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This has certainly been a year of change for the Olson family. Although we suspected last August, God was leading us back into missions, we took the rest of the year to pray and to seek counsel from other pastors and missionaries. No one doubted that God was moving and leading us back into missions service. We could not be more delighted as this had been our dream for many years. We thank God that he has counted us worthy to be put into this ministry and we are busy rearranging out lives to be ready to GO.

It was much easier twenty five years ago to sell all that we had in two days and load our little baby girl into a Honda Civic and travel the country to raise support. Now, with possessing an established home for seventeen years, owning vehicles and having two deaf children, it's a whole new ball game and we have been pitched more than just a few curve balls. We certainly wish that honey do list had never been allowed to get so long and we have been diligently attacking overdue chores.

In the mean time there are other items to address. Neither of us is very tech savvy and we have been challenged by the need to develop a logo, business cards, prayer, cards, a website and social media pages. And what missionary is complete without a display and a digital presentation? The use of cell phones creates the convenience of video relay service and we are readily accessible but on the flip side most pastor's cell phones are not listed on church websites and reaching pastors to schedule meetings is harder than it used to be. We are very grateful for some people in Washington State who have offered us help in these areas. Our logo is complete our pray cards and letterhead are underway and we are close to having a social media site. A friend in Jacksonville has designed a website for us. It has been launched but will be expanded as we seek the Lord in leadership for the ministry he has given to us.

We were blessed to spend the month of June in Washington. Two churches voted to take us on for support and we are proud to be a part of their missions families. Three churches in other states have promised support as soon as the next fiscal year in their missions program begins.



Before we were aware we would be going into missions, Missionary Jim Sloan asked us to consider travelling with him to Austria this September.. He has made previous trips to a Romanian deaf church in the city of Linz. We will spend about ten days in Austria and since it is not far we will also go to Germany to raise support in the German and American military churches. Before returning home, we plan to fly to Liberia to survey the possibility of helping a missionary there learn to minister to thirty deaf who recently started attending his church when their government assistance collapsed. God used this opportunity to confirm in our hearts that he was indeed calling us back into missions.

While there are many adjustments to make and some of them are taking longer than we thought we are mindful the work is the Lord's and he makes all things beautiful in his time. We covet your prayers for us as we prepare to reach deaf people worldwide with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your Hands to the Deaf Worldwide,

John, Tricia, Amanda and David Olson

*... Go ye into all the world, and preach  
the gospel to every creature.* MARK 16:15



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