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“Unreached.” The word sounds so foreign, so far off, so “other.” However, did you know that one of the largest unreached, unengaged people groups (UUPGs) is living right in our midst?

The Deaf collectively (70 million) represent one of the largest UUPGs in the world. Finishing the Task reports that, in the list of UUPGs around the world, 10% are Deaf. In fact, 20% of the UUPGs that number 100,000 or more are Deaf language groups.

Yet, while these groups represent a large portion of the “remaining need” in the Great Commission, they are among the hardest to reach. There are so few resources to help them access God’s Word and biblical training.

But God is changing that. In this report, you will see what God has done in 2016 in the areas of translation, training, and church planting at DOOR International. You’ll see individual stories of transformation, as well as our vision for the global Deaf community by the year 2025.

Jesus is changing lives and growing leaders in the Deaf community. Will you join us in supporting this amazing work?

Until the Deaf All Understand,

Rob Myers





TRANSLATION

Completion of the 110-passage Foundational Chronological Bible in three Indian sign languages.

Successful transition of several translation projects from DOOR center to home country.

TRANSLATION CONSULTANT TRAINING

First Deaf group in history to complete biblical training course in Israel (course offered by Jerusalem University).

2-BY-2

Number of 2-by-2 teams **increased from 21 to 35**.

Graduation of 43 Kenyan Deaf pastors and leaders from 2-by-2 Training Program.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Major advances in **Deaf awareness** among key partners, including Forum of Bible Agencies International (FOBAI) and Issachar Initiative.

