

February 8, 2024

Dear Friend, Family, or Supporting Church,

Whatever of the above titles you hold rest assured you are very precious to us. I am not accustomed to writing this type of letter but felt compelled to do so and received permission from the leadership in our ministry to do. So, here I am.

This is actually Kim writing. This year we will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Harvest Deaf Ministries. In May, graduates from all over the globe will return to our campus in Ringgold, GA to celebrate and share what God has done in their lives since graduating from Harvest. We cannot wait for this precious time of celebration as to what the Lord has done through the 30 ears of labor from this tiny campus in Ringgold, GA.

However, in March we will celebrate Reggie's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. I look forward to the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary but I want to do something very special for Reggie in March. With this in mind, On March 23 we will honor Reggie with a surprise party. His mother, who is 94, will come from Canada to celebrate along with our church family here and anyone else that would like to come.

Reggie never asks for anything for himself. His main desire is that of the ministry and anything asked for in previous prayer letters has been for the ministry. I believe that is what he would want for his birthday as well. His greatest wish and desire for the ministry here is to build a gymnasium. Years ago, he stepped out in faith and poured a cement slab to place the gymnasium building on but there was a great financial crisis in our country following and it never was completed. Since that time, other more important projects have been completed (redoing all our building to bring them to codes, dormitories and housing for students etc.) He always challenges our people to give to Faith Promise in supporting our 39 missionaries and tells them God will supply a gym in His time.

Reggie feels sure he can complete a gymnasium for 200,000.00. I am not a builder and fear this is not enough but he also knows there will be help and has checked with companies concerning materials etc. I would like to help raise as much of the funds as possible and present him with a check to go forward in building a gym for his birthday gift.

A gymnasium would serve many purposes. The number one purpose is our youth program at Harvest. We have worked hard to reach young people in recent years and our youth

program has more than quadrupled. We praise the Lord for this. We had three young people baptized last week. A gym would also allow us the opportunity to draw people to our campus for specific athletic activities. It would also allow us more space to conduct our Annual Christmas Drama. We have done this for twenty six years and never have enough space to seat everyone. God has blessed this endeavor in so many ways but the greatest is that of the many souls that come to know Christ each year.

I am writing to ask for your help with this. Again, we will celebrate Reggie's birthday on March 23 and would like to present a check to him at this time. He will be very emotional as this has been a desire on his heart for so long. This is a surprise and we would like to keep it that if possible. I am asking that you pray about donating 1000.00 (or more) towards this project. I know this is bold and do not want to seem rude in doing so however, if 200 donors give 1000.00 this would give us the 200,000.00 needed. Any donation would be appreciated though. I know if God wants this to happen, He will provide what is needed

Please also feel free to send a letter expressing a birthday wish for Reggie. I will compile a book for Him with all messages.

If the Lord leads for you to make a donation please send make it payable to:

Harvest Deaf Ministries 1314 Old Three Notch Road Ringgold, GA 30736

If you could send the letter to *Kim Rempel* at the above address, I will direct them through our finance office. Please remember His birthday celebration is March 23.

I apologize if you think me bold as Reggie's wife doing this but after last year and his caring for me during my journey with cancer I felt compelled to encourage him in this way. Of course this will also be a huge blessing to me as well. You all are already such a blessing to us. We love and appreciate you greatly.

Thank you for allowing me to share this! Pray for us!

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