

Bio re Martha Joy Davies

Martha Joy Davies moved to Minnesota from Serra Leone January 15, 2005 when she was 20 years old. In Serra Leone she attended school with no interpreter struggling to understand what was being taught. In Minnesota she attended VECTOR North Transition Program, Intermediate District 287, from February 2005 until graduation June, 2007. With the support of VECTOR North Martha attended Hennepin Technical College and graduated with a certificate from the Printing Program May, 2007. While attending VECTOR North she had the opportunity to share her experiences and story with Legislators at Deaf Day at the Capitol in St. Paul. Since then, Martha has shared her story of being a Deaf immigrant at Intermediate District 287's all staff workshop, PEPNet Training Institute national conference in Ohio, and most recently at an interpreter workshop on strategies to communicate and interpret effectively with Deaf Immigrants at CSD, Communication Service for the Deaf Inc, in St. Paul. Martha attends a conference every summer in Washington DC with other Deaf leaders from Africa and all over the US. They discuss ways to help and support Deaf people in Africa. Martha is continuing her education taking Adult Basic Education classes and has the goal of become a nursing assistant. She recently became a US citizen. In her free time she enjoys making jewelry with beads and spending time with family and friends.