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Deaf Lay and Clergy Training – Concordia Seminary, St.
Louis

How do you reach a people who will never hear or read English as a hearing person? How do you share the Gospel of Jesus in a way deaf people can understand?

The dream and challenge of the Deaf Institute of Theology (D.I.T.) is to do this, giving deaf people the tools and training to grow spiritually in His Word. The Deaf Lutheran Missions and D.I.T. at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis are expanding this joint outreach and training -- to minister to over 100 million deaf people world-wide.

With possibly ninety-eight percent of deaf people not believing in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, the need is great to train deaf lay leaders and pastors to go and preach the saving message of Jesus Christ. Many deaf lay leaders and pastors are needed to guide the thousands of deaf people in the United States, as well as in India and Africa, to Jesus.

Our grant of \$50,000 will help to continue this training of deaf pastors and lay leaders through the D.I.T. using signed materials and signed training workshops for the deaf. The goal is to train 300 workers every year. In addition many districts have requested support in training their deaf leaders to evangelize more deaf people in their districts.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” Colossians 3:17