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The Church and the Deaf Community

Most of us have no idea of how to communicate with deaf or hard of hearing people, especially when the message is extremely important. Most of these people do not go to church because the vast majority of them have never “heard” or received information about the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

This is the challenge that Marshall Lawrence of Silent Blessings Deaf Ministries will present at (CHURCH) ON (DAY/DATE/TIME) in a program that is both informative and thought-provoking.

Rev. Lawrence is executive director of Silent Blessings and, as the father of a deaf daughter, has been challenged himself to reach and encourage deaf individuals and their hearing families. He is also committed to providing encouragement and support through the resources and activities of Silent Blessings and local churches. A new role for Rev. Lawrence is that of Producer for *Dr. Wonder’s Workshop*, a new, cutting-edge television program for Deaf and hearing children, that began airing on networks covering 95% of the nation in fall of 2007.

The presentation will appeal to all ages and uses video, music, humor, and personal testimony. Those who attend will learn some startling statistics about the deaf community - the largest unreached people group in the United States. They will also see the possibilities of developing or supporting ministries in local churches that can reach the deaf in the most effective means.

Rev. Lawrence is an accomplished musician and broadcaster who has traveled extensively and has written material for such well known Christian artists as Sandi Patty and for theatrical musicals. He is one of the few musicians who collaborates with deaf writers to create music for both the hearing and the deaf.

(PASTOR’S NAME) of (CHURCH’S NAME) invites the entire community to enjoy this very special program of information, music and worship. The church is located at (CHURCH STREET ADDRESS) in (CITY). There is no admission charge. A free will offering will be taken.

For more information about Silent Blessing Deaf Ministries, visit www.silentblessings.org. See www.drwonder.org for information about *Dr. Wonder’s Workshop*.

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