2016 ACTIVITIES & IMPACT



Countries with
Active Work: **15**

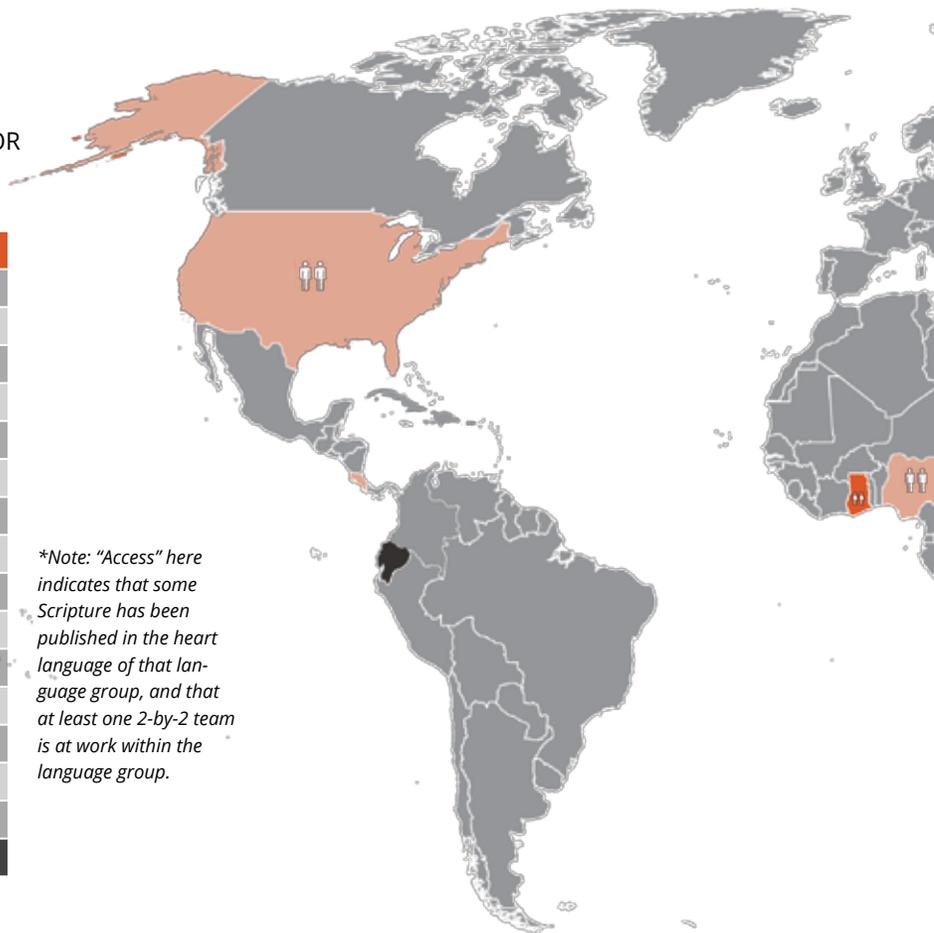


Language
Groups: **17**

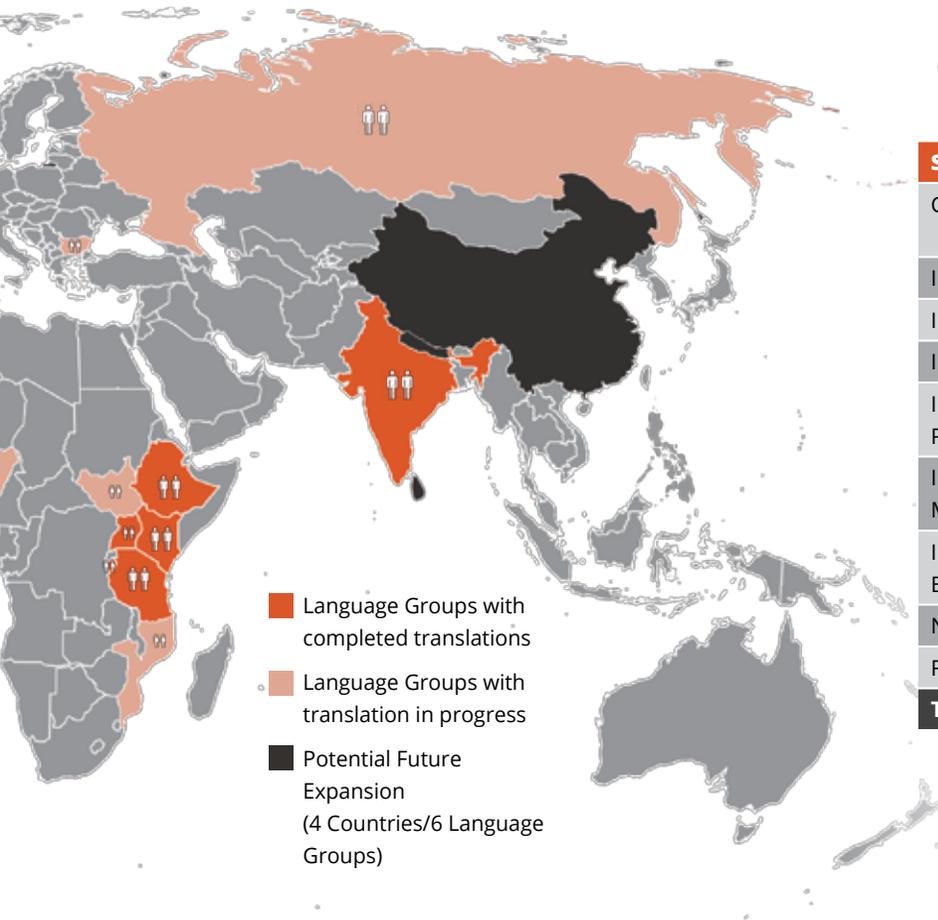


Total number of Deaf with access* to both DOOR
Translation and 2-by-2 Training: **7.73 million**

Sign Language	Continent	Population
Bulgaria	Europe	73,000
Burundi	Africa	102,000
Ethiopia	Africa	941,000
Ghana	Africa	259,000
India - Andhra Pradesh	Asia	348,000
India - Karnataka	Asia	641,000
India - Kerala	Asia	497,000
India - Tamil Nadu	Asia	679,000
Kenya	Africa	443,000
Mozambique	Africa	258,000
Nigeria	Africa	1,760,000
South Sudan	Africa	113,000
Tanzania	Africa	493,000
Uganda	Africa	376,000
United States	North America	750,000
Total		7,733,000

