



Youth For Christ reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.

**How does it feel** to be a deaf or hard of hearing young person in a hearing world? How do you make sense of your adolescent challenges when people around you cannot communicate easily with you? How do you handle the constant isolation created by these communication barriers? How do you understand the abundant love of God in Jesus Christ? Do you have someone who experiences life alongside you and who reflects the spirit of God in his or her own life?

**Why Deaf Teen Quest?** Deaf young people share one thing in common; they “listen” with their eyes instead of their ears! With technology and sign language, this uniqueness presents fewer barriers than ever before in history. Yet, a spiritual crisis has emerged. Few young Deaf people claim any kind of a personal relationship with God. Through DTQ, lives are being changed across the nation through an outreach that is culturally tuned-in and empowering. DTQ provides a healthy peer group environment with Christian role models who can communicate in ASL and help Deaf students develop a mature faith that makes a positive difference in the world.



## Five Essentials in DTQ

### Widespread Prayer

Essential to this specialized ministry is the development of a widespread network of Christians who regularly bring this ministry for deaf and hard of hearing young people before the Lord in prayer.

### Loving Relationships

DTQ ministry sites build relationships through the balanced combination of six Relational Ministry Actions. We connect with students to help them develop a mature faith that is reflected in healthy relationships.

### Faithful Bible Teaching

We regularly coach deaf and hard of hearing young people in how to accurately handle Biblical truth and apply it to their daily lives. We focus on the “uncluttered” gospel as a foundation for life.

### Adults Who Empower

We strategically develop leaders to reach deaf and hard of hearing young people who exemplify godly lifestyles, model cultural competence and nurture empowered indigenous leadership.

### Collaborative Community Strategy

Deaf Teen Quest was established in 2000 specifically for ministry with deaf and hard of hearing teenagers and their families. YFC Deaf Teen Quest is a ministry of Youth For Christ USA and works in collaboration with a number of other national and local ministries.