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Dear Family,

I am so excited to share with you how God has been at work here at the Evangelical School for the Deaf! We were able to take our six oldest students to the states for a three week long handbell tour. Our stops included New York City, Washington DC, Oceanport New Jersey, and Hanover Pennsylvania. We were able to visit Gallaudet University in DC, the only liberal arts university especially designed for the deaf. We visited the Malmark Handbell factory and learned how our bells were made. We also had the opportunity to perform and give testimonies in schools and churches as we traveled. The ABC news crew even caught up with us and did a special news report about our bell choir!

see it online at:

http://www.whtm.com/news/stories/1008/561999_video.html?ref=newsstory

Highlights from the students' perspectives included seeing their first squirrel, dishwasher, carving pumpkins and roasting s'mores over a fire. It was also their first time experiencing 45F degree weather and the changing colors of autumn leaves. We visited wonderful people, both new friends and old that we will continue to stay in touch with. ☺

Back in school, my K-2nd graders are reading *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*, by Eric Carle, one of my favorite children's author/illustrators. Now that they are mastering the words and signs, we are using his language pattern in our everyday play. "Mizael, Mizael, what do you see?" "I see a green iguana looking at me!" What literary adventure might we find ourselves on next? Algebra is going smoothly with my 10th graders, at last. When they needed some motivation, I pulled out my college transcripts and proved to them that algebra doesn't come easily to everyone.

Hurricane season has just about ended. We have several tropical storms hit and school was cancelled for a few days due to the flooding on the roads and

in students' homes. Hurricane Omar was set to hit us, with the eye of the storm being projected to pass just six miles away. Thanks to those of you who kept us in prayer. Omar blew right past without any damage occurring.

Please continue to be in prayer for me, my students and their families. Two mothers of my students have recently recommitted their lives to the Lord. We rejoice with them and our students as we see those families get back into church. I am continuing online classes to finish my bachelor's degree. This month I am taking a philosophy of education class, and enjoying most of it. One of my students has given me a golden retriever puppy. She has also been a joy, and a comfort during some lonely times.

Enjoy our fall newsletter, and remember to be saving "boxtops for education" and Campbells soup labels for us! Thank you for all of your prayers and support.

Jen

