

## DOCTRINAL BELIEFS

1. We believe in the full, verbal inspiration and authority of the Scriptures.
2. We believe in the one true God existing eternally in three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity, virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection and present intercession of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit, and His work of convicting, regenerating, indwelling, sealing and filling.
5. We believe in the creation of man in the image of God, his fall and his need for salvation through Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in salvation through grace, totally apart from works. The only conditions are faith and repentance.
7. We believe that every truly born again soul should declare his faith by the act of baptism (immersed in water) setting forth the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection.
8. We believe in righteous living and good works in the life of a believer as an evidence of salvation, but not as a means for obtaining it.
9. We believe in the personality of Satan and his present position as god of this world, in opposition to God while limited in power by Him.
10. We believe in the eternal conscious existence of both the saved and the unsaved; the saved in blessedness with Christ and the unsaved in eternal punishment.
11. We believe that the church is a local body of baptized believers. These churches are organized into autonomous local churches whose mission is to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## INTERESTING FACTS

THERE ARE SIX MILLION DEAF PEOPLE IN MEXICO, AND ONLY 7 MISSIONARY FAMILIES WORKING WITH THE DEAF IN MEXICO.

MEXICAN SIGN LANGUAGE IS USED THROUGHOUT MEXICO EXCEPT IN SOME INDIAN AREAS.

PEOPLE THAT SIGN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE HAVE ONLY 25% UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEXICAN SIGN LANGUAGE.

MEXICAN SIGN LANGUAGE HAS ITS OWN VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR, WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM SPANISH.



HOUGHTONS  
TO THE  
DEAF OF MEXICO



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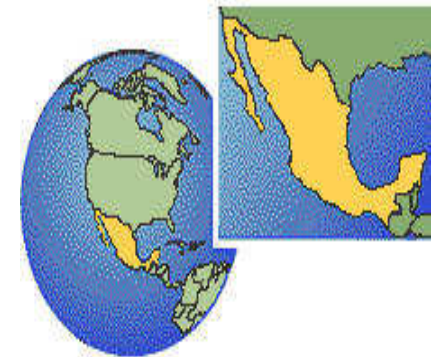
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## David and Crystal Houghton

David had the privilege of growing up in a Christian home and hearing the gospel from an early age. He accepted Christ at the age of five, through the ministry of Liberty Baptist Church in San Jose, California. While growing up, David felt the Lord leading him into missions but he used excuses as to why God could not use him. It was not until after graduating from high school that David surrendered to the call to be a missionary and enrolled at Baptist Bible College. During mission emphasis week at the college, the Lord laid it upon David's heart to work with the deaf in Mexico. David graduated from college with a Bachelor of Arts in missions and has served in the areas of youth leader, preaching, Sunday school teacher, constructing a church building, visitation, church planning, helped in mission works, music, street preaching, children's ministries, and completed his internship as a short term missionary.

Crystal grew up in church and made a profession of faith at the age of five. However it was while attending a revival meeting, at the age of 19, when she accepted Christ. During a mission trip to Mexico, she felt God's call to surrender to full time missions. Crystal enrolled in the missions program at Baptist Bible College. During mission emphasis week at college, God called her to work with the deaf in Mexico. Looking back she saw how God had prepared her for this ministry through the circumstances in her life. Crystal graduated from college with a Bachelor of Arts in missions and has served in deaf ministries, children's ministries, bus ministry, puppet ministry, visitation, youth, nursery, Sunday school, helped in mission works, and completed her internship as a short term missionary.

## Ciudad Mante, Mexico

*We are planning on returning to Ciudad Mante, a city which is about six hours from the border at McAllen, Texas. The population is about 50,000 with about 500 deaf people living in and around the city. There is a small deaf work that has been started, but there is currently no one trained to take this work. After much prayer we believe that this is where the Lord is leading us to return. This work was started by missionary Jim Walterhouse. While in Mexico as missionary short term helpers, we were able to minister in this area on several occasions. We gained a love and desire to continue to reach and serve the deaf in this area early in our ministry. Our goal is to establish an independent Baptist church for the deaf and eventually train a national pastor to continue this work while we spread in the gospel by beginning new works in other cities. There is no other Bible believing work for the deaf in the city of Mante. One main problem in this area has been the continued growth of the Jehovah Witness and the Mormon cults.*

***DAVID AND CRYSTAL SERVED AS SHORT TERM MISSIONARIES TO THE DEAF OF MEXICO FOR 2 YEARS. THEIR DESIRE IS TO RETURN TO MEXICO WHERE GOD HAS CALLED THEM TO SERVE..***

*We would like to thank you for your prayerful consideration of our ministry*

## Our Burden

TO SEE DEAF SOULS SAVED,  
DISCIPLED AND DEAF  
CHURCHES ESTABLISHED



## OUR GOALS

1. ESTABLISH SELF SUPPORTING DEAF CHURCHES
2. TRAIN NATIONALS TO TAKE OVER AS PASTORS OF THE CHURCHES
3. TO TRAIN THE DEAF TO REACH OTHER DEAF IN THEIR COMMUNITY