

Dear Pastor,

*How different would your life be had you been **isolated from the gospel**? This is the case for approximately 20,000 deaf souls in Liberia, West Africa. Romans 10 asks the question: “**How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?**” The Deaf will never hear with their ears, but God has made a way for them to “hear” with their eyes and hearts. However, **they cannot hear by accident.***

*My name is Julia Walker. I have had the privilege of calling Grace Baptist Church in Newport, NC home all my life. When I was a teenager, a couple came to my church and began to teach Sign Language. **What started as curiosity soon became a calling.** In 2009, I had the opportunity to travel with a team from Silent Word Ministries International (SWMI) to **Taipei, Taiwan for a Deaflympics**, an Olympics specifically geared for Deaf athletes. We gave out tracts as well as DVDs with the gospel in sign language, and twenty-one souls trusted Christ as Savior. Through this trip, the Lord gave me a heart longing to see Deaf souls come to know Him. On the last day there, I surrendered to be a missionary to the Deaf. **Since then, the Lord has been growing me and training me in ways that will be beneficial for such a time as this.***

*My dear friend, **Missionary Carrie Whaley**, is currently working with local churches in Liberia to meet this need by training other missionaries and Liberians to share the gospel visually. **I spent two months with her while attending a special Advanced Missionary Training Bootcamp** hosted on her compound. During that training, I received vital instruction on culture and language learning and had the privilege of **seeing the spiritual needs of Liberia’s Deaf firsthand**. They shared stories of how they have gone to church for years with no understanding of the Bible, because **there has been no one to teach or interpret** it to them in Sign Language. Through their testimonies, God burdened my heart to return to Liberia and the Deaf. Lord willing, **I will be returning in late January or early February of next year for a one-year internship with Carrie.***

Lord willing, I will be assisting Carrie in several facets of ministry. We will work primarily with Temple Baptist Church in Monrovia, pastored by Missionary Benjamin Reimer, to train new interpreters and teach Sign Language classes to Deaf who currently have no language. Once language is acquired, the gospel can be presented. The ultimate goal is to gain brothers and sisters in Christ!

*After receiving counsel from my pastor, I saw the wisdom in partnering with a mission agency for this one year abroad. **The Lord led me to World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions.** Truly, it is an honor to serve with them. There is extra sweetness in the Lord’s choice for me as my former pastor, Pastor Clyde Eborn, served on their board for many years.*

*Earlier in this letter, I mentioned that the Lord has been growing and training me for such a time as this. For fifteen years, I had the privilege of being a kindergarten teacher as well as a first through third grade teacher for the Christian school at my church. In addition, the Lord has allowed me to be part of the teen ministry in my church for three years. Several of my former students are now in that teen ministry; **it fills my heart with joy** to see they are still walking with God and to be afforded the opportunity to continue investing in their spiritual growth. We also have a deaf teenager who sometimes visits our class. I enjoy interpreting for him and encouraging our other teens to learn his language and interact with him as well. **God doesn’t waste anything, so I look forward to seeing how He will use all of these experiences to further His work in Liberia.***

*The cost for this endeavor will be \$18,000. **Please prayerfully consider supporting me** through prayer, most of all. Without the Lord’s guidance, all is vain. As the Lord leads, it would be an honor to have your financial*

support as well. If you have questions or would like to have me in your church to present this ministry, you are welcome to contact me. My number is 252-723-1322 or you may email me at julesigns815@hotmail.com. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

All Because of Him,

Julia Walker



*Julia Walker with Deaf at
Temple Baptist Church in
Monrovia*



*Carrie Whaley and
Julia Walker*



*Students at a school for
the Deaf*