

## Overflowing **SPRINGS!** 2018

**Our Springtime has been FULL!** When we arrived back from the Philippines in February, we soon had various signs that Steve was having a cancer challenge in his sacrum (the bony structure at the base of the lumbar vertebrae connected to the pelvis). Doctors confirmed that cancer. Also, I found that even though my bloodwork and testing were great, I had signs of some circulating tumor cells still adrift in my body, so we BOTH needed to do lots of medical treatments!

Our beloved Hillcrest Christian Church in McKinney has been so generous with allowing us to park our 5<sup>th</sup>-wheel trailer at the church. They also let us use the showers while we got medical treatments from December through most of February. However, in March and April, both Steve and I needed to do treatments in Plano, Texas. We are thankful for the prayers for healing and for provision to stay in Plano. Rick and Sharon Reece told their friends, David and Malinda Hicks, about our need. The Hicks welcomed us and found a second family, Don and Pat Tank, who also welcomed us. We are so grateful for their hospitality and generosity, as this enabled us to get the care and not cause more sacral pain for Steve.

The Hicks and the Tanks are members of Cross Bend Christian Church in Plano. On three occasions, I (Vonda) helped lead Bible & Mission lessons for children's church. We were also able to share about Expressions of Emmanuel with the

missions committee as well as one small group. We were so thankful for the warm welcome!

**THROUGHOUT** our medical treatments, we had many mission opportunities. Please pray as we will be home this summer working on editing and possibly some taping as there is so much to do. We also will be working diligently on social media outreach improvements, local/regional outreaches, mission office organization, and future outreach, video, and writing project plans. For the last couple of years, we have simultaneously received medical treatments and done mission work in many places, so we often have been AWAY from home base. We are thankful to have this time of organization and refreshment in Bonham, Texas! We can do our medical treatments from home now and continue the healing process and getting lots done for the Kingdom. Please pray for our complete healing. We see great improvements. Please pray for lots of editing to be accomplished and for God to lead us in all of our summer projects and outreaches.

**ATTENTION!** We are far from done with the work that the Lord has called us to do. Your prayers have blessed us to do a lot of healing, please pray for complete healing and know that even as we have been and are healing, we have been at work and seeing God's hand move. Thanks for your love, support, & prayers. It is vital! Please keep praying, giving, and serving!

**Here are some ways that Lord has used Expressions of Emmanuel in the Spring of 2018:**

**Filipino Deaf and Hearing** ministers are reaching out and sharing tracts and DVDs that Expressions of Emmanuel has shared. Deaf Minister Lawrence Hocate often sends photos of how the materials that we sent have blessed so MANY Deaf in the Philippines. ***Praise God!***

Expressions of Emmanuel was able to **share a whole set of our DVDS and tracts** with a Plano Deaf cancer inpatient that was quarantined to her home. She was so thankful to be able to learn of Jesus!

EOE was able to share DVDs with the Deaf Ministry and many Deaf members at **Prestonwood Baptist Church** in Plano.

EOE was able to begin a more assertive plan with Web Pro to do **MORE** regular social media outreaches.

We were able to share more information about **the need to reach the Deaf for Christ** with some Dallas area churches.

We met contemporary Christian singer **Randy Stonehill and his wife, Leslie**, in Dallas and were granted EOE permission to use their songs for DVDs.

**Vonda visited** with a new professor at Dallas Christian College about Expressions of Emmanuel. **His wife, Charlotte is a fluent signer, and she might volunteer with EOE!** Charlotte also delivered our newest DVDs to Lovers Lane United Methodist Deaf Church for us. Lovers Lane is a church where we have ministered often over the years but have not had time to visit recently. We are thankful that Charlotte passed along the DVDs for us.

Vonda accompanied Selah to the **Orange conference in Atlanta, Georgia**. Selah went, as she ministers with the Children's Ministry at the Compass Church. I joined her to promote outreach with the Deaf. We shared DVDs with

Deaf Church and Special Needs groups. I talked with a Curriculum representative about **doing a Deaf Curriculum or a curriculum that would be inclusive of the Deaf**. I was thankful to participate in this awesome event and to accompany my daughter, Selah. Thanks Selah!

Steve, Cloudi, and I (Vonda) flew to visit **Deaf Missions** in Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 30 – May 4) We were so thankful for their hospitality and generosity. Over the years, we have worked together in large or small ways. There are very few working with the Deaf worldwide, so we wanted to be aware of their new changes. We wanted to share about our focus and learn about their new focus. We were particularly happy to visit their Training Center for Deaf or skillful signers. Dr. Rick McClain does a wonderful job teaching God's Word to the students. We want to be able to send students to them. We want to share cards about their APP so more Biblical teaching can be shared. We pray that Deaf Missions can send interns or workers to us as well.

While in Iowa, we also visited with **J.D. King** with **Deaf Child Hope** to see how we can be of help to the impoverished children that they serve.

I was able to give DVDs to my dear friend, **Geri Knoebel**, to distribute to the Deaf in the Iowa/Nebraska area.

