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Dear Pastor & Church:

Greetings to you in Jesus' name. We put some recent pictures in this letter to show some great things the Lord has done among the deaf in India. Brother Yanger Walling and his wife, Amongla, were my former students in Bible College in the early 1980's. Brother Yanger has worked with us for several years in our deaf ministry. In 1987, Yanger and his wife went back to their home State (Nagaland) to start their own deaf ministry. At that time, there were no schools, churches, or any other deaf ministries in that State. With God's help, we were able to purchase a couple of acres of land for them and to support them financially in the beginning of their ministry. They began with five deaf children. Today, they have around 150 members in their deaf church. Brother Yanger baptized 25 deaf believers on Easter Sunday this year.

In their Christian deaf school, they have deaf children coming from 16 different tribes. Some come from the country of Nepal and Bhutan. The Bible is being taught there daily.

There have been other great changes in that State. Because of their ministry, deaf adults can get married. This started about three years ago. Last year the State government of Nagaland recognized ASL (American sign language) as the official language for the deaf. No other State (29 States in India) has this recognition for the deaf. The education philosophy in the government-run schools is the oral method. They don't permit sign language in their schools. So the Lord has use Yanger's school to change the minds of some of the government officials.

A few weeks ago, some of their deaf students were invited to meet the Governor of Nagaland at his residence. The Walling's deaf ministry is an awesome testimony of God's grace.

We are still here in USA caring for Ruth Ann's mother. Ruth Ann's brother (her only sibling) has throat cancer. He is getting radiation and chemo treatment. I occasionally fill-in the pulpit in area churches and am available to help in deaf ministries. We appreciate your prayers and financial support.



**Baptist Church for the Deaf in Dimapur, Nagaland**



**Pastor Yanger baptizing a deaf convert**



**Brother Yanger Walling's Family**

Yours for Deaf Souls,  
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