't hear) TV, (most Christian broadcasting doesn't use closed captioning) or internet, (no closed caption on YouTube sites). This job rests on Deaf leaders or the hearing that are trained to adequately communicate in Sign Language. With an estimated global population of more than 6 billion and knowing that there is an estimated population of 364 million Deaf, we can certainly call them a "nation" or a ministry field.

Did you know that the majority of Deaf people are unemployed? It isn't because of their inability to function but because of inadequate employer facilities, training, and understanding. This creates a problem all in itself. Finances are lacking so sometimes churches try to offer outreaches for the Deaf but charge for it. The Deaf are unable to come because they can't afford to. Did you know that only 8% of the Deaf population attends church? It would be much easier if you took the total Deaf population and put them all in one place. Then there would be all kinds of agencies, missionaries with everyone trying to reach them. But with the Deaf scattered everywhere, they are overlooked.

A barrier can exist between the Deaf and churches that believe in faith healing because they see the Deaf as in need of healing. That is an insult to them as they do not see themselves as disabled and that would affect them on the deepest level of identity. Most Deaf are born having Deaf parents. Why would they want to hear? When you approach a Deaf person in this manner they are unresponsive to the Gospel.

Do you realize most Deaf are only being reached for the first time? Hearing people is some countries have heard the gospel several times, most Deaf people haven't even heard it for the first time. We think the ideal situation is for the Deaf to attend a Deaf Church. The sermon is given in sign language and understandable but Deaf churches are far and few in between. Many Deaf people have difficulty reading because the structure of our English language isn't the same as sign language.

We at AMD love to reach out to the Deaf and we welcome any ideas or information that you would have to make us more effective.

*For "everyone who calls on  
the name of the Lord  
will be saved."  
.. And how are they to hear  
without someone preaching?  
—Romans 10.13-14*

## Players of the Stage Benefits JCSD



Rather than charging for tickets, Players of the Stage, a local homeschooling theatre group, takes a freewill offering to benefit a nonprofit organization.

In April, Players of the Stage had 4 performances of *The Miracle Work*, the story of Helen Keller who was both deaf and blind. They chose to donate the freewill offering to Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf.

These donations will go toward the support of the 37 deaf children at the school. In addition, approximately 50 people committed to pray for a specific JCSD student.

Thank you to all those who are praying and who have given to support the children at JCSD.

AMD extends a big "THANK YOU" to Players of the Stage for their support of Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf.



*... not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*  
—Hebrews 10.25



# AMD Spring Retreat "Believe Then See"

May 21, 2011  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Held at **Faith Church**

6528 Hamilton Blvd.  
Allentown, PA 18106

Directions:  
<http://www.faithefc.com/directions.html>

Bible Teaching  
Worship Fellowship  
Testimonies Games  
Picnic Lunch

MEAT PROVIDED

Join us for the Spring Retreat "**Believe Then See**" especially for Deaf to strengthen you in your Christian walk.

This time is for Deaf believers to gather together to be strengthened, to learn, and to pray. We'll also enjoy games, food, and fellowship.

**Jay Hess** Special Speaker  
former Jehovah Witness  
**Rick Lanser** "Noah's Ark"

This is a FREE event!  
We ask that all who attend, please bring picnic food to share. AMD will provide meats, bagged chips, pretzel and drinks.

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## Board Members Travel to Jamaica

AMD Board Chairman, Martin Lewis, and members Bob and Denise Daldo testify of God's goodness during their trip to Jamaica in March.

Although it was a last minute decision for the three of us to go, it was a necessary one to best serve our Deaf family on the island.

We began our trip on a rainy morning with a bright clear word from the Lord. Micah 6:8 "He has shown you, O man, what is good and what the Lord requires of thee, to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God." How God does that, I'll never figure out; first He gives us a word and then He fulfills it!

We saw justice was served in kindness and with a heart of humility so good things were accomplished for the Deaf in Jamaica.

*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*  
—1 Corinthians 15:58



## Top Hill Deaf Bible Church

We are honored to be part of a church plant for the Deaf at Top Hill, Jamaica. It is a wonderful experience to see between 30 - 40 Deaf meeting each Sunday for worship, prayer, and a beautiful word taught from the scripture by a gifted young man, Andre Witter (we would love to see him come and teach at our AMD fall retreat).

Due to lack of funds at the church they would like to see the vocational building up and operating as housing for mission teams that would come to serve. The teams would be able to stay and eat at a reduced price. The Deaf would cook for the missionaries and this would generate funds for the church to prosper. Prosperity to them is being able to help feed their own and then the community. The people rely on the church to help with needs: weekly Bible studies, food, and health care.

