



SUMmer 2018

### Summing what matters!

Jesus does not want us to be lukewarm, but rather hot or cold! We understand “HOT” here in Texas! Ha! But really, we want to be ablaze with our hearts on fire for our Lord. To SUM all our summer up, we want it to be full of love!

Galatians 5:14

<sup>14</sup>For the whole law can be **summed up** in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”<sup>[a]</sup>

Our summer desire is summed up to love God and love others. That is our desire to obey God all year long, but we want to remember this SUMMER as SUMMED UP in LOVE!

**Incredible Intern Shelby Mogavero!** We first heard about Shelby from Diane Fredrickson of Isaiah’s Place camp as Shelby had interned previously with Diane. We heard that the Deaf teenage campers several years ago were so on FIRE, excited to sign songs from the TEENAGERS ASL Video! The campers especially loved the song signed by Selah Joy, “I’m not Cool, That’s OK, My God LOVES me anyway!” The Deaf kids were memorizing the song and sharing it other places! Shelby was one of those youth! At a 2014 DeafNation convention in Dallas, we met Shelby in person. She grabbed us and hugged us excitedly because she loved all of our DVDs and the DVDs had been encouraging to her. During the summer of 2015, Selah and I went to minister in Hawaii. We were able to visit Shelby and her whole family! It was a wonderful time. We shared at her home church as well as at the Hawaii Church of the Deaf. We were so impressed with Shelby. She is Deaf and a Little Person, but she does NOT let any challenges stop her! She trusts in the Lord and praises God! We were thrilled that Shelby also distributed DVDS for us to her fellow students who wanted DVDs in Hawaii. In April, we contacted Shelby and her family and asked if she wanted to be an intern and she said, “Yes!” We have been enjoying her and her service unto the Lord this summer. She has decided to stay here with us. She is actually seeking to raise missionary support to be a full-time Expressions of Emmanuel missionary. We are happy to welcome her. Shelby and Cloudi have made wonderful friends. We are glad that they can serve the Lord together in the mission work of Expressions of Emmanuel.



### EOE Board Members, Tim and Janie Huff host Cloudi

Cloudi spent a couple of weeks with the Huffs. Thanks to Minerva Allard, Cloudi had transportation to Sapulpa, OK for her visit. The Huffs are also encouraging to Cloudi. Cloudi was able to enjoy some fun conversation with Edwin Westlake, Janie’s deaf father. Please pray for Edwin as the family seeks to find signing help to stay part time with Edwin at his home. The Huffs along with Tom Tucker and his pilot friend Jerry, flew Cloudi to the Bonham airport in a small plane. What a joy to pick them up and have these EOE supporters and friends come to visit. What a way to travel!! Tim, who is a part of the EOE advisory council is always such an encouragement. We are thankful for Cloudi having such a great time. We are looking forward to meeting with the EOE Advisory council on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We had a large break in meetings due to our illnesses.

## Lover's Lane United Methodist Deaf Church: Father's Day Service and JOB movie presentation



On Father's Day, we enjoyed having our former intern and friend, Andy Lobaugh visit with us. Andy joined with Steve, Cloudi, Shelby, and me to do dramas and Bible teaching at the Lover's Lane Deaf Service. We shared about the message, "Finding our Saviour in Difficult Times: Provision." We had an amazing time. We shared Biblical stories about JOB and David as well as the story of the Prodigal Son. Steve also shared the Dog Show where Luna does her 21 tricks in which we shared John 14:15 stressing that Christians should not only Love God, but that we should OBEY God, too. It was a blessing to share encouragement from God's Word. The next day we returned to Lover's Lane Deaf Church where we took Tracy Harris with us to watch the ASL Bible

movie about JOB. Our time with LLUMC was a treasure!

## Cloudi and Shelby share at Isaiah's Place Christian Computer Deaf Camp

Diane asked if Cloudi and Shelby could share at the camp. They both heartily agreed to serve. They were both hardworking and helpful to everyone at camp. They also represented Expressions of Emmanuel as they gave DVDs to all campers and staff who wanted our EOE DVDs.



