



CON MIS MANOS

Update

Spring 2026

MINISTRY OBJECTIVES

- To provide **spiritual training** in-person and online through Deaf-led church services, discipleship training, and evangelistic outreach.
- To provide **educational programs** based in Mexican Sign Language to Deaf individuals of all ages.
- To provide **vocational training** to promote gainful employment of Deaf adults in the community.
- To provide **support services** to Deaf individuals and their families with financial needs through a variety of free services including medical assistance, clothing and food pantries, counseling, legal advocacy, and emergency safe housing.

Spiritual Training

The **Deaf-led church** meets Sunday afternoons at CMM. Deaf individuals and their hearing family members are taught Biblical truths and practical life applications. Additionally, the services provides a sign language learning space for the hearing family members and a fellowship time afterwards when families can receive a warm meal and find encouragement from each other. Ivan and Cinthia, both former students, now lead the church programs. Currently, the average attendance is 25-40.

Educational Programs

School classes are held 4 days a week for students of all ages. Subjects include Bible, math, reading/writing, science/health, and geography. All classes are taught in Mexican sign language (LSM). The current school semester ends June 27th. **Adult life-skills training** are held 4 days a week for Deaf adults who were language/communication deprived prior to coming to CMM as adults. This program is for Deaf adults ages 22 and up. Attendance fluctuates as older students move on to find employment after their training. Current full-time enrollment in the educational programs is 39. CMM accepts new students year-round.

Vocational Training

Vocational training workshops are held 4 days a week for teens and young adults. Due to continued discrimination of Deaf people in this state, employment is hard to find. Students moving on from CMM are often employed by three factories in town that CMM has developed a relationship with throughout the years. These factories utilize the sewing skills and carpentry skills of Deaf graduates of CMM to establish specific production lines for Deaf adults. Current workshops are auto repair, baking, barbershop, carpentry, cooking, gardening and welding. This program will be expanded upon completion of the new construction at CMM.

Support Services

Community sign language classes: Free Mexican sign language classes are open to the public. Current classes offered on a weekly basis are:

- In-person class for 90 minutes every Friday evening.
- Three online classes held Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings.

Medical Assistance is provided for Deaf individuals without medical insurance or who are denied entrance into clinic due to discrimination of Deaf people (a sad reality) Since 2019, CMM has continual access to Telehealth via a US provider who currently assists 42+ patients at CMM. Through donations for the medical fund, CMM purchases medication and pays for testing when needed for individuals experiencing financial hardship.

These are two examples of a variety of services provided for families at CMM.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS AT CMM: Started in 2023, the newest building at CMM is nearing completion and urgently needed for use. Work is underway on the interior finishings with flooring, kitchen area installation and move-in of supplies slated to be completed this summer before the start of the next school semester.

When completed, it will provide:

- Designated space for the Deaf church.
- Dorm space for young men in need of part or full-time housing. It will provide for up to 20 teens and young adult Deaf males.
- Expanded job training workshops.
- Space for short-term visitors to stay.



The job training workshop area will include a functioning bakery for the current bakery classes that are selling enough each week to be self-sustaining. Improved space for the mechanic, welding, barbershop and HVAC trainings will be more effective and able to train more Deaf adults for gainful employment.

RECENT PROJECTS

SHORT-FILM

TE ESTOY HABLANDO has become a reality! In November 2025, CMM hosted a production team for TE ESTOY HABLANDO. The film's director, MD Neely, a Christian film director in Joplin, MO has led the charge to make this project a reality. It is slated to be released later in 2026 in Mexico. It will become available in the US at a future date. The script for this dramatized film draws from the real life experiences of Deaf people in Matamoros. The film's primary purpose is to confront discrimination of the most basic of human rights. In the state of Tamaulipas, where Matamoros is located, more than 33,000 Deaf individuals are trapped by outdated and conflicting laws, lack of services from local and state officials and lack of educational and medical services outside of what CMM can provide. Our prayer is for the film to be highlighted as the local and state political campaigns ramp up for 2027. The candidates look for social justice causes to champion. With 89% of Deaf children in Mexico denied access to education and basic care, implementing human rights for Deaf individuals is an urgent cause.

Fundraising for distribution is now underway to make this film an agent for change in this region and beyond.



DOCUMENTARY ABOUT CON MIS MANOS

CMM recently welcomed a documentary team from CIY (Joplin, MO) led by director Kurt Hoffmann.

CIY has produced a short form documentary to share this summer during CIY MIX and MOVE conferences across the US. If your teen will be attending CIY this summer, we pray they are inspired and challenged by the lives of our amazing kids (and teens and adults).

Students at CMM have felt cherished through the process of filming their stories.

We are amazed at the ways God continues to guide CMM in new opportunities.

Current Financial Needs:

- Funding for 4 former CMM students now serving as teaching assistants at CMM. We need funding to provide each of the four Deaf young adults with a monthly salary of \$200 usd (total need is \$800 per month).
- Distribution funds for the short film TE ESTOY HABLANDO to reach the lawmakers and community leaders and promote lasting legal and human rights improvements. www.conmismanosdeafministry.org/film-project.

Prayer and Praises:

- We praise God for His faithful leading as CMM has begun our 23rd year in ministry.
- We praise God and are thankful for the generosity of donors to provide funding to replace the broken security gates protecting the CMM property, repairs to electrical system, van repairs and more.
- We praise God for the joy of a father who began attending the Sunday church service with his teen daughter. He sat in the back and cried when he saw his daughter participating for the first time.

Please join us in prayer for the following specific areas of need:

- Protection from area violence both at CMM and for the deaf kids in their homes throughout the city.
- New students and their families who are joining CMM activities.
- Completion of the new building this summer.
- Mental and spiritual health of several teens who struggle with feeling rejection, isolation and discouraged from the damaging cycles at home but whose families have not allowed them to move into full-time living at CMM.
- Alejandra, a 32 yr old mom of a 10 yr old CMM student who is in urgent need of a kidney transplant. This is a critical situation. We will be sharing more info as soon as it is available.

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