We were able to accomplish much including:

- met with JMD board chairman to discuss new policies and procedures to more effectively handle and account for funds that are sent through AMD.
- visited with Jasmine who has been on sick leave for 2 months from JCSD. She is doing much better, Praise the Lord!
- purchased weed wacker for amazing price and delivered it to Top Hill Deaf Church.
- visited Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf.
- met with Pauline Bent, Deaf Bible Church Board member, and her daughter and future son-in-law.
- opened Deaf Bible Church bank account.
- resolved a tax dispute between a neighbor and the Top Hill Deaf Church property.
- shared the vision for the Top Hill Deaf Church's vocational building (see below).



Top Hill Deaf Bible Church

To get this mission operating there is an immediate need to repair the roof. In order to make it usable, the needs include: beds, toilets, and kitchen utilities. If anyone has a heart to see this Deaf Church prosper, **please contact us** at AMD. We would love to take the time to share more of this vision with you.



Vocational Building



Unfinished bathroom

## Letter from JCSD Administrator Sophia Reid

Greetings from the hills of Eden, Jamaica. We pray and hope that your heart has been encouraged and strengthened as you wait on the Lord for His leading in your life (Psalm 27:14).

We cannot help but thank God for you, your financial support, your prayers and your encouragement – they have been for us as a strong tower.

This institution is a faith-based ministry, God's faithfulness each day keeps the doors open.

Our students are very precious to us because God is the One that has hand picked them. This has been our prayer over the years, "Lord, send us the ones that need us; the ones that no one else wants."

So you see, as long as God keeps this ministry's doors open, we will accept the deaf children. We will love them, we will give them the best education, the best teachers and best of all we will give them the Savior.

JCSD has grown and our attendance has been wonderful. Our students are happy and enjoying school life. They are learning and living every moment of it.

We've had Sports Day with great competition. The community came out to support us. Crazy Hair Day and Crazy Socks Day were days that we just go crazy. Everyone enjoyed these down times.

On Jamaica Day, we looked at our heritage. We had two of the Senior Citizens from the Eden community come to tell us stories of the old days. Our eyes were opened and we were sitting on the edge of our seats.

We hope you have been following on our Facebook page where you will see some pictures of these events.

## JCSD Needs Support

The economic times for many of us are tough right now. For JCSD, financial needs continue non-stop. JCSD is significantly underfunded receiving donations of only about half of what they need to meet the basics expenses for the school. It is only God who can direct where you invest the finances he gives you.

If God leads you to begin giving or increase your giving to JCSD, you may use the form on the back page of this newsletter or make an electronic donation on the AMD web site. <http://americandeaf.org/giving/>

On March 28, Mary Ricketts, my mom and I went to pick up one of our students about an hour and a half away. On our way back we were involved in an accident. We lost three tires, it was dark and we almost ran into a slow, over-loaded cane truck. We hit the median but praise God, we are alive to tell the story.

Please praise God with us for:

- funds donated to buy two weeks supply of food
- teams that continue to come and make our work more bearable
- lives spared
- our school grounds beautified with various plants by Jamaicans
- our generator to be installed in April<sup>1</sup>
- received two doors for the Kindergarten building
- the floor of the last Kindergarten classroom has been laid
- water is coming through the pipe line

Prayers and Support needed for:

- **Monthly Support**<sup>2</sup>
- Kindergarten building needs windows, two more doors, installation of toilets and basins and covering a sewage pit<sup>3</sup>

Thank you for your faithfulness to JCSD. Yours in Christ, Sophia Reid, Administrator/Plant Manager

<sup>1</sup> Recently, AMD received and sent funds that will be used to install and safely enclose the generator.

<sup>2</sup> JCSD continues to need additional regular support. Please consider a monthly contribution to JCSD Partners General Fund.

<sup>3</sup> Funds were provided to cover the sewage pit located close to the Kindergarten building. A big thank you to Bethany Church in Allentown, PA.



*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."*

—Matthew 25:35



# American Ministries to the Deaf

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To save resources, choose e-mail receipts. Check the box below and provide your e-mail address.

I would like to help AMD in ministering to deaf people to be used as designated below:  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMD General Fund (including Bible Correspondence Courses Materials)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deaf Bible Church Fund  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **JCSD Partners General Fund**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ JCSD Special Needs (most needed)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** Donation

**\*\* Send an e-mail receipt**

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I will support the ministries of AMD as designated at left making a donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for (mark the appropriate box)  
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