

The Dundons

Missionaries to the Deaf in Philadelphia

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NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSIONS



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Looking Ahead to the New Year

As 2019 begins, we are looking forward to big changes God has in store for us. Colleen continues to get bigger each passing week, we cannot wait to meet our little kiddo, he is due at the end of March! Yes, it is a boy!



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Shutdown and Job Resignation

Some of you may have already known, I was planning to submit my resignation from my job as a legal assistant to the FDA's (Food & Drug Administration) law office in January. The first six months of deputation since last summer really took a toll on us. As you may remember, we had meetings every single weekend and then I would have to go back to work on Monday, leaving again on the following Saturday for the next church. On top of that, I was calling churches in the mornings before work then again during my lunch breaks. We realize we were pushing our limit, it went fine in the beginning but it is not something we can keep on doing forever. We also realize that as this method would continue, obtaining meetings became harder to come by as we started to contact churches outside of our network.

A week before 2019 began, the shutdown happened. This opened up the entire month of January for me to focus on my deputation. I was definitely not used to having all of the "free" time available to me but I eventually got into the rhythm of making calls in the mornings, doing follow ups and other related work in the afternoons. The most difficult part was trying to figure out how to best contact churches through ASL interpreters via my videophone. Many churches and pastors certainly are not expecting an interpreter on the end of the other line when they pick up the phone, so they are often get caught off guard, sometimes perplexed. Plus, the majority of those interpreters are not saved and thus, not aware of our Christian lingo in both in English and Sign Language. One example: "Mission Conference" (English) would get translated to "Goal Conference" (ASL). As long it was understandable, it went fine. The most funny one was when as I was finishing leaving a voice message, saying: "I'll like to schedule with you for a visit" was translated to English as "I'll like to schedule with you for a funeral". That was because the sign for "visit" and "funeral" looks kinda similar but the hand-shape are the reverse of each other. But at least that made the pastor call me back promptly!

Those and other factors forced me to rehearse with the interpreters beforehand on what I wanted them to say, then I would go ahead and make these calls. Sometimes I would use the same interpreter for 30 minutes or 3 hours, mostly in between. While I may have not gotten the chance to leave my job, I was thankful for the "warm-up period" since the experience reconfirmed my decision to leave. I managed to get several meetings for 2019 during this time that I would have not otherwise gotten, including two churches on a short notice for February in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

After I got back to work in February and by the time I knew for sure that a second shutdown was not at hand, I submitted my resignation toward the end of of month with a three week notice. My last day at the FDA is March 15th.

Support Update

We are very thankful to announce another increase since our prayer letter, from 10% to 14%! The support from the meetings in 2018 are pouring more in now. Please pray that we get more meetings in 2019, it is still quite unfilled.

Prayer Requests

- For our support level to increase.
- For more meetings in 2019.
- For a smooth pregnancy and delivery.
- For us as we transit from our jobs to full time missionary work.

Thank you!!!