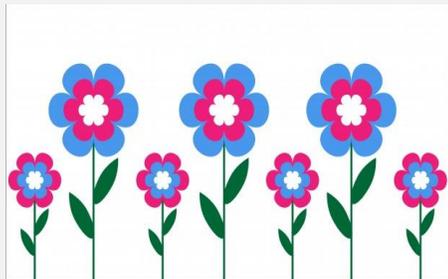
The Orange Conference emphasized the theme, "WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER". **Please join us in praying for more workers:** full-time co-workers, interns, and volunteers. We are happy to share with others in Deaf ministry about our need for more workers.

We asked Deaf Missions if we can get permission to print DVDs of the **Jonah Bible lesson** that I did back in 2000. We also asked if we can put the Jonah DVD on our website and YouTube channel.

**Please pray, give, and serve!** With many medical bills, we have had a real financial crunch. WE love you! Holy Hugs! Please also pray for our children. Andres just started a new job. Cloudi is looking forward to working soon. Selah is busy with her DBU Masters in Christian Psychology degree, her work in children's ministry, and planning her late August wedding. We love our future new son-in-law too. He is busy studying at Dallas Christian College, preaching, and making a job change. Please pray for the whole family to be glorifying God in all we do! Thanks for your continued prayers for the healing and the expansion of the Kingdom of God as HE uses Expressions of Emmanuel!!! **God is SPRINGING forth many blessings! Praise His Name!!!**



**SPRING  
PICTURE  
GALLERY**



**We were grateful for a visit with Dear Brother Darryl Nunnelley this early Spring— the visit was just too short!**



**Tracts still being given out in the Philippines!**



**Randy and Leslie Stonehill with Vonda after his concert!**



**Long time friends of the family, Geri Knoebel, with Vonda, and her daughter Juli with Cloudi. Geri has and will continue to share DVD's in Iowa and Nebraska with the Deaf for EOE.**



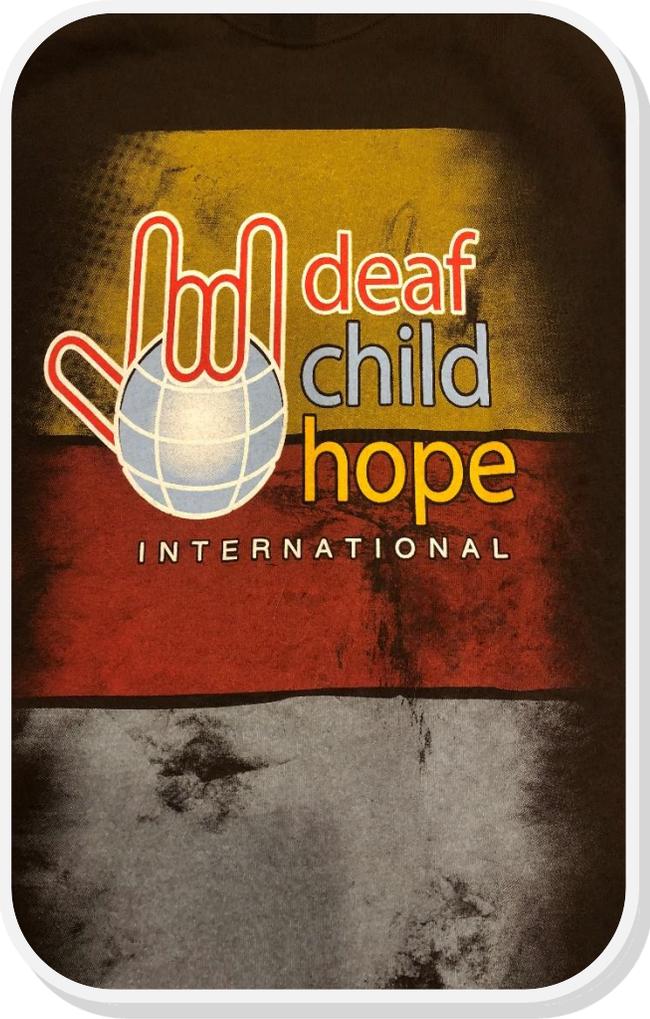


**VONDA AND SELAH AT THE ORANGE CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA, GA. MORE THAN 8000 IN ATTENDANCE.**

**Orange helps preschool, children's, student, and NextGen pastors, along with their key leaders, bridge the gap between church and home.**



**Vonda doing "The Old Lady Who Swallowed the Fly" for children's church at Cross Bend Christian Church in Plano, TX.**



**Duane King, founder, and Chad Entinger, Executive Director of Deaf Missions, with Steve and Vonda.**



**Host family—Don and Pat Tank**



**Host family David and Malinda Hicks—the parents of the dog “SOPHIE”!**



## SCRIPTURES FOR THIS SPRING

He turned the desert into pools of water  
and the parched ground into flowing  
springs.

Psalm 107:35

This is what God the Lord says— the Creator of the heavens,  
who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that  
springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those  
who walk on it.

Isaiah 42:5

*Romans 8:28- Yes we have had some hard times, but God is  
working it all together for good as God has allowed us to  
share. We are thankful that we see His healing touch in our  
lives. We are thankful for His undeserved blessings!*

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