THE GOSPEL FOR THE DEAF

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This article about our friend Geoffrey Hunt, who is involved in translating the Scriptures into Sign Langauges, is absolutely excellent.

> *Bible translation in sign language is about more than techniques and strategies. Itâ€™s about providing Scriptures to help the Deaf understand the special place that God holds for them in His heart. Hunt points to two specific Bible passages.*
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> *One is the account in Exodus, when God tells Moses at the burning bush: â€œWho gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute?â€ (Exodus 4:11 NIV).*
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> *â€œFor the Deaf,â€ says Hunt, â€œit is so important for them to know that God made them, to realize that they werenâ€™t just an accident.â€*
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> *The second passage is Jesusâ€™ healing of the Deaf man in the New Testament (Mark 7:31-35). Christ took the man aside by himself, a unique approach among all of Christâ€™s miracles performed on people.*
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> *â€œOneâ€”Jesus had time for the Deaf person. Thatâ€™s very important,â€ explains Hunt. â€œTwoâ€”he took him away from the crowd. When Deaf people are among crowds, they are really confused. It is important that they can come away and be separate.*
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> *â€œThese two stories give the Deaf a sense of value. They are valued people.â€*
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> *And if God values the Deaf, He certainly wants to speak to them in their heart language. (Read the whole article).*

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