



The SCOTT CRABTREE Family

Missionaries to the Deaf

"There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:3

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We are excited to announce that we were able to pay off the mortgage on our church property 5 days before the 5 year deadline -- **glory to God!** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to **EVERYONE** who helped us in this endeavor and for those who helped us to get across the finish line at the latter end. I can't even begin to name names as there are so many who helped and I will inadvertently miss someone. We are humbled by your generosity and prayers.

The church auditorium was packed on our Mortgage Burning Sunday with over 221 in attendance. The fellowship hall as an overflow room was filled as well. Many prayer partners and some supporting pastors came from several states and even Canada to celebrate this momentous occasion with us. This was a chance to honor those who have labored with us in this goal.

I have shared my salvation testimony many times in how 4 sisters and their mother invited me to church where I received Christ. One of our Deaf ladies suggested that I invite them to our special day. All of them were able to attend and one of our ladies paid the plane ticket for one of the sisters to fly here from San Antonio, Texas. I was touched that the Lord laid it upon her heart to do so.

Thank you to Pastor Nick Dignan for being our special speaker, to Bro. Jereme and Katie Lewis who came up from Austin, Texas, to help with the meals, to Pastor Travis Lewis, Bro. Uptegrove, and the Barrett family and Smith family who drove down from New York to roll their sleeves up and help with whatever was needed. A special treat was to have all of our children, their spouses, and our grandchildren here to celebrate with us. It was a day that will be long remembered! I have included a poem that our daughter, Brooklynn wrote to commemorate the occasion.



The LifeSigns Miracle

Five years ago a building stood, A dream too big, not understood.
One point three five million dollars, That amount we could not honor.

The pastor's heart was torn in two, The price was high, the funds were few. But God had spoken, soft and clear, "Step forward in faith, instead of fear."

Like Abraham in those days was told, "Lift up your eyes - look and behold". Walk the land from end to end, Each step a promise I will send.

So he walked the grounds with praying feet, Trusting God would meet their need. Hands signing hope with all their might. Trusting God beyond their sight.

The people prayed both strong and weak, Some believed, some could not speak. But doubt crept in with quiet plea, Will God still come through faithfully?

Discouragement would blur the way, As months turned into years and days. The waiting stretched, the load felt heavy, Faith was tested by lack of remedy.

Then one day came a man sincere, With loving kindness and motives clear. A loan was offered clean and plain, No interest charged - no hidden gain.

Five years given, your grace outpoured, A door swung open and the Lord restored. Still every year the question stayed; Will every cent be truly paid?

Just like stars, He calls each by name, He counts all pennies just the same. Money came, not fast, not quick But faithful and steady would do the trick.

'Til every dollar found its place, A miracle wrapped in merciful grace. Not one cent short, not one too late, God proved Himself both strong and great.

He still gives land and still shows care. Still lifts our burdens and answers prayer. From promised steps and all He's worth— Here stands LifeSigns Deaf Baptist Church.

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