



Marie LEAF DEAF Hondurans

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



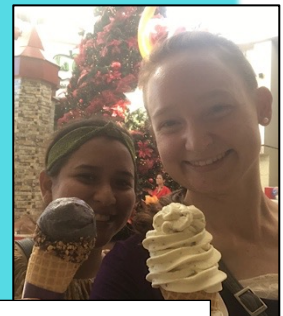
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Silent Word Ministries International Director, **David Bennett**, and missionary to the Deaf in Gabon, Africa, Bruce Stuart, visited for 12 days in September. What an encouragement to have someone with 40 years of international deaf ministry planting experience invest in our ministry here! They observed classes and joined us on Deaf visits. Bennett offered constructive criticism and shared more effective ways to communicate with the deaf in various settings. Bennett also gave counsel to all of us as we seek to establish a deaf ministry.

On a weekly to semi-weekly basis I continue **discipling** a young (hearing) woman from church, Ariana. Since discipleship focuses on investing in the disciple's life through day-to-day interaction, we do lots of things together. Recently we've visited a woman in the hospital, went out for lunch, went shopping for an electrical part I needed, watched a Bible drama, and have been memorizing Matthew 5 together, as well as discussing the weekly Bible curriculum. Ariana also plans to graduate soon with a school administration degree.

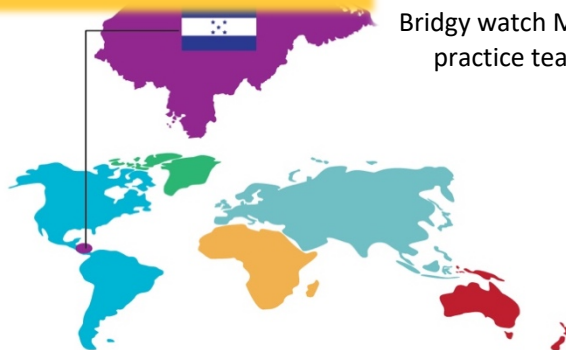
Above: Bennett, me and Bruce
Right: Marlon and Bennett visit a Deaf teen.
Below: Bennett teaching a Deaf man.



Ice cream outing!

Marlon and Bridgy Sierra continue to develop their Honduran sign language (LESHO) skills, and are specifically improving in their LESHO reception (being able to understand what a deaf person is trying to say). Marlon and Bridgy both continue to **practice teaching Bible lessons** in preparation for the deaf ministry starting next year. Marlon recently practiced teaching a Bible lesson to 3 Deaf women – it lasted for 3.5 hours! When he finished, they still complained it was too short! They said they would arrange for making or buying lunch if Marlon would teach them for 8 hours. That was especially exciting coming from people who struggle more than the average to find even low paying jobs in this 3rd world country. They are hungry for God's Word.

3 Deaf women + Bridgy watch Marlon practice teaching.



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