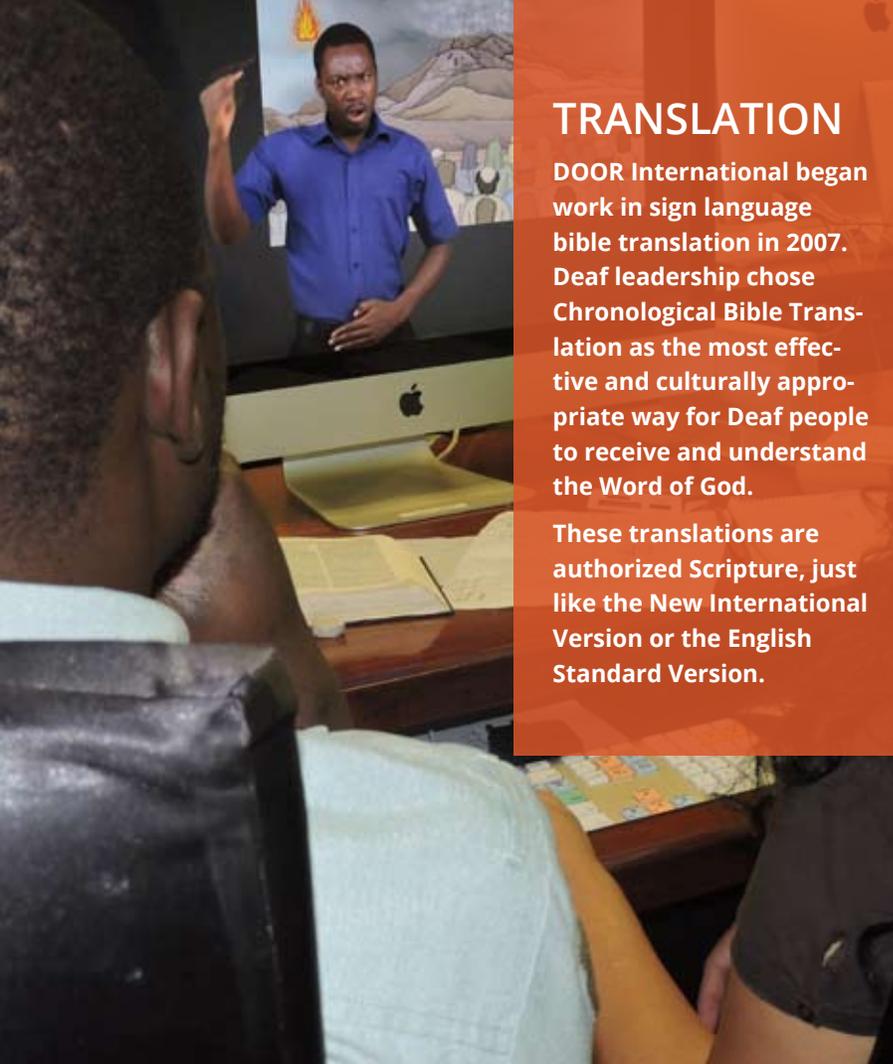


**Note: "Access" here indicates that some Scripture has been published in the heart language of that language group, and that at least one 2-by-2 team is at work within the language group.*



Additional language groups where DOOR is working:

Sign Language	Continent	Population	Work
Costa Rica	North America	48,720	Translation
India - Delhi	Asia	99,000	2-by-2
India - Gujarat	Asia	627,000	2-by-2
India - Haryana	Asia	254,000	2-by-2
India - Madhya Pradesh	Asia	733,000	2-by-2
India - Maharashtra	Asia	1,140,000	2-by-2
India - West Bengal	Asia	900,000	2-by-2
Nepal	Asia	278,000	2-by-2
Russia	Asia	1,450,000	Translation
Total		5,529,720	



TRANSLATION

DOOR International began work in sign language bible translation in 2007. Deaf leadership chose Chronological Bible Translation as the most effective and culturally appropriate way for Deaf people to receive and understand the Word of God.

These translations are authorized Scripture, just like the New International Version or the English Standard Version.

South Sudan is no stranger to violence. Born in 2011, the world's newest nation has been unofficially "at war" with Sudan since 2013. Approximately 2.3 million people have had to flee their homes, according to UNHCR. Some 678,000 people are living across borders as refugees, and 1.69 million are internally displaced.

The South Sudan translation team began work at DOOR