

*"For the earth will be filled  
with the knowledge of the  
glory of the LORD as the  
waters cover the sea."*

**Habakkuk 2:14**

# PRAYERPOINTS

## DEAF PEOPLES

*More than 80 million Deaf people around the world use over 300 sign languages. They are some of the least evangelized people on earth. Prayer is essential to the task of reaching them. Will you join us in praying for the power of God to be revealed among them?*

## God turns a woman's indifference into saving faith

*By Madeline Hawthorne, a worker  
in the Asia-Pacific Rim*

Kamari, a Deaf Southeast Asian woman, wasn't interested in religion. She only agreed to go to a Bible study because her boyfriend, Mangkut, kept inviting her. She arrived disengaged, scrolling through videos on her phone. But something caught her attention: a group of American missionaries. Who were they, and why had they come?

Despite her indifference, Kamari kept returning. Gradually, she began lifting her eyes from her screen, catching fragments of conversation and sometimes joining in. Still, her involvement was more about supporting Mangkut than personal conviction.

One afternoon, one of the missionaries asked Kamari to teach her the local sign language. Kamari agreed. Over the next few weeks, their lessons became a bridge between cultures and hearts.

Then everything changed.

Kamari arrived at the missionary's house visibly shaken and desperate for answers. She asked if the Bible spoke of a great white throne and a book



*A Deaf Christian baptizes a new Christian in Southeast Asia. IMB photo.*

of names. As the missionary signed Revelation 7:11-14, Kamari broke down in tears and shared a haunting dream: a multitude stood before a throne. Beside the throne sat a lion and a massive book of names. An angel read aloud every hidden deed Kamari had ever done. Overwhelmed by shame, she saw a joyful crowd behind the throne but was led toward a lake of fire. She awoke, gripped by fear that judgment was real—and near.

The missionary showed her a sign language video of Acts 2. Kamari watched, then poured out her confession and sorrow to God in prayer. Her salvation was secure. She was baptized and a week later, Mangkut was also baptized. A month after, they were married. Today, they serve together, joyfully sharing the good news of Jesus.

## ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

Last year, we prayed for Deaf people to not only be saved but also discipled and to keep growing closer to the Lord. It's been heartbreaking for workers in one church to see young people respond to the truth, get baptized, and then drift away. They've been asking God to bring these wanderers back. Praise the Lord that at a recent youth event, one young woman returned to Him after drifting away for a long time.

**1 DEAF OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** This month, believers will be traveling to help national ministry partners in outreach efforts. Pray for safe travels and God's favor as they share the gospel with the Deaf. May their time be fruitful, their hearts aligned with God's, and the gospel received in faith.

**2 DEAF OF NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.** Division and distrust run deep throughout this region. Pray that the Lord will raise faithful witnesses to embody and share the peace He offers. May many see the heart of their Creator reflected through His people.

**3 VOCATIONAL TRAINING: WEST AFRICA.** A new vocational training center is being launched to empower Deaf individuals in West Africa. Pray for people to not only gain valuable skills, but also come to know the deep love of the Heavenly Father and the joy of walking in relationship with Him.

**4 DEAF OF EUROPE.** Pray for churches across Europe as they reach out to the Deaf in their cities. Ask the Lord to guide their efforts, build meaningful connections, and open hearts within the Deaf community to receive the gospel in their heart language.

**5 EQUIPPING THE SAINTS: AFRICA.** Pray for upcoming trainings in both West and East Africa. May the Lord provide every resource needed to make these gatherings possible. And may each Deaf participant leave equipped, encouraged, and ready to share the good news with boldness and clarity.

**6 DEAF OF PAKISTAN.** Over 10 million Deaf people in Pakistan have yet to see Jesus' name in their sign language or experience relationship with Him. Many are hidden away by their families in shame. Pray for opportunities for them to see the gospel signed and know the King of kings.

**7 DEAF MISSIONARIES.** Pray for Deaf missionaries to grow in faith as they work to reach the more than 80 million Deaf worldwide with the gospel. Ask God to raise up more missionaries, deepen ministry partnerships, and open doors to share the gospel in every sign language and Deaf community.

