

# Gorham Prayer Letter

## June 2025

We are excited to share about our recent and upcoming ministry opportunities! — In **January and February of 2025**, our family had the wonderful privilege of taking a survey trip to **Peru**. We served alongside Brother **Joe Kotvas** of (MWBM) and **Efata** (Efata.org) in **three Deaf church plants** around **Lima**: Villa El Salvador, Callao, and Chosica.

During our time in Peru, we fully immersed ourselves in the local culture and Deaf community. We dedicated ourselves to learning the spoken language, **Spanish**, and **Peruvian Sign Language**. We had many opportunities to serve, including participating in **church services**, engaging in **Deaf outreach**, ministering to **children and youth**, working on **building projects**, serving in **Deaf/Blind ministry**, sharing through **music** and **preaching**, and distributing **Spanish Gospel tracts** wherever we went. We have a deep love for serving in international ministry, as well as reaching the Deaf with the Gospel here in the United States. We praise God for continually opening doors for more international ministry, and we eagerly look forward to future opportunities to serve both at home and abroad! Throughout our travels, we were also able to connect with and invest time in training several young Deaf and hearing individuals who are interested in pursuing missions work with the Deaf. We are so grateful for the blessed opportunity to invest in the **next generation** of servants, missionaries, and preachers!



In February, I joined **Brother David Bennett**, the International Director of Silent Word Ministries, for a two-week survey trip to Tokyo, Japan. This **November 2025**, **SWMI** will be taking a mission team to **Japan** for the **100th Anniversary of the Deaflympics**. Together, Brother Bennett and I made plans and arrangements for accommodations, transportation, and a detailed itinerary focused on sharing the Gospel in and around the various venues hosting the Olympic sporting events. This significant international event is expected to draw approximately **3,000 Deaf athletes**. In addition to the athletes, the Deaflympics is anticipated to have over **15,000 attendees**, including essential support personnel, parents, siblings, relatives, friends, and spectators. We are currently recruiting a team of up to **24 people** to join us in witnessing and sharing the love of Jesus at this event. We plan to use Gospel tracts and various sign languages to reach Deaf individuals from all around the world with the Good News!

Our family is planning to be a part of this Deaflympics mission team. This will be our family's first time ministering at the Deaflympics!

We ask for your prayers as we prepare by learning limited **Japanese**, and **Japanese Sign Language**. Support can be sent to SWM.

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# Heart for Deaf Ministry



## Missionaries to the Deaf

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Dear Pastors, Churches, Supporters, and Prayer Warriors,

June 2025

Our deputation ministry continues to teach us valuable lessons. We know that challenges **increase our faith and make us stronger**. Every lesson learned now **makes our foreign field ministry more effective**. We are thankful for counsel and advice provided by our pastor and mission board. We are sincerely grateful for your **unwavering love, fervent prayers, and steadfast support**.

**Ministry and Support Goals** – We continue to actively and passionately serve the Lord and prepare for the foreign mission field. Our fundamental mission, ultimate goals, profound burden, zealous commitment, and intense desire remain **resolute and unwavering**. We are sustained by God's faithfulness and promises found in His Word, as well as the encouragement and support of you, our fellow laborers. Recently, we shared our updated ministry goals with our mission board and were advised that **our support goal needs to increase**. Although we had hoped to transition to the foreign field by this December, we now see the need to raise additional support before taking that step. We **continue to schedule meetings** in preparation for our **long-term foreign missionary ministry**. We look forward to reaching this important milestone.

**Deaflympics Mission Trip** – We are incredibly excited to share an exciting and unique opportunity God has placed before us! This November, our family will be participating in an evangelistic outreach with **Silent Word Ministries International** at the **Deaflympics in Tokyo, Japan!** This year will be the **100 Year Anniversary** of the Deaflympics. The SWMI team will be sharing the Gospel at the Olympic competition venues all across Tokyo to reach many Deaf and hearing people. We need to raise **\$9,225** for our portion of the trip. If you can help, please designate gifts for "Gorham – Mission Trip." Thank you to all who have already contributed towards the development of the **International Deaf Gospel Tract!** Pray for us as we continue developing the tract and pray for this wonderful opportunity to glorify and honor God and see many souls saved!

Please view the attached ministry report and pictures, then rejoice with us at the Lord's blessings. We look forward to even greater days ahead. Again, we thank the Lord for you, our faithful prayer and support partners.

*"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer" – Romans 12:12*

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