

# *Hands for the Harvest*

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## *Welcome Kits: Wow!*

Last month we mentioned that we had zero commitments for our outreach packets for the students if the Illinois School for the Deaf. Well, now the commitments have been pouring in! Groups have volunteered to provide complete kits as well as \$\$\$ for last minute purchases. Thanks for the great response! We still need a few more bags, so if your group is looking for an easy mission project... this is it!

Thanks for helping us meet our goals to support the students in their home away from home (the dormitories), and to bring them into contact with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Also, we collect personal care items such as shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc. These items are distributed by the ISD Health Center.

If you or your group wishes to help out, contact Pastor Phillips at the address at the top of this newsletter.

## *Mission Speaker: Many Dates Open*

You don't have to cross an ocean to do mission work. In fact, the Central Illinois District has been involved in fulltime deaf mission right here in Illinois for over sixty years. Did you know that American Sign Language is the third most common language in the United States?

Your missionary-at-large for the deaf is available to give presentations about deaf ministry! In what setting do you need a missions presenter? Sunday morning, rally, convention, retreat, Bible class, women's group, mission festival, chapel talk and classroom presentation?

If you would like a presentation relating to deaf ministry or deaf culture, or are interested in a mission festival speaker, please contact Pastor Tom Phillips, Central Illinois District's Missionary to the Deaf.

## *Demolition Complete... Meet the Challenge!*

Laborers for Christ are onboard with us. We will apply for our building permit the second week of July. Everything is gaining momentum. We have nearly reached our funding goal. The CID Church Extension Fund has offered a challenge grant. They are challenging us to raise \$10,000, which CEF will match. We have about \$6,000 to go! Can you help us meet our goal? Just send your gift to Central Illinois District, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702. Write "Deaf Min Challenge Grant" in the memo line.



## *Labor of Love!*

As we move ahead with our outreach center, we are working with Laborers for Christ. We began speaking with the preconstruction coordinator and are making plans for RV hook-ups and laundry facilities. LFC is a great benefit to our work here, but we need volunteers as well.

Typically LFC works five 8-hour days (Tuesday-Saturday), but volunteer labor can reduce our building cost and build unity in our congregation and between deaf and hearing congregations in our district. If you are willing to help out in any way, please add your name or group to our contact list for volunteer workers!

We are currently in need of a decent washer and electric dryer for LFC use. Contact Pastor Phillips if you have one available. We can return it after the work is done (about 8 wks).

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