**8 DEAF OF WEST AFRICA.** As the only follower of Christ in his village, a Muslim-background believer often battles loneliness and discouragement. Ask God to strengthen his faith and surround him with encouragement. Pray that other Deaf in his village will come to follow Christ through his witness.

**9 BIBLE TRANSLATION: CENTRAL ASIA.** Ask the Lord to raise up dedicated workers to translate God's Word into the heart language of the Deaf community in Central Asia.

**10 DEAF OF SENEGAL.** Lift up the Deaf Church in Senegal as they navigate a season of change and growth. May this time deepen their faith, embolden their witness, and inspire them to multiply — planting vibrant Deaf churches in surrounding regions.

**11 THEOLOGICAL TRAINING: SOUTH ASIA.** Every summer, Deaf church leaders from across Asia gather for theological training. They return to their nations as influential hands for Jesus within

Deaf communities. Pray that God would guide every detail in this training and prepare participants' hearts.

**12 DEAF OF THE AMERICAS.** Pray for the development of new partnerships with Brazilian Baptists as they join efforts to reach the Deaf across the Americas. Ask the Lord to bless these relationships with godly unity, vision, and a shared passion for making Christ known in every Deaf community.

**13 DEAF OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Praise God that last fall, four Deaf believers from two countries gathered for a retreat on spiritual renewal. They learned the practice of lament and how to bring honest emotions to Him. Pray for deepened unity and stronger trust in His faithful provision.

**14 SHARING THE GOSPEL: WEST AFRICA.** In a sewing training room, Bible stories are shared weekly in sign language. Deaf trainees from different faiths are learning the gospel. Pray that the seeds planted in their hearts will take root and grow.

**15 DEAF OF NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.** Many Deaf in this region have seen the name of Jesus signed, yet they still reject Him as their Lord and Savior. Pray that the gospel of hope will pierce the spiritual darkness across the region as God works through His people to advance His kingdom.

**16 DEAF AFFINITY: DEAFLYMPICS.** Praise God for the more than 40 volunteers who served at the Tokyo Deaflympics, praying and sharing Jesus with Deaf people from around 80 nations. It was a glimpse of Revelation 7:9— every nation, tribe, people, and language gathered before the throne!

**17 DEAF OF EUROPE.** Deaf ministry partners in Hungary and the Czech Republic regularly travel to Serbia to support a budding Deaf church plant. Ask the Lord to strengthen their efforts as they encourage the church and disciple new believers in the region.

**18 DEAF OF CENTRAL ASIA.** Pray for Deaf believers in Central Asia to walk in unity within the Body of Christ and boldly proclaim their faith. Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of those they share with to be open to receiving the good news.

**19 CAREER TRAINING CENTER: WEST AFRICA.** Praise God for His provision! A Deaf Career Training Center is being built in rural West Africa, offering vocational classes and gospel hope. Pray Deaf students gain skills, jobs, and encounter Jesus. May this center be a lasting testimony to God's goodness.

**20 DEAF OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.** Pray for the World Deaf Football U23 Tournament in Thailand, March 14–26, 2026. Deaf youth from many countries will gather. Ask God to open hearts and transform lives as the gospel is shared during this global event.

**21 DEAF OF WEST AFRICA.** Pray for a Deaf believer serving in a dormitory at a Deaf school, where most of the students are Muslim. She is eager to share the gospel with them. Ask the Lord to give her wisdom in sharing the gospel. Pray that the students will be open to receive the good news.

**22 DEAF OF MICRONESIA.** Pray for Deaf Micronesians — 1,100 individuals across 15 people groups. Little is known about them, and it's unclear whether the gospel has ever reached them. Ask God to open their hearts to Jesus and make a way for them to access and respond to the gospel.

**23 DEAF MISSIONARIES.** Pray for students serving on IMB teams this spring semester. They're giving their time and energy to share the gospel with Deaf communities worldwide. Ask God to bless their efforts, encourage their hearts, and let their witness shine.

