

## Marie DEAF Hondurans

...and they that have not heard shall understand. Romans 15:21



I am receiving over 70% monthly support since beginning deputation in August, 2015. Thank you for your generosity! Also, thank you to the many individuals and churches who have recently contributed to my "Start-up Fund" via my website donate button or check. God has blessed through your generosity, and 80% of the \$30k funds needed to move to Honduras have come in (to help set up housing, a vehicle, residency costs, etc.). If you would like to donate via check, you can mail it to BIMI at the address below (made out to BIMI, with my name and "Start-up Fund" on the memo line). Thank you for praying for my support.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> time since 2010, the United States will be hosting a **DeafNation WorldExpo**. This international

event will be hosted in Las Vegas, **July 5-8**, and sponsors hope to see upwards of 20,000 Deaf people attend from around the world. This secular event is aimed at uniting the international Deaf community, providing Deaf-friendly entertainment, advertising Deaf products, and creating awareness of Deaf actors, business owners, artists, etc. I will be joining a team of over 30 people through Silent Word Ministries

International to set up some booths, hand out the Gospel on DVD, distribute tracts, and actively share the Gospel with Deaf people from all over the world. Though sign language is not universal, many of the attendees will have some understanding of American Sign Language (ASL), and many gestures are understood internationally. Please pray for team unity, opportunities to share the gospel, and clear communication with

these many precious Deaf souls.

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In May I was invited to visit the Maryland School for the Blind, specifically to meet and talk with several of their **Deaf-Blind students**. I was also able to talk with the students' assigned, 1:1 assistants (one of whom was a Christian Deaf woman). This was a wonderful opportunity for me to practice communicating with various versions of **tactile sign language**. As the Deaf-



Internet picture of tactile sign-language with a Deaf-Blind person.

Blind child or teen held my hands, I signed simple phrases, and they would respond in sign language.
I was amazed how well they could understand words by simply "feeling" them. What a privilege it would be to lead a Deaf-Blind person to Christ!

Thank you for praying for me during BIMI's **Candidacy School** in June. I learned volumes and was refreshed and encouraged in my ministry and goals. I also was able to meet a couple who was just accepted to work with Team Honduras as church-planters.

Also, thank you for praying for my safety as I continue deputation. The next step is in sight: I am scheduled to move to **Honduras in January**!

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