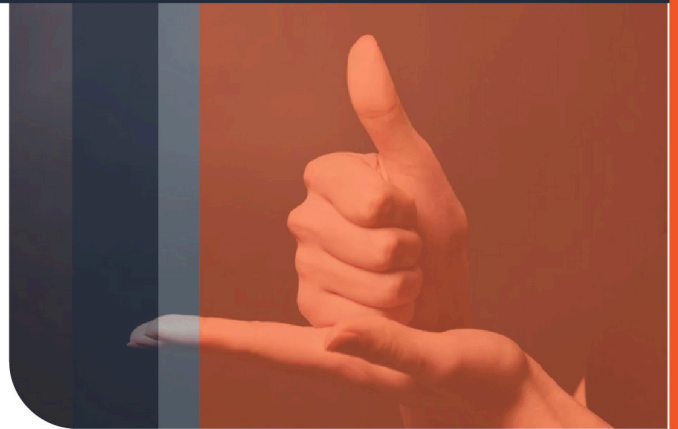




HELPING HANDS



NEW ADDRESS!

TAKE NOTE!

- **We moved!**



- **IMPORTANT:**

Please make sure you update your records with our **new address.**

- Warsaw Property has CLOSED. Mail is no longer collected there!

The Old Office Has Sold!

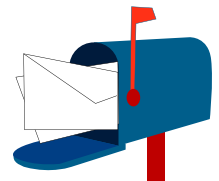
The old office building on Warsaw Avenue has been sold! We are so thankful for the time we spent there, and we look forward to the future in a new, yet unknown place! Help us pray for God's perfect providence in a new-to-us building and location.



On that note, please be sure to update your address book to our new address. We no longer have access to the old office and mail forwarding services have ended. If you have automatic payments set up with your bank for giving to Deaf Streetlight, be sure to make those changes ASAP!

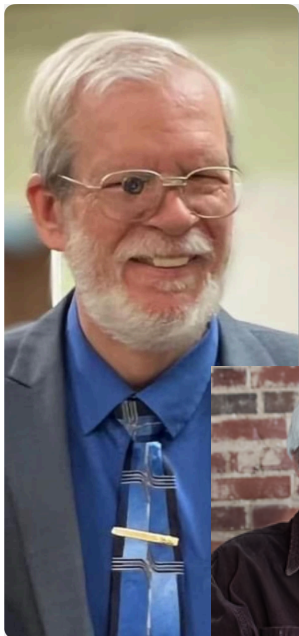
The new address is:

Deaf Streetlight
P.O. Box 58643
Cincinnati, OH 45258



Rodney Burke passes

We sadly announce the passing of Rod Burke, age 66, on October 12th 2024. Rod served for many years on the Deaf Streetlight Board and was a great advisor and minister. Rod served as a preacher for 23 years before retiring as a result of a rapid decline in his health due to a long battle with cancer.



A funeral was held on October 19th, 2024 at the Western Hills Church of Christ.

To view Rod's obituary, visit:
<https://bit.ly/RodBurke>



Looking Back at Camp...

Deaf Camp 2024: “Jesus, Teach us to Pray”

Deaf Camp was a tremendous experience for all campers – deaf, hearing, and hard of hearing. A total of 94 people attended this year! That number hasn't been seen for at least 10 years! We received a lot of positive feedback regarding camp. The best part was social time and learning each others' stories and experiences. Everyone had a great time; see below for more photos from camp!

We were privileged to have Jason Suhr with Deaf Harbor as the missionary for the camp. He presented outstanding lessons about prayer and Bible Hands. Deaf Ministry Leader, Jesse Neal from T.N. and Bobby Ringle from O.H. also provided workshop lessons focused on Jesus being the model for learning how to pray.

Corey Stapp will be the Camp Dean for 2025. We are so excited for camp next year because we are adding one more day! It will be July 30–August 3 at Camp Allendale in Trafalgar, Indiana. Why the extra day? **It will be our 50th Anniversary of Deaf Camp!** Cecil Bennett started Deaf Camp in 1975 and we want YOU to join us in the celebration!



Above from left to right:
Jason Suhr, Jesse Neal, Bobby Ringle





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get ready for...

Deaf Camp 2025!



We will be celebrating

50 YEARS OF DEAF CAMP!

ALL are welcome!
Deaf and Hearing,
Adults and Children,
Signing and non-signing!
All ages and ASL abilities!

Come for 5 days, 4 days,
or come for only 3!
Attendance is flexible.
Invite your friends and family;
the more the merrier!

come join us for a GREAT time!