**24 DEAF OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** "Pray for five believers who live three hours from our team. Their busy lives have made prioritizing spiritual growth a struggle. Ask God to give them a deeper hunger to know Him more and walk faithfully in His ways."

**25 DEAF OF NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.** Praise God for women at a Deaf club who have been consistently inviting their believing friends to participate in Deaf events. Their openness and hospitality have created meaningful opportunities to build relationships and share God's love within the Deaf community.

**26 DEAF OF JAPAN.** "Pray for the Deaf in Japan as we partner with local churches to share the gospel. Many in Japan follow no religion. Ask God to open hearts and create opportunities for Deaf individuals to encounter Jesus in meaningful ways."

**27 DEAF OF AFRICA.** Deaf communities across Africa urgently need more believers to answer God's call to serve among them. The need is immense, and many are still waiting to encounter the name of Jesus. Please pray that this need will be met with bold obedience and compassionate response.

**28 DEAF OF WEST AFRICA.** Pray for the many Deaf believers in West Africa who choose to follow Christ, fully aware of the persecution they may face from their families and communities. Ask the Lord to strengthen their resolve, embolden their faith, and provide for every spiritual and physical need.

**29 DEAF OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Praise God for answered prayers! After five years of isolation, a faithful couple was able to join a recent retreat in another country and meet more Christians. Pray their new relationships bring encouragement and growth in Christ.

**30 DEAF OF NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.** Pray for a Muslim family with four Deaf daughters. They have been taught the gospel by believing friends several times, but they have not yet chosen to follow Christ. Ask the Lord to soften their hearts, open their eyes, and draw them to Himself in His perfect timing.

**31 DEAF OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Pray for Deaf communities living in the slums of a major city in Southeast Asia. Ask the Lord to stir their hearts with a desire to learn more about Jesus, and to open doors for meaningful connections and a gospel witness in these often-overlooked places.

## A simple invitation sparks a woman's search for Jesus

By Ellie Byrd, a worker in Central Asia

At a recent youth gathering, my dear friend Layla and the young people she's faithfully poured into over the years were thrilled to welcome someone new. The new young woman had met a member of the group who invited her to join an event. She had travelled a long distance to meet people she'd never encountered before—and was greeted with warmth and joy.

Not long after the young woman's arrival, Layla gently asked if she knew about Jesus. "No," she replied. Eyes shining, Layla began to share the story of Jesus with enthusiasm and care, answering questions, asking her own, and making sure the young woman understood the signs she was using. As the event began, Layla wrapped up their conversation with a heartfelt challenge: seek Jesus.

A guest speaker and a local pastor opened the evening event by sharing God's Word and teaching about trusting in Jesus, even when we haven't seen Him.

Throughout the evening, the new friend sat attentively, laughing at jokes, responding to prompts, and engaging deeply with the group.



*A Deaf church holds a training seminar for a ministry event. IMB photo.*

During the meal, Layla asked the young woman if she would come again, and she lit up at the idea. As the night ended, Layla once again encouraged the young woman to seek Jesus, reminding her that He knows her language. The young woman even turned to me and asked me to confirm that Jesus understood her language. With hopeful eyes and a shy nod, she agreed to try.

Please pray this young woman will earnestly seek Him and trust in Him. Pray that her family will come to know Him too. Ask the Lord to keep drawing Deaf people across Central Asia to Himself. Thank you for praying.

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**CULTURALLY DEAF HAVE  
ALMOST NO ACCESS TO  
SCRIPTURE IN THEIR HEART  
LANGUAGE**

# 145

**UNENGAGED AND  
UNREACHED DEAF PEOPLE  
GROUPS WORLDWIDE**

# ~1,600

**EACH DAY, MORE THAN 1,600 DEAF  
PEOPLE DIE WITHOUT HAVING  
TRUSTED JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR  
SAVIOR**

# ~90%

**OF ALL DEAF PEOPLE ARE BORN  
TO HEARING PARENTS, MOST OF  
WHOM HAVE NO EXPERIENCE  
WITH DEAFNESS**



*Portrait of a Deaf Christian in the Americas.  
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