## Compass Christian Church Buddy Ministry



Selah who works with children's ministry at Compass Christian Church planned a Buddy event for children with various disabilities. Steve, Cloudi, Shelby, and I shared a CAMP theme, teaching about the characteristics of Jesus. It was a great time and God blessed it. We did all teaching in sign language. Many children with other disabilities can really benefit with the use of sign language. This time there were not any Deaf children, but they plan to promote other Buddy events in the future. We hope to also reach out to Deaf children and teens on the next event. We were able to distribute DVDs and tracts to the children and their families who were at this event. Cloudi dramatized John the Baptist, while Shelby

dramatized Jesus! The children and teens were very attentive and receptive! Praise the Lord that we could teach the youth that Jesus will be their very best friend as well as Savior! We were also able to share this same message with the Hillcrest Christian Church Children's Church Program!

## Compass Christian Church Interpreted Service

We have been able to visit the interpreted service at Compass Christian twice this summer. We gave DVDS and cards to some of the Deaf Ministry leaders as well as to some of the Deaf who attend that service. We are so proud of this church for starting this ministry. We are so thankful that we were able to give input and advice to this group as they made plans to launch a Deaf Ministry. We are also thankful to them as they will interpret the wedding ceremony! Thankful for and to Compass!

## EOE Mission House Preparation

Since our family has done extensive travel since Steve's June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 cancer diagnosis, there were lots of things to fix to make the mission home a functional home and mission offices. Brother David Bradley came to help and he recruited young Christian Fireman, Robert Milbern to help. Steve and Cloudi worked hard taking down a wall and put it back up after installing a new used washing machine and dryer. Three of our air conditioners stopped working properly so we were blessed to get a special deal to purchase 3 new ones. Praise God. The windows to this late 1800's house had to be repaired to hold the units properly. There has

been a lot of sorting and organizing to do after being gone for so long. Now we have started phase 2 of organizing! We are thankful that 3 volunteers from Isaiah's Place are coming to help us this week.

### **Lending a Helping Hand: Teaching Christian Signs**

Last Spring Christian Sign Language student, Sarah Montecucollo contacted me for help with learning how to sign the word, "Emmanuel". She found our mission work on the internet. The Lord gave her the opportunity to minister at a large Easter Pageant and she needed help with Christian signs. Later God gave her the opportunity to minister at the concert of Mandisa. So, I spent several hours helping her with these outreach opportunities. I am so proud of her progress and that her heart is devoted to serving Jesus! On another occasion, I was able to help my friend, Amanda Miller (mother of an adult Deaf son) as she prepared to sign songs in church. My schedule does not allow me to always do that, but since I was doing a lot of healing at home at that time, it gave me the opportunity to invest in others and help them be a blessing to their Deaf friends. I praise God for the hearts and the work of these two ladies.

### **Social Media Outreach**

During late Spring, I wrote many blog posts that can accompany a DVD video clip of a sign language Bible lesson or song. I sent these to Web Pro of Lubbock, Texas so that they can schedule to put these posts out regularly on our Facebook Pages and Twitter account. We are thankful to begin forging ahead more with social media outreach. Shelby Mogavero, our intern has been posting these posts to other Christian and or Deaf Facebook groups or pages. We are seeking to communicate with the social media administrators to see if they will regularly post our posts. One time we were told by Facebook that we had posted so much that it looked like SPAM; so we have had to contact each Facebook page and group administrator to ask permission if THEY will post these posts for us so that we do not get shut down again. We are so thankful for WebPro and Shelby for helping us with this important means of outreach. Social media surely reaches a lot of people!

### **Shelby Interprets! What? A Deaf person can interpret?**

Shelby loves to share! She has a cochlear implant that helps her hear a lot. She is still Deaf, but she will use the hearing that she has and sign. I also sit facing her and sign so that she can see on my hands anything that she did not hear. It has been fun to sign along with Shelby! It is also nice for Cloudi to have someone else to watch other than ME! Shelby first interpreted when we visited Southwood Christian Church. We went to hear Nate Massey, Selah's fiancé preach! We have heard him preach on three occasions. Steve and I are SO proud of him and his abilities and his desire to serve the Lord. So proud that Nate and Selah are devoted to Lord and His service! We heard an excellent sermon about the life of Enoch! It was such a good sermon, I was inspired to have a Scripture plaque made as a wedding gift for Nate and Selah. Shelby has interpreted a few times since being here. We are so proud of her!

