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2-BY-2 BRINGS JESUS TO MARKETPLACE

Eldoret, Kenya On a bustling street filled with commerce, you'll find Githomo's grocery stand. It looks like any of the other stores nearby but, if you watch closely, you quickly understand the difference. Githomo's stand isn't just a grocery; it's a ministry center. He is not just a businessman, he's also a ministry leader.

Githomo is a Deaf leader in the Deaf church he attends, the fruit of the 2-BY-2 team trained and released in this area by DOOR a couple of years ago. He uses his business as a way to bring the Deaf community together to 'hear' about Jesus.

"I have seen over fifteen Deaf people give their lives to Jesus Christ! When they come to our fellowship and Sunday worship, each of them talks about how wonderful it is to learn about God in a way they can truly understand."

"Many Deaf around Eldoret come to my business, connect with each other, and learn new things. In this way my business place is similar to a Deaf association, where Deaf people come for information. I have been able to tell many Deaf people about the love God has for them. I find the five minute evangelism tool [Kenyan Sign Language DVD produced by DOOR] very helpful in sharing God's plan with Deaf people in a way they easily understand."

Most Deaf people where DOOR serves are seen as outcast, broken, and a burden to their society. When they hear about Jesus in the language they speak, and they realize they were created by God, in the image of God, and can be part of the family of God, serving and sharing with others—it's transformational!

"I have seen over fifteen Deaf people give their lives to Jesus Christ! When they come to our fellowships, they now talk about how wonderful it is to learn about God in a way they can understand."

Githomo and over 70 other Deaf believers throughout Kenya are now in their second year of DOOR's leadership training program. They learn together and go out to evangelize and disciple the Deaf members of their community. As they mature in their service, the 2-BY-2 team that discipled them will be released to begin ministry in another area, assured that they're leaving behind faithful believers who will continue the work of ministry in that area. The process usually takes about 4-6 years.

"I'm very glad to be part of the leaders' training! I'm learning so much. I'm using what I learn to teach other Deaf people in Eldoret. I'm so happy to see other Deaf people receive Jesus Christ and grow in their faith!"



NOTE FROM ROB

One of my favorite verses is II Tim. 2:2, in which Paul challenges Timothy to invest in others who can do the same. That is Jesus' model for how God's kingdom will spread.

That is one of the things that excites me about DOOR's 2-BY-2 ministry: **we invest in leaders who raise up more leaders as they evangelize and plant churches.** The model is reproducible and it works very well in the Deaf community.

We receive ongoing requests to train Deaf 2-BY-2 teams in new countries and new language groups, and DOOR plans to add at least **15 new teams next year.**

Thank you for being part of this incredible movement of the Holy Spirit as New Testament churches are being established in Deaf communities around the world!


Rob Myers, CEO



(From R to L), Michael Buus, President and Rob Myers, CEO attending a recent dedication in Kenya for a completed translation.

DOOR FUNDRAISING ACHIEVES NEW HEIGHTS



This past July, board member Sidney Jansma III climbed 19,341 feet to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro along with two of his friends. Sid trained for months building up strength and endurance. The trek itself was six days going up and one day going down, with nightly stops to get acclimated.

After the climbing, Sid and his friends visited the DOOR center in Nairobi, Kenya where they shared a meal and worshipped with the community.

When he got back from the trip, Sid told friends and family that it was exhilarating and "the hardest thing I've ever done in my life, by far." A longtime supporter of DOOR International, Sid had asked people to pledge money towards his climb which would be donated to the organization. **This resulted in over \$62,000**

that will be put to work expanding DOOR's 2-By-2 ministry! His dedication towards climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, and to this ministry, is inspiring.

- Analise Jansma

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH COMPLETE!

We'd love to hear what you think about our new website! The **first 25 people** that send us an email describing 1 thing you like, and/or 1 way we could improve the site, will get a **free gift** from us: a Bible story in American Sign Language, featuring the Mark Sorenson family (deaf missionary family serving with DOOR). This DVD, replete with humor and healthy family dialog, is a great way to learn some sign language, and offers a great opportunity for a family activity - kids and adults all love it! Send your feedback to info@DOORInternational.com today to get your copy.



2-BY-2: A MINISTRY MULTIPLIER



A NEW WORK IN INDIA

In countries (or language groups within countries) where there are few or no Deaf believers, work must begin with evangelism instead of translation. This is the current situation in five northern states of India, where nine new 2-BY-2 teams are beginning their work.

