

## Deaf Christian Evangelistic Association, International (Formerly Puerto Rico Deaf Ministries)

**Serving Deaf People in Puerto Rico, USA and Nigeria, Africa**

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Romans 10:15 says, **“...HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THEM THAT PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, AND BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS” (KJV)**

### Message from Job & Bukola

Dear Partners in the Harvest,

Firstly, we want to thank God for your partnership through your loving ways, generous support and your interest in our ministry. It means so much to us! Above all, we thank our Lord Jesus Christ for His saving grace through faith in Him. Praise the Lord, Hallelujah! Secondly, I was born and raised in a Muslim family in Nigeria, but I got saved through a Deaf American Missionary and a Christian camp in Nigeria. My life was totally changed forever. Thirdly, because of this, my wife and I want to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ our Lord, teach, train, mentor and encourage Deaf youth and the leaders everywhere in the World, wherever the Lord leads us through the Deaf Christian Evangelistic Association (DCEA), a nonprofit organization recognized by IRS. For details, kindly visit [www.ceaforchrist.org](http://www.ceaforchrist.org). **To God be the glory!**

Below is news about our Summer/Fall events.

### Message from David & Marsha Mitchell, the former presidents and founders of Puerto Rico Deaf Ministries (PRDM)

Greetings in the name of our Lord from the foothills of the Smokie Mountains in Ringgold, (extreme Northwest), Georgia, a suburb of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Our daughter and husband, Lei Ann and Nathan, invited us to live with them due to our limitations and health needs.

We praise the Lord that we can be living with one of our children and our son and his wife, David, Jr. and Diana, live just ten minutes from us. It's also blessing to be so near three of our grandchildren, (just 20 min away), two of which have their children, (four of our great grandchildren and one more on the way). Another great-grandchild lives two-hours away, and our son's youngest daughter, and her husband, live in Pennsylvania. Our eldest grandson, however, lives in Oregon. Our two Puerto Rican adopted brothers, Jason and George are doing well. Jason lives in SC with his wife and two children. George, his wife, and three children live in the Washington, DC area.

As many of you know, Marsha and I lived in Puerto Rico for 33 years. God blessed us so much by allowing us to have a ministry among the Deaf people. Ours was a ministry of "Pastoral Care" including Training of leadership whereby we included Preaching, Visitation in each of the 5 to 7 mission points to reach the Deaf person for Christ, Deaf Camps, Assistance to the families and other ways as God showed us the great needs.

God showed us He had other plans for the outreach, and ministry on the island. However, this did not include Marsha and me. Instead, God's plan is to be fulfilled through another person's leadership. That person is Bro. Job Ayantola. His call of God is not to continue as David and Marsha have done, but to do as God has laid on his heart to accomplish. God's ways are not like our ways and we are to follow Him. Neither are Bro. Job's ways like David's and Marsha's. Thus, God calls each of us with our specific gifts to accomplish our Lord's Great Commission through each of us in this day: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...." (Matthew 28:18-20).

We encourage you to support Brother Job Ayantola and his wife Bukola. Support them in Prayer and in financial gifts as they lead the ministry and both serve our Lord to reach the lost world (Deaf and hearing) in the precious name of Jesus not only in Puerto Rico, however, other places in the world (a global ministry).

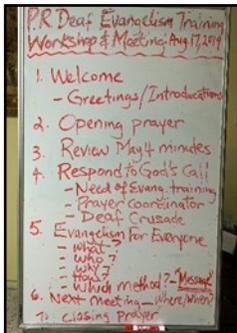
Marsha and I sincerely want to extend our gratitude by thanking each of you for the decades of support. You have supported the ministry, as well as us personally, through prayers, financial gifts, with your time, energy, wisdom and skills, all with a heart for service in order to fulfill the call of the Lord's Great Commission. We are beyond blessed, and honored, that God allowed us to partner with you in service to Him.



Serving our Lord Continually,  
David and Marsha Mitchell  
Mission Service Corps Emeritus, SBC

## DCEA, Puerto Rico Mission

On August 17, 2019, we had an Evangelism training session using "Hand to Hand Evangelism" at the Baptist Church in Florida, PR. There were 12 leaders attending. See agenda items here:



Please pray for these leaders as they start to learn how to share their faith with unsaved Deaf people throughout the island. They will keep practicing until our next training session, which will be in May, 2020 in San Juan. Many Deaf leaders had left the Island after Hurricane Maria and even before that. Matthew 9:37 says, "Jesus said to His disciples, the harvest is plentiful, but the workmen are few." Please pray for the remaining people to take over and lead others.

