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Fw: SWMI - Deaf Olympics Mission Team Update

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From: David Bennett**To:** Vicki Bennett**Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2013 5:35 AM**Subject:** SWMI - Deaf Olympics Mission Team Update

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! That is in the plural... and we in Bulgaria have seen numerous blessings here.

First, let me say that the Deaflympics officially opened on Friday night, July 26. Since then, we have seen EIGHT professions of faith already. Glory to God!

Two Deaf Peruvians have trusted Christ. One Deaf man from Italy was saved as well, after a two-hour opportunity! An Iranian Deaf man, now living in Sweden, has made a profession as well. I do not know where the other four are from. But I believe all eight have been Deaf. Praise the Lord for a great team of witnesses!

One of our young married men said he has never been on a team where there was so much zeal for lost souls and boldness for witnessing. Amen! God has put together a fantastic team, and I am proud of them all.

I have three SWMI Team Leaders. Bryan Palumbo is Deaf and comes from NC. He is dynamic, bold, enthusiastic, and leads very well.

Anthony Kearney is a hearing man from VA, who is very humble and the epitome of a "servant leader."

Don Hoogendoorn, from Tucson, Arizona leads another Team and is very detail-oriented. He, too, serves humbly and thoroughly. I am proud of each of them.

They each have about 8 Team members with them.

I have divided the 14 scattered venues according to region and given certain areas to each Team. The Teams are invading... or better, penetrating and saturating their regions with the Gospel Seed! Thousands of tracts have already been distributed! Thousands of DVDs have also already gone out. We have many more tracts and DVDs to distribute.

We have had a team of Christian Gypsies help in the distribution during the opening exercises! They were young, but very zealous in running to the different national team buses to put out WELCOME TRACT into the hands of many Deaf and their coaching staffs! We praise the Lord for their cooperation.

Also, we have had some Christian deaf from Bulgaria help to distribute our DVDs and literature.

One Chinese coach, from China, took a stack of Welcome tracts and DVDs and gave one to each of his players! He had a few left over and kept them, presumably of others on the team not present at the time.

Deaf teams, and individuals, from places such as Mongolia, Belarus, and the United Arab Emirates, to name a

few, have received the Gospel in their hands... some for the first time.

Our Team members have done a great job engaging folks in conversation about Christ, not simply handing out the literature. It is exciting for me to see such zeal and boldness.

Our SWMI's Team has also been diligent about witnessing to the receptionists at the hotel! One young lady seems to be on the verge of making a profession for Christ. She was given a Bible on Saturday and said it was the first Bible she had ever held in her hands. When the Team member gave the Bible to her, inscribing her name in it for her to keep, the lady actually cried.

God is working in the lives of our own SWMI Missions Team members, also. God is challenging them daily. Their eyes, and hearts, are being opened in a fresh way to the need of the Deaf world for the Gospel! Many will return home different... changed!

I will send another update later in the week. Thank you for your prayers and for the financial support you have invested in this ministry, and specifically in this missions trip! What a reward is awaiting you in Glory due to your investment in this SWMI TEAM!

I have uploaded two albums of photos onto Facebook for family, friends, and supporters to see what is happening here. A few videos also have been uploaded. You may see these "visual prayer letter updates" at <https://www.facebook.com/davidbennett.033057>.

Let me close by talking to family and friends. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE IN ALLOWING YOUR LOVED ONES TO JOIN US IN THIS MINISTRY OF ETERNAL PROPORTIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE OF SEPARATION, OF FINANCES, AND TIME SPENT IN PRAYER AND PREPARATION FOR THIS TRIP. I AM SURE IT CONSUMED MUCH OF YOUR TIME FOR WEEKS AND MONTHS LEADING UP TO THE TRIP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

May the Lord bless you as you serve Him in your own harvest field.

For Lost Deaf Souls Worldwide,

David Bennett
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Psalm 2:8



In the photo above, a hearing muslim man from Algeria plops himself down

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beside us and begins talking. We then have an excellent opportunity to witness to him!
One other Iranian muslim has professed Christ this week already. Praise God.