

Deaf Missions

Chad Entinger and Duane King spoke about Deaf Missions on August 20 at the Treynor Optimist Club. Duane is the founder of Deaf Missions and Chad is the Executive Director.



Mick Guttau introduced the speakers. He said he joined the Board of Directors in 1992 and became chairman of the board in 1996. He said as a youth he remembers playing the Iowa School for the Deaf in basketball. After the game they would go to the indoor pool on the campus. That was a real treat in the winter.

Duane said he was preaching at the First Christian congregation in Norfolk, Nebraska. In 1996 he met a deaf family and invited them to church. They said they couldn't understand the sermons. He told them he would learn sign language if they would come. They came and listened very intently. They could lip read part of what he said, about 30%, because they said "he had a big mouth". Eventually he learned sign language.

Chad took over nine years ago as the Executive Director. He got spinal meningitis when he was one year old and became deaf in his left ear and 70% deaf in his right. In 1979, at age 4, he went with his father to a conference sponsored by Deaf Missions.

Chad said that being deaf is a culture and a language. It is difficult to understand the culture unless you are deaf.

100 countries have been impacted by Deaf Missions. Over 70 Christian denominations utilize Deaf Missions.

One of the highest priorities of Deaf Missions today is translating the Bible into American Sign Language. It is being produced in a video format and available on DVD and as an App on Smart Phones. There are currently no versions of the Bible available in sign language. Many English words are not easily understood by deaf people.

More information and some videos are available at DeafMissions.com.