In one of these locations, a

“After this the Lord appointed 72 others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town...” (Luke 10:1)

There’s a problem in the Bible translation world that not many people know about: Far too many Bible translations sit on shelves, unused by the people groups they were meant to serve. Why?

- There may be very few believers among the local people.
- The local people were not involved in the translation process; they don’t “own” the translation.
- The local people may not consider their language to be a legitimate language.
- Local pastors and leaders do not know about the translation or how to use it effectively.

It is not enough to translate God’s Word into a language. People must be engaged with Scripture through evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and leadership development.

That’s what makes DOOR’s ministry unique. As a member of Wycliffe Global Alliance, we are the most prolific sign language Bible translation organization worldwide. But we don’t stop at Bible translation. Our heart is in the ministry that takes place on-the-ground, where we are seeing lives changed and communities impacted for Christ.

That’s why our 2-BY-2 strategy is so critical to the success of our work. Following the model of Luke 10:1, DOOR equips teams (a spiritually-gifted evangelist and a teacher) of national Deaf believers and sends them into their Deaf communities to create impact for the Kingdom.

Here are some of the outreach programs that 2-BY-2 teams are trained to provide as they serve where the Deaf are unreached (or underserved):

- Establish recreational camp programs to attract Deaf people to learn Scripture
- Provide Bible classes where stories from God’s Word are taught
- Create opportunities for discipleship of Deaf through Deaf believers’ fellowships and Deaf churches
- Identify and train other Deaf with the potential to become evangelists, teachers, and leaders
- Train new 2-BY-2 teams
- Identify Deaf—adults and children—who are gifted in evangelism and equip them with special tools to lead other Deaf to accept Christ.
- Work in local Deaf schools to teach God’s Word to the next generation

In countries where there are Deaf leaders and underdeveloped churches, 2-BY-2 teams train Deaf leaders to evangelize, disciple, and shepherd their people while nurturing future church leaders.



REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION IN NIGERIA

In June, a Nigerian 2-BY-2 team held a special meeting to promote Chronological Bible Storying. (Visit www.doorinternational.com for a more in-depth explanation of the CBS method.) The word got out, and over 300 people came out for it!

Among them was a 12-year-old Deaf boy who described his frustrations growing up in a Hearing church with no access to God’s Word in his language.

“Before I attended a Hearing church with my parents [who do not know sign language], I would be in children’s church for a whole two hours, and leave without learning anything.

“One day a Deaf man came to our school and taught God’s word very clearly [in sign language]... I discovered he goes to a Deaf church not very far from our home. With the help of an interpreter, my parents learned about the Deaf church. Now every Sunday morning they drop me off there.

“I have been attending the Deaf church for six months. **I now know that Deaf children can learn God’s word and understand it, when it is taught to them in sign language.** I have told many of my Deaf friends in school about the church, and those who come are really enjoying it.”

India

2-BY-2 team lead by "Mark" moved there at the end of May. Within a couple of weeks, Mark reported that a group of over 60 Deaf were meeting on Sundays, asking about God's Word and how to know God! **The Deaf there are hungry to know God.**

We are grateful for the ministry that has flourished here: **India has about 3,000 Deaf believers that came to know Jesus through the 2-BY-2 program.** Praise God!



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2-BY-2 GLOBAL IMPACTS:

2-BY-2 Teams



The number of 2-BY-2 teams has increased from 5 in 2010 to 21 today! Our goal is to have 40 teams in 2016.



Deaf Churches & Fellowships

In 2010, 17 Deaf churches were planted by our 2-BY-2 Ministry Leaders. Now, there have been a total of 138 Deaf churches and Fellowships planted, an increase of 811% in 5 years!

811%



Please Pray With Us

... for Githomo and the 70 other Deaf leaders in Kenya - to stay faithful, remain encouraged, and to continue to impact their communities as they teach God's Word.

...for the 2-BY-2 trainers as they follow-up every month - for wisdom, safety, and balance in their work and family responsibilities. To be wise, bold, and encouraged by what God is doing among them.

...for safety of 2-BY-2 workers in areas where the Christian message is actively opposed.

...for the International Leadership Team, sometimes separated by thousands of miles, that the spirit of unity and purpose is sustained.

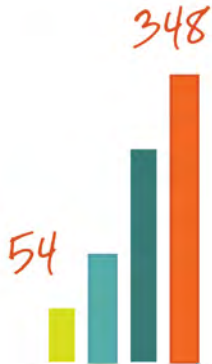
...for the US staff's continued excitement to share DOOR's ministry with new and existing supporters.

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Learn more about 2-By-2
in this newsletter!



"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10