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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 Gutttau 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.

Meeting Minutes

John Klein's absence called the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order on August 20. He led with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the prayer offered by Mick Gutttau. Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, and Richard Vorthmann provided humor.

Judy Gutttau celebrated her birthday. She also won the 50/50 and the attendance drawings. Gary and Julie Funkhouser are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

For bragging rights, Gary Funkhouser recognized Grant Mantell for being the Southwest Iowa baseball player of the year. Bill Vorthmann recognized his granddaughter for getting a ribbon at the state fair for her quilt. Richard Vorthmann enjoyed being honored at the State Fair as "Iowan for the Day". Kirk Vorthmann visited his cousin and saw a steam engine moved that generated 60 horsepower and had a 26 foot diameter flywheel that. Gary Gutttau talked about the first tractor pull he went to. Dee Gutttau put in a pitch for people to vote for Heidi Gutttau-Fox for school board.

On September 3 the club will put up flags after a short meeting. There will be no speaker.

The first day of school is Wednesday. There is a new booster club at school. They have raised \$10,000 already.

Dale Willenborg won the 50/50. Heidi Lund won the attendance award, but did not collect.

There were 17 members and 2 guests at the meeting.

Calendar

Aug 24 – Can sorting for Dance Team

Sept 3 – put up flags

Sept 30 - Homecoming

Birthdays

Aug 11 – Chad Gutttau (recognized)

Aug 23 – Judy Gutttau (recognized)

Anniversaries

Aug 13 – Jerry & Barb Hempel

Aug 25 – Gary & Julia Funkhauser (recognized)

Speakers

Aug 27 – Morris Jackson from Good News Prison Ministry

Sept 3 – No Speaker – put up flags

Sept 10 – SPY Youth report on summer mission trip

Programs

Aug – Mick Gutttau

Sept – Ken Graham

Oct – Bill Vorthmann

Nov – Judy Gutttau

Dec - Chuck Nielsen

Prayers

Aug 27 – Dale Willenborg

Sept 3 – Gary Funkhouser

Sept 10 – Richard Vorthmann