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December 17, 2007 is our 30th wedding anniversary! December 18, 2007 is the 7th anniversary of the establishment of DeafYouth Ministries/DTQuest®. Wow, time flies when you are having fun! It is important to have these rites of passage and markers in our journey; it is a celebration of God's goodness.

Kathy and I share an amazing journey together in our marriage, parenting and ministry. Many of you know a lot about each arena; many of you have been part of our lives for many years and some are new friends. The common link in all three areas which makes life work is *Jesus Christ*. We are imperfect people who serve a perfect God. Jesus proclaims the adventure before us when we follow Him, "...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10 (NIV). Kathy and I have lived an unusual life full of twists and turns but certainly one that has *never* been boring. Proverbs 16:9 says, "*We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.*" (NLT)

In many ways, I believe that we are coming to the conclusion of "Phase One" of DeafYouth Ministries and entering "Phase Two" in January, 2008. Seven year patterns exists throughout the Bible and in my heart of hearts I sense this to be true in this ministry. God has been faithful in creating a national outreach that is touching the lives of hundreds of deaf and hard of hearing teenagers through establishment, empowerment and support of outreach in local Youth For Christ and YoungLife ministries. DeafYouth Ministries continues to be the only national, interdenominational, relational ministry specifically for Deaf teenagers and serves as a primary resource for Deaf teen ministry. Thank you for your prayers and support which makes this all possible. As the journey continues, we celebrate His goodness and presence!

Deaf Teen Ministry National Convention

Louisville, Kentucky

February 15-17, 2008



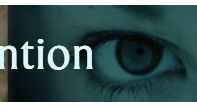
Seminar/Workshop Topics

You will have an opportunity to learn from leaders across the country. Saturday seminars are 2-hours and Sunday workshops are 1-hour. Workshops are in ASL; voice interpreting is available.

- 3Story® Evangelism
- Ministry with Teens in Crisis
- Challenges of Post-Modern Morality
- Technology for Ministry
- Ministry Survival Skills
- Teaching with Object Lessons
- Basics of Relational Ministry
- ...and many more!

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Embracing God's Vision for Reaching Deaf Teenagers



Friday—Chris McGaha



Chris is the chaplain for Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind and serves as DTQuest® Regional Coordinator (Southeastern States). Chris has been a vital part of the DeafMusic Project (by DeafYouth Ministries). Chris teaches youth ministry through the Deaf Online University in Birmingham.

Saturday—Matthew Belwood



Matt is a Behavioral Intervention Specialist for St. Rita School for the Deaf and teaches ASL at Xavier University in Cincinnati. Matt is a DTQuest® Regional Coordinator. He has a MA in Pastoral Counseling and is a licensed trainer for Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI) developed by Cornell University.

Sunday—Chad Entinger



Chad is the Executive Director of Deaf Missions. He is a graduate of Gallaudet University with his BA and MA in Education. His credits include *Finger Food Café*, *LinkASL Online Sermons*, *Daily Devotions for the Deaf* and *Hands for Jesus Kids Club*. He was a contributor to *Deaf Diaspora: The Third Wave of Deaf Ministry*.

For more info—www.dtconnect.org



Stacy Wildes will be leading the DeafMusic portion of our worship. Stacy has been on a quest with many of her Deaf colleagues and students for finding the most powerful means of Deaf worship that includes movement, dance, rhythm, and praise. She will be coordinating worship that involves a number of other participants.



Rick will serve as our convention pastor and is available to participants for counsel, prayer, encouragement and advice. Rick is an ordained minister and certified counselor.

Connie Dotson will also be part of the convention as a spiritual support for the women at the convention. Connie will be available throughout the convention as a friend and mentor.

National Spotlight—DTQuest® Students Go MAD in Indiana!

We had a *great* experience with DTQ® teens from Lexington, Danville and Louisville (KY) at the Youth For Christ weekend event, **Go MAD** (Make a Difference). There were seventeen DTQuest® folks (students and leaders) and about 850 hearing students at this event. We were able to process the messages with our teenagers after the worship services and had lots of small group and one-on-one time.



DeafTeen Quest teens and leaders in Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Leaders Receive Training at NYWC in Atlanta

Stacy Wildes did an excellent job of recruiting, planning, and coordinating ASL interpreters for the Youth Specialties' National Youth Worker Convention in Atlanta. There were eighteen DTQ® leaders in attendance. We were able to learn from national youth ministry experts including Andy Stanley, Louie Giglio, Doug Fields, Phyllis Tickle, and others.



Deaf ministry leaders convene in Atlanta for training and fellowship