Camp Allendale | July 30 - Aug 3 | 4605 S. Allendale Dr | Trafalgar, IN 46181



2024 Deaf Camp

Camp Testimonials:

"My family and I had such a wonderful experience at camp! The activities and pool were great, and the speaker from Deaf Harbor who taught Bible hands was awesome. But most of all we love the people. It was so good to see camp friends, old and new. Already looking forward to next year!"

"I had a really good time at camp! Everything I participated in seem to go really smoothly. I really enjoyed how the schedule was and the amount of free time and teaching was a good balance!"

"Jason was fantastic - excellent in workshops, full of enthusiasm, and very nice to converse with during free times, especially with my signing-challenged self. He was very patient and helpful. Well, everyone is actually. It is a very warm and welcoming environment and I feel welcome to sign even though my signing is not that great."

"Seeing old
- and making new -
friends!"

"The encouragement, welcoming environment, and interacting with other parents of deaf children as well as deaf individuals and others."

"Best part was the social time to meet new people and learn about their stories."

"Fellowship and meeting new faces."



Other News & Mission Updates:

ICOM 2024 in Kentucky



Above: Will signs to a group gathered at Deaf Streetlight's booth

Deaf Streetlight had the privilege of having a booth at ICOM with over 300 other ministries and exhibitors and with over 6,000 people in attendance! Director Will Dickmann and Community Connections Coordinator, Britney Garstka, had the pleasure of meeting fellow missionaries and networking opportunities.



Above: Will with his family, Above: interpreters at ICOM;
with interpreters; Anne-Mrea, from left to right; Julie,
Gail, & DS staff Britney Anne-Mrea, Erin and Gail

Thoughts from the Director:

It's hard to believe that the Warsaw building has been **SOLD** back in July. The board has been discussing about this possibility for years. It is fast becoming a reality for Deaf Streetlight to experience substantial change; positive changes! We are still carefully searching for a new location, so please be praying for God to provide the right place, that it fits the needs of Deaf Streetlight and the Deaf community and that it will serve future needs for years to come.

We are specifically praying for a spacious venue suitable for large meetings or classes and similar-type gatherings, staff offices and storage space, ample parking, near a bus line, and centrally located.

We appreciate you praying with us, too!

How are you? I hope you are doing better than you think you are! I am grateful that you are reading this. Thank you for thinking of us, and I pray for God to continue to bless you!

Will Dickmann

Strategic Planning Committee Updates the Organization Mission

Our Strategic Planning Committee has worked hard to refine and update the mission goals. Now referred to as the organizational "Pillars", they provide more clarity to what Deaf Streetlight's primary mission is. What were 6 long goals have been condensed into 4 concise focal points. The heart of the goals remain very much the same, just simply restated in a better way.

This improvement will help Deaf Streetlight in future grant applications and fundraising work.

Those 4 Restated Goals (in a nutshell) are:

1. Go and Meet - Be involved in (by hosting and participating in) community events, develop relationships & be an asset to the community.
2. Learn and Share - Collect data to create a database to share resources and information.
3. Connect and Support - Train, support & equip churches, include the Deaf in the community and in church, & a DEAF mentorship program.
4. Equip and Empower - Remove barriers, create or support spaces/opportunities for the Deaf to lead.

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Mark your calendars!

DEAF FAMILY CONNECT FAIR 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 8TH, 10-2

Hosted at Lakota East High School
6840 Lakota Ln, Liberty Twp, OH 45044

We had a great time last year!
Join us again for lots of family fun!



PRAYER REQUESTS

DEAF CAMP 2025

We are so excited to be celebrating 50 years at camp next year! We have some extra-special things planned for camp to celebrate this milestone!

Please pray for grant approval and other funding support to help offset the costs of camp.

DEAF FAMILY CONNECT

Pray for an awesome event; for families to feel more connected to each other and to the community. Pray for the planning and details that make this event a blessing to families and the children.

PROPERTY SEARCH

We continue to search for a new-to-us location. We ask for your prayers that God will provide just the right place in His perfect timing.

We mentioned some search parameters in the "Thoughts from the Director" section that you can include in your prayers.

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS

Deaf Streetlight is seeking to give the website a re-design. We think we have found the right person for the job...

We hope that the new website will be a much more useful tool for DS and the community!

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

We pray for all of YOU to have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season with friends and family. May all who are travelling travel safely! Keep warm and well fed. We pray for your good health and blessings in the new year! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2025!

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? LET US PRAY FOR YOU! EMAIL STAFF@DEAFSTREETLIGHT.COM



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