

From a Pastor's Point of View

Some time ago, I asked our Pastor if he would share his thoughts on having CART/captioning provided in his church, and I know his words will touch many hearts as he tells it all from a Pastor's point of view.

We encourage each one of you to look into perhaps providing CART/captioning in a place of worship. Whether providing this service for one or many, you will find it very rewarding.

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- by Pastor Dan Rogge, New Life Church, Milton, Ontario, Canada

The guiding philosophy of our church has been to "enlarge our circle of love". As I travel along life's highway, I am saddened by the alarming number of hurting individuals I see who are afflicted by deep sorrow or private pain. Many have felt deep heartache as a result of death, divorce, dysfunctional homes or abuse. Many have suffered physically, sexually, emotionally, spiritually, or psychologically due to the trauma of past or present realities. Countless numbers of people are broken by despair, bound by discouragement and in desperate need of hope!

The church possesses the good news that God can work good out of tragedy, that there is hope for tomorrow and that even if a dream has been shattered, an individual can arise and dream again! Knowing God is a liberating experience! Even as our church boldly proclaimed this amazing truth, we came across members of our society who were missing the message, not because they were uninterested but because they could not hear! We realized that few were reaching out to the deaf/hard of hearing in our community. Consequently, we "enlarged our circle of love" and broadened our scope of ministry to provide for this group of people.

Initially, we opened a Deaf Church, which meets in a portable building on our property and conducts services in American Sign Language (A.S.L.) However, we soon came to understand that more was required. Wonderfully, the Lord sent a dynamic team of court reporters/captioners our way. Through their concentrated efforts, sheer determination, charisma, and willingness to empower others, Canada's only captioning ministry to the deaf/hard of hearing was birthed. At present, we have successfully provided this service for more than 11 years and it is only through the faithful, selfless dedication of each one of the team

members that we have been able to build this vital bridge of communication and that we have been able to establish credibility in our community.

We anticipate that this outreach will continue to grow in the days ahead, that the Lord would multiply our efforts as we continually seek to "enlarge our circle of love"!

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Tallit TAL/HRAOET

Talmud TAL/PHUD

Tamar TAEU/PHAR

tarry TAER

Tarsus TAR/SUS

TefillinTAU/TPAOEL/-PB

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theology THAOELG

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Timothy TEUPL/THEU

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