### **Jonathan Moreland Comes to Visit**

What a joy to get a call from Jonathan Moreland, my former Ozark Christian College sign language student, saying that he was coming to visit! Jonathan still signs so well! We are very proud of him. We had such a time of sweet fellowship. Please pray for Jonathan as he seeks to serve the Lord in all of his ways. We definitely told Jonathan that we would love him to come back and work with us, if he ever believed that God wanted him to work with us! Jonathan speaks/signs 4 languages fluently!

### **Isaiah's Place comes to the EOE house to volunteer**

Diane Frederickson, Becky Ebert, and Olivia Brooks came for three days to volunteer. They helped with cooking, social media, organization, editing, newsletter preparation, sewing and repairing of Bible drama costumes, support letter writing, schedule preparation, and more. They brought food and were so encouraging to us! We are so thankful for Isaiah's Place, which is a Deaf Christian Camp and activities center in Whitney, Texas. We have served with Isaiah's Place a few times over the years! We are so thankful for them coming to be with us and serve.

### **The ABC's of Who is Jesus Social Media Project**

EOE is beginning a photo/potential video project to be shared via social media. Our goal is to use the alphabet to explain some of the Biblically supported characteristics of Jesus, while also teaching people who want to learn sign language how to sign the words in alphabetical order of characteristics of Jesus! Cloudi helped take lots of photographs of Shelby signing part of the words. Shelby took lots of photos of me signing some of the other characteristics of Jesus. We believe that this project will be helpful to many. Look for installments of the ABC's of Who is Jesus on our Facebook page soon!

### **Deaf Coffee Chat Outreach**

Shelby, Cloudi, and I enjoyed participating in Deaf Coffee Chat Nights in Plano and Richardson. We brought tracts and DVDs to share with those who were interested. It was a fun time making new friends and sharing Biblical Encouragement. When we are not traveling far from home, we hope to visit many Deaf Coffee Chats across the metroplex.

### **Interns Tare Hankins and Haley Gurule**

Expressions of Emmanuel is looking forward to having a Deaf young man, Tare Hankins, come to work with us in late August. He is planning to relocate here and help us with the mission work. He will live at the EOE house with us and serve. He will either need to raise mission support or work on a part-time basis. I have known Tare for many years as he previously attended the Deaf Church with me in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has a beautiful heart for God and a love for others.

Haley Gurule will be coming to do a five-month internship with us from January to May of 2019. We became aware of her desire to serve the Lord in the Deaf community because of a referral from our previous intern, Andy Lobaugh. Haley has great references. We have enjoyed chatting on the phone. We look forward to her visiting us this fall and for her coming to work with us next year. Please pray for these interns and potential full-time mission workers. Please pray for God to raise up more workers to serve with Expressions of Emmanuel. Please pray for provide for their needs and guide them as they serve.

### **Sharon Kirk, Amazing Remote Office servant of the Lord**

We are so thankful for Sharon Kirk who serves by taking care of MANY Expressions of Emmanuel office needs. Sharon also needs to raise full-time support to help serve with us. She loves the Lord and Expressions of Emmanuel. Please pray for God to provide for her needs so she can do God's work!

### **Mission Support Desperately Needed**

We have many upcoming travel expenses for our Fall Outreach. Due to Steve and I both having had cancer struggles, it is important that we keep a good insurance plan. Our insurance just increased 300 dollars per month. It was already high, but now it has skyrocketed. We have researched other insurances, but we really need to keep the insurance that we already have. We also have more expenses with more people living at the EOE house. We also have lots of Bible lessons and Christian Song DVDs that need to be produced, so we need additional support for that. Thanks for your prayers and support. If you are not supporting EOE, please prayerfully consider supporting EOE! We want to share the love of Jesus with MANY! Holy Hugs!

### **Andres Moves to Houston**

Please pray for our son Andres, as he has just moved to Houston. He will be working with Amazon.com there. Please pray for our van as we loaned it to him to move his bed and the van is now having serious challenges. We know that Andres took good care of the van, but vehicles just break down sometimes. It is an important tool in ministry. Please pray for God to provide a good mechanic to take care of it in Houston. We also pray for God's blessings on Andres' life as he starts this new adventure.

### **Lamb and Lion Bible Conference**

Steve and I enjoyed attending the Lamb and Lion Bible conference in April. Steve was able to attend on Friday night, but had a painful day on Saturday. We were so happy to see Brother Darryl Nunnelley and receive a copy of his new book. The Conference was uplifting!

### **Wedding Bells are Ringing!**

We are so happy that God has answered our prayers and sent such a wonderful fiancé and future son-in-law to our family. We love our daughter, Selah, and we are so thankful for precious Nate! Originally, they wanted to marry earlier in the summer, but with all the planning involved it is good that it has been moved to the end of the summer. Please pray for God to help all the planning to come together. Selah will continue to work overseeing the children's ministry at Compass Christian Church at the North Richland Hills Campus. Selah will be continuing her Masters Studies in Professional Christian Counseling at Dallas Baptist University. Nate will continue his studies at Dallas Christian College while working full-time cleaning swimming pools in the metroplex. Selah will be moving into their apartment first in early August to get it ready. We are so thankful for all the shower celebrations. We were so blessed to be able to plan one shower with our home church of Hillcrest Christian Church. It was so touching that everyone there prayed for the soon to be married couple. We are thankful to our friends, the Hartsocks, who gifted us with sunflowers to decorate as sunflowers remind us of my mother and her love and praise for God. We are thankful that both Nate and Selah Joy love Jesus so much and that they want to faithfully serve them all of their lives.

### **Cloudi Serving with Expressions of Emmanuel and Preparing for her Texas Massage Therapy Exam**

We are so proud of Cloudi doing so well with her Massage Therapy Studies. Please pray for her as she studies to take her Texas State Exam. Cloudi is happily serving the Lord along with her friend, Shelby. The two girls are excited about reaching out and sharing the love of Jesus in our Fall tour.

### **Cancer Crumbles**

Steve and I are both thankful that we both continue to make progress with our health. We had some positive sonograms in April. Steve will have some medical testing on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and meet with his doctor on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We pray that the testing will also show his progress. He still gets really tired and has some pains. I am feeling well but have had some bouts with pains and itching from a medical treatment that I did as well, but it is improving day by day. Please continue to pray for us as we seek the Lord for His complete healing! We are thankful that we have seen God's healing touch in our lives. We want to love and serve Him and others with our whole hearts! Thanks for your continued prayers. Please also pray for Catherine, Kim, Misty, Bev, Michael, and others who are battling cancer.

### **Expressions of Emmanuel Calendar**

September 12 Potentially teaching Bible Classes for Texas School for the Deaf students

September 15 Deaf Mata Convention Expressions of Emmanuel Booth Austin, Texas

September 20-23 National Christian Convention of the Deaf Kalamazoo, Michigan and Michigan Deaf Outreach

October 5-7 Tulsa/Sapulpa Deaf Outreach and Expressions of Emmanuel Advisory Council Meeting

October 7 Woodland Christian Church in Tulsa, OK Sunday School hour EOE presentation and EOE Worship Service Report

November 15-18 International Conference on Missions EOE booth in Cincinnati, OH. We are privileged to be able to speak at the conference on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at noon at the "Lunch for Missionaries" also we will have booth number 958 please stop by and visit with us.

**Steven and Vonda – Missionaries with the Deaf!  
To reach the Deaf and the world for Our Lord and  
Savior Jesus Christ!**



**“Do you not say, “There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest”? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest” (John 4:35).**

**Jesus said these words to his disciples while in Samaria. The souls are ready to harvest unto salvation.**

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Vonda, doing Bible stories and Steven and Luna doing tricks





**Vonda and Shelby at Southwood Christian Church**

**Shelby and Cloudi at the Buddy Ministry – Compass Christian Church**



**Tare Hankins – New Intern coming end of Aug to live and work with us.**



**Kitchen duty at Mission House – Cloudi, Shelby, Lady from Isaiah's Place**



**Two of the ladies from Isaiah's Place**



Selah at beach with Vonda (MOM) and as little bride



**At Selah's shower – in remembrance of Selah's Grandma – Glenda Bland who loved Sunflowers!**



The BIG day is almost here – Aug. 26, 2018

The wedding bells will ring out!



**SELAH AND NATE — A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN  
MAY GOD BLESS YOU BOTH AS  
YOU SERVE THE LORD TOGETHER!**



**HILLCREST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - AT SHOWER - A PRAYER FOR THE BRIDE AND GROOM.**