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Dear Praying Partners,

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SWMI is excited to announce the acceptance of Nicole Condra as our first foreign missionary appointee! On August 17, 2012, SWMI took a giant step forward and, after an extensive application and interview process, welcomed Nicole Grace Condra into the SWMI family. Please pray for Nicole as she begins the deputation process with the goal of reaching the Deaf and training other laborers in Europe! I will say more about her in future updates, but if you are interested in having her present her ministry in your church in 2013, please contact me soon.

Two other families are making plans to join SWMI in the year ahead. Survey trips to Manchester, England and to Libreville, Gabon, Africa are planned for 2013. Other fields are asking for laborers with the Deaf! And, just this week I have also had the opportunity to counsel one couple and one lady about future missionary work with SWM in the USA. We praise the Lord for this added ministry He has given us. Our labors are beginning to pay off and we believe we will see several other missionary families joining both SWM & SWMI in the years to come! Please pray to this end as laborers among the Deaf are so few.

I, David, am back from Bulgaria and Greece. Thank you for praying for me over the last few weeks! I was there preparing for a mass evangelism trip to the Deaf Olympics in July 2013. (For those who are interested, the Deaf Olympics are actually called the Deaflympics. It is for all athletes who have a significant hearing loss and, thus, cannot compete in the normal Olympics, or the Paralympics. The Paralympics is offered for the visually impaired, amputees, persons with cerebral palsy and paraplegics, while the Deaf hold their own competitions. Some have asked about this.)

Chance Sangster from Thomasville, Georgia accompanied me on the trip to Bulgaria. Chance was also with us on the July 2012 mass evangelism trip to the DeafNation World Expo. He was such a blessing and had such a humble, teachable spirit that I decided to invest more time into his life as we traveled for a month to the Balkan region of Europe.

We have secured hotel arrangements and made contacts and plans needed for the trip next year. We found a Christian organization that can print our DVDs and tracts in the country. God opened doors and we met some Deaf Christians along the way! I appreciate all of you who wrote me and prayed for me as I sought contact information for missionaries and pastors in Bulgaria. God answered YOUR prayers!

We plan to take a team of 36 dedicated soul-winners to Bulgaria. Our prayer is to see Deaf and hearing saved on this trip as well as to plant the Gospel seed in the lives of thousands more. I also pray fervently for God to raise up more full time missionaries to the Deaf out of each evangelism team for the sake of church-planting and Deaf ministries around the world.

The Balkan region, in southeastern Europe, is still in need of missionaries to spread the Gospel! The Eastern Orthodox Church is very strong and adherents consider Baptists to be a cult. Laborers with the hearing and with

the Deaf are desperately needed in this region.

Thank you also to those who prayed for my wife and family during my absence. It is never an easy time of separation but God is good to protect and meet needs nonetheless. He is faithful!

We will be representing SWMI in two Bible Colleges in the next three weeks. I will also be preaching a missions conference in November, preparing a teaching DVD for follow-up with the Deaf, and presenting a series of studies on "A Theology of Persecution" to a group of missionaries in early December.

Last, but not least, I am going to India to do more training of national leaders for Deaf ministry. The following paragraph is from an IPM missionary in Nepal.

"Sir, we would like to know the date of Bro. Thangboi Gangte's Training for Deaf ministries: date, duration and place. And can he get any support for going and returning back? He is preparing for training; please if it possible, we would to know the detail program. Thank you. Yours faithfully in Christ, D. Ginsang Gangte"

Lord willing, I will leave for India on December 27th and return home around the 29th of January, 2013. Please pray for the training of national leaders as well as the funding of this important missions trip. We want to see more men starting Deaf churches and Deaf ministries throughout Southeast Asia for the glory of God!

Your prayers and financial support are very much appreciated! The work of SWMI grows and grows, as do the responsibilities. Prayer and financial support is needed to meet the growing demands of this missions ministry.

Thank you for what you mean to us. May the Lord richly bless each of you as you also serve Him in your own harvest field.

For Lost Deaf Souls Worldwide,

David Bennett
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Psalm 2:8

Making a Spiritual Difference in the World of the Deaf for the Glory of God

"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God"

– William Carey, who is called the father of modern missions

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."

– Hudson Taylor