



Jerry Sanders

REFUGE CHURCH FOR THE DEAF (DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING)

About the Family

I've been working in a deaf school 29 years. I have worked as a dormitory teacher, The Learning Center coordinator (homework assistance) and long-term substitute mathematics teacher. I directed a deaf camp based in the vicinity of St. Joseph, Mo., for 15 years. Prior to that I was a camp counselor for one year and then an assistant director for four years. I see the need for the deaf community to have Christ in their lives.

I also participated in the planting of another local deaf church. I was a member there for 35 years. I was a deacon, Sunday School teacher, a moderator in the pastor's absence and have assisted my pastor as an assistant pastor along with two other men. I have coordinated several events, a major conference, missions conferences and men's retreats.

I have a wife, Leslie Ann, to whom I have been married for 35 years. Together, we have three grown children—two of whom are deaf—and four granddaughters, plus a daughter-in-law and a son-in-law.

About the Church Plant

God called me to plant Refuge Church for the Deaf. We launched February 1, 2015, with seven charter members. We are meeting in our home. Our vision is to reach out to deaf people in the Kansas City area. We desire to worship in the area near I-70 and main highways in Kansas City, Kansas. In the future, we desire to start a ministry for the homeless.

We are small, but expecting great things through God. We have videos of my sermons in sign language posted online and on Facebook. My wife and I are deaf. Leslie Ann is very focused on ministry. She has been working on a video ministry with captioning. We are using it to reach out to the entire world (both deaf and hearing people), wherever people need Christ.

Find out how you can

Pray.

Participate.

Provide.

PRAY.

- Pray for:
 - the church.
 - a place of worship for Deaf, HOH and hearing in our city.
 - the expanding video ministry.
 - me to lead the church.
 - good health for my wife and me.
 - a van for our ministry.
 - an advanced camcorder, a laptop and a 65-inch TV.

PARTICIPATE.

- We need a van and a driver to pick up the people to attend the church and other events.
- We need help beginning a homeless ministry in Kansas City.

PROVIDE.

There are numerous ways to help a church plant. Please visit sendnetwork.com/planterfunding for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.

Contact me at refugechurchforthedeaf@gmail.com or scan the QR code below.

