

## CGL's Deaf Ministry Update, (March 2020)

Dear Pastors & Friends,

I would like to start this newsletter by expressing my sincere thanks for all of your prayers and support during my medical leave, (due to my husband's cancer). His chemotherapy and radiation treatments have come to an end. On March 24<sup>th</sup>, he is scheduled to have a Pet-Scan to verify whether-or-not his cancer has been eradicated. We are hopeful that we will be able to put this behind us once and for all

Now it is time to regain my posture and take-up where I left off. I must admit that the physical, mental, and emotional strain has been quite daunting. There have been moments where I wondered if I can find the energy to "jump-back-into" the Deaf Ministry, or whether retirement should become the graceful way to "bow-out". But the Lord keeps assuring me that His resources are always available to me.

How refreshing it was for me to open my morning devotions to Psalms 119. Two words kept jumping-out-at-me; "**REVIVE ME**" Verse after verse began to pour into my soul and quench my doubts.

Verse 25) "**Revive me** according to your word."

Verse 28) "My soul melts from heaviness. **Strengthen me** according to Your Word."

Verse 32) "You shall **enlarge my heart.**"

Verse 37) "**Revive me** in Your ways."

Verse 40) "**Revive me** in your righteousness."

Verse 88) "**Revive me** according to your lovingkindness."

To "sum-it-up", Verse 50 says it all..." This is my comfort in my affliction. For Your Word has given me life." Praise the Lord, HE indeed is renewing and strengthening me day by day.

The Deaf Community, (World-wide), has been extremely patient, prayerful, and encouraging during these difficult months. A steady flow of prayers and well-wishes were communicated to me daily. Their eagerness for my return to ministry is a great affirmation of how much CGL's Deaf Ministry is needed in their communities.

One particular region is in Calgary, Alberta. Let me share with you what is happening there.



### Ryan Dominic Colaco

(Lives in Calgary, Alberta)

Ryan was born profoundly deaf. His struggle in mainstream schools and desire to "fit-in" were typical of most hearing-impaired. Feelings of rejection and isolation became a normal part of his life. But he soon overcame his life of loneliness through his talent and love for sports. His athletic accomplishments won him a place of honor on Canada's National Tennis and Hockey teams from 1995-2010. Ryan's testimony speaks of the Spiritual lessons that are similar to the training and persevering of an athlete's life. Both require a dependence on God.

Back in June of 2019, Ryan contacted me on [Facebook](#), and explained how he was watching my lessons on video. As he watched, the Lord put within him, an enthusiasm that could not be contained. He eagerly

took the time to write down notes from each lesson and then carried them to a local restaurant where he began a Bible Study for his deaf friends in his community. Every Wednesday night, he meets with a group of 10-12 deaf men and women to share the good news of Jesus Christ.



Just this last November, Ryan shared with me the inspiring announcement that he was able to lead a Deaf Muslim gentleman, to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. That following Sunday he attended church with Ryan and was baptized.



Shortly after his conversion, a Muslim woman, began attending Ryan’s Bible Studies and has now been converted into the Christian faith as well. Such wonderful news never ceases to amaze me, how the power of God’s Word, (spoken in **any language**) can deliver a person from the world of darkness, into the glorious kingdom of God’s Son. Please remember to keep these two new converts in your prayers. Pray that the Lord will protect them as they begin to walk their new life in Christ. Also remember to pray diligently for Ryan and his family, as he so boldly leads his Bible Study for the Deaf in his home-town community.

And so...**the Lord has “enlarged my heart”** once again...to pick-up where I left off, and to continue sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a World-Wide-Community of Hearing-Impaired.

Afterall, **“HOW then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”** (Romans 10:14).

Sincerely grateful for you all,  
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