



## DEAF CULTURE

- ◆ Deaf people see themselves NOT as disabled but as a culture with a vibrant language and having a distinct cultural identity.
- ◆ Community Focus Over Individualism.
- ◆ Absolute honesty in their observations of the world around them (very direct)
- ◆ Sustained Eye Contact
- ◆ Communication: American Sign Language (ASL)

## A MISSIONARY WORK

Deaf Ministry is a missionary work serving a people with different culture and language. Deaf culture differs from all other cultures as it is the only nonhearing culture. Why is this important?

At least 80% of knowledge is not taught, but learned through daily hearing from the time of birth. A person deaf from birth, or before the age of three, does not receive this learning opportunity. Eighty percent of knowledge and awareness is gained by the age of three. If that does not occur, it is almost impossible to catch up .

Paul said (1 Co 9:22), *"To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some."*

Paul looked at people as they were, the Jew, the non-Jew the weak and poor. He got to know them as they were and used whatever tool, language and cultural insights that he could to make his case for Christ. Every soul counts!

## THE INTERPRETER

The Deaf "hear" with their eyes through a visual, gestural and conceptually accurate language by a skilled and anointed sign language interpreter. The church interpreter facilitates communication allowing the Deaf to interact with their pastors as well as their hearing brothers and sisters in Christ.

Like all missionaries, the interpreters must learn not only the language of the Deaf, but also the culture and behaviors of the Deaf.

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING US EITHER OR WITH A MONTHLY OR ONE TIME GIFT. THANK YOU!



**Deaf**  
EVANGELISM  
MINISTRY

UPCI Deaf Evangelism is a ministry focused on evangelizing the deaf and hard of hearing community of North America. There are more than 38 million deaf and hard of hearing persons in the United States and Canada alone. Your partnership will assist this ministry in the continued development of resources and training to equip local churches to be successful in this mission. DEM is a ministry of UPCI Multicultural Ministries.



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