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## Kayla's Summer Update 2018



Pastor Tim leads devotions at  
Deaf Camp while I interpret the  
message for the Deaf



Reaching Out To The Deaf  
One Hand At A Time  
Adriana & Me

### Greetings friends, family and supporters,

It has been a busy and amazing summer for me. God has blessed our summer camps in The Bahamas with safety, good fellowship and new friendships. We successfully shared the gospel with many deaf and hearing kids, teens and adults on four different islands. Each camp was different but effectively carried out our mission. Our mission was to share the Gospel, teach sign language and encourage the campers to **Love God and Love People**. God truly provided the right volunteers needed to help run each camp, and each one with a special contribution made our camps great. It was an immense blessing to work and serve with such wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ.

We thank God for the continued partnership with Abundant Life Bible Church. Many members of the deaf ministry were a big part in making our camps successful, either by volunteering or coming with us on mission trips to the family islands. We had 7 deaf young adults serve alongside us. It was a blessing to see all of them again and to serve with them this summer. I truly miss them all very much but it is a blessing to see God working and carrying on the ministry in ALBC.

It's hard to summarize the whole summer and all the amazing things God did. However, I would like to share 2 stories with you.

The first story is about Adriana also known as "Lobby" a deaf young lady who lives in Lower Bogue, Eleuthera. We have visited with her every time we visit Eleuthera. She has limited language and communicates through gestures and home signs. It is our hope that with each visit we are able to teach her some sign language so that we can then share the Gospel with her. Upon our first visit with her this summer she did not want to see us, which was heartbreaking for me, as every time that we visit with her we make sure to show God's love to her. We prayed that God would soften her heart. The next day her auntie brought her to our camp and at first she was "stand-offish" but then slowly began to warm up to us as we worked on a craft and we tried to teach her some sign language through a game of charades. She also did our hair and played with our phones. By the end of the afternoon she was taking selfies with us and was all smiles. My heart was filled with joy that we have reconnected our friendship. I believe the reason she did not want to see us at first was because she thought we were taking her away for a week of camp which was what we did the first year we met her and it appears that she did not like that even though her auntie wanted her to come with us to learn sign language. Now we feel that she has learned that we just want to visit with her and so next summer we hope to visit with her again and also partner with her church in teaching them sign language together. Please continue to pray for Adriana as that her heart will be open to learning sign language and learning about God's wonderful gift of love for her.

The second story I'd like to share is about a deaf boy named Jarrett. We met him in Nassau and have known him for about 5 years. He recently moved to Freeport, Grand Bahama. When I heard about this I invited him to join us for camp. His mother tried to get him a ride to camp but was unable to find transportation for him since the camp was an hour away from his house. I felt God telling me to go and bring him to camp at least one day. That's what Jesus would do for us. So we woke up early Friday morning at 6:30AM to drive the hour there to pick him up and then an hour back to be at camp before 9AM. He was excited to come to camp with us. In our car ride we asked him how he was doing and if he was saved. He said YES! We were so happy to hear that. We wanted to make the long car ride fun, so we asked him if he wanted to listen to music. Often people assume deaf people don't like listening to music, but in fact many deaf people enjoy feeling the music and listening in their own way. So we turned up the volume and listened to some Christian Music. He seemed to really like that.

When we arrived at camp all the hearing & deaf campers were able to introduce themselves to him and welcome him. It was so touching to see the campers, that we taught all week about loving others, welcome him with open arms and using their sign language. That day we also shared the Salvation Bracelets and taught the kids how to use it to share God's Love with others. We all had a great time at camp that day with crafts, water games and activities. Then we headed back to eastern Grand Bahama to drop Jarrett home. We were sad to learn that there is not many other people in his town that know sign language and the church does not have an interpreter. We pray that God will provide more people from the community to be willing to meet this need. When we dropped him home, I saw an amazing thing. The 1st thing he did was show his family his salvation bracelet and begin to explain to them the meanings of the colors. I

felt a sense of accomplishment and joy knowing that this is what Jesus meant by making disciples for Jesus Christ and how rewarding it is to see a camper share God's Love and Message with others.



Adrianna, Me, Melissa, & Carol Jarrett & I At The Beach Near His Home

I hope you enjoy these videos from our 4 camps this summer in The Bahamas. We praise God for all that he did this summer and working in the lives of the deaf and hearing kids teens and adults that we ministered too.

[Video - ICCD Bahamas Deaf Camp Video](#)

[Video - Speed Signing Race -This is the day!](#)

Thank You all for your continued prayers and support. It truly means so much to me to have a wonderful group of brothers and sisters in Christ covering me in prayer and support as I serve the Lord with ICCD.

Your Sister In Christ,  
Kayla