On August 18th, we joined a hearing interpreted worship service at Ponce Baptist Church. The Hearing Pastor introduced us. We were warmly welcomed.

On August 19th, 4 leaders, my wife and I visited a Deaf school in Orocovis and a Deaf family.



On August 20th, my wife and I visited an independent agency in Ponce where we met some Deaf people and collected contact information for future visits.

On August 24th, we visited with the Ponce Deaf church leaders (married couple-not Deaf, 80 years old). We discussed our concerns about the future needs of the church and how to train new leaders so they can take over. We brainstormed several good ideas, then prayed for God's guidance and wisdom. Please pray for the couple and the church for new leaders.



On August 25, 2019, I was asked to preach at the Ponce Deaf Baptist church. The topic was “Are You A True Christian?” They were challenged to examine their hearts to be sure they are ready to meet God.



## How Can You Help PR Deaf Mission?

1. Please pray for more new Deaf leaders to replace the old leaders who have left the island.
2. Please pray for those who attended the evangelism training to use the skills they have learned to share their faith with unsaved Deaf people on the island.
3. We are working on starting 3-4 Deaf Evangelistic Crusades in PR. Please pray that the crusades will happen so many Deaf souls will be saved and /or rededicated to the Lord.
4. We need some volunteer missionaries to work with Deaf people in PR. Please pray.
5. We are looking for an assistant in PR who will work with me there. Please pray.
6. Please pray for our ministry as we try to reach Deaf people for Christ worldwide. People need the Lord!
7. Above all, we praise God for what has been done and what He is still is doing on the island. PTL!

## DCEA, Nigeria Mission

We have 3 wonderful and dedicated Deaf men who are working for DCEA. They have been trained and are my “hands and feet” in Nigeria. They are paid a fair salary and are doing a very fabulous job in my absence. I really thank God for their love and passion for Christ. They go out witnessing on a daily basis and many Deaf are saved. PTL!

We have had 3 annual DCEA Leadership Training Conferences in Nigeria. This year, it was held July 31st - August 3rd. More than 65 Deaf participants attended and **16** of them got saved. PTL! The leaders sent a wonderful 7-page report on the conference. If you are interested in reading the report, let me know and I will gladly send it to you. See some pictures from the conference below...



Bible donation from Kirby Deaf Baptist Church, Memphis, TN. Big Thank You!

## How Can You Help Nigeria Deaf Mission?

- 2 Urgent requests:** a) We need a 15-passenger van for mission work. The cost of a new van is between \$30,000 and \$40,000. A donor has promised to donate \$10,000, leaving the needed balance. If you, or someone you know, has a used/good van to donate, kindly email or text me. Also, we need used working laptops and a standing video camera.  
b) We bought 4 acres of land for a Christian Training center in January 2017, and we built a security wall around it. Our goal is to start construction of the buildings in 2022. Please prayerfully consider donating funds for this IMPORTANT project. For more details about the project and the cost, kindly visit [www.ceaforchrist.org](http://www.ceaforchrist.org). Many Deaf Africans, not only Nigerians, need training to spread the Gospel. Together we can make it!
- Please pray for our DCEA staff members (Brothers Omotayo, Tunde and Ekohante) and their committee members to do their duties well for God's glory. Please also pray that they will continue to stay healthy.
- Bro. Omotayo and his wife got married almost 2 years ago and desire a baby. Please pray for God's will for them to start a family.
- Bro. Tunde is getting married on October 25, 2019 by God's grace. Please pray for his successful wedding.
- Praise the Lord for the growth of DCEA fellowship members and pray that it will continue to grow and bring more Deaf youth for Christ.
- Please pray for volunteers and/or short-term missionaries to work with the Deaf people of Nigeria.

## DCEA, USA Mission (Upcoming Mission Trips)

- I will be travelling with a team of five to Siberia, Russia to spread the Good News with the Deaf there from October 18 - November 1.
- I will be the guest speaker at the Olive Baptist Church, Florida on November 9.
- I will be the guest speaker at the Deaf Camp in North Carolina on November 15-17.

## How Can You Help Our Ministry?

We ask you to PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! pray for our ministry as we try to reach Deaf people for Christ worldwide. They need the Lord!!!

## For Donations

Please make your donation by check to DCEA, or online donation by PayPal at [www.ceaforchrist.org](http://www.ceaforchrist.org).  
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## Thank You Note

My wife and I want to thank you from the depth of our hearts for your continued prayers and financial support. We really appreciate it and it means so much to our ministry!

Again, thanks and God bless you.

Serving the Lord Together,  
**Job & Bukola Ayantola, Deaf Evangelists/Missionaries**