

Thirty-eight years ago Ed Everett made a simple trip to Mexico to help the poor. During this trip he realized that a unique opportunity existed to help the deaf, so he took a leap of faith. Little did he know that one of his own sons had prepared him for this very moment. "Hearing Everett" is a documentary that tells a story of faith, love, and adventure. It's about a legacy, started by one man, which continues on today.

The Everetts were your average American family of six children, living a comfortable life during the 1960's in the town of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Ed Everett owned a successful neon sign making business, owned a Cadillac, lived in a brick house, and attended church every Sunday with his wife and children. You could say they were living the American dream, or so it seemed. But a series of events would occur that would change their lives forever.

It started with a series of debilitating illnesses suffered by one of their sons, Luke Everett. Those illnesses resulted in a major hearing loss. It forced the Everetts to learn sign language in order to communicate with their son. Next, it would be Ed driving his local church Pastor and some of the deacons to a Pastor's conference in Florida where Ed made a decision to "go" wherever God would lead him. Following that, it was a trip to Mexico to help a friend out that was trying to recover from a flood. It would be on this trip that Ed would encounter a deaf shoeshine boy, and in a moment, realize a need that he and his family would try to meet.

What would follow was the selling of the family business and house. Then, after converting a school bus into a motor home and loading the family on the bus, a trip across America that ended with a border crossing into Baja Mexico to a town 70 miles south, called Ensenada.

Once the deaf children of Mexico and the Everett family intertwine, the adventure really begins. Over the next 38 years the story takes many twists and turns, from the heights of happiness, to the depths of tragedy. It's a story that delivers the message of hope, of pressing on no matter what, of realizing that the reward outweighs the cost.

This documentary is filmed in two countries, covering thousands of miles. The film will take you from the lush green riverbanks of the South, to the barren dry desert of the Baja peninsula of Mexico. The story is told through the eyes of real hearing and hearing impaired people, with raw emotion. You will come away with a better understanding of how you, as an ordinary person, can accomplish the extraordinary if you are willing to take a step of faith.

This film is designed to get churchgoers out of the "pew" and into serving their fellow man whether it be locally, or like the Everetts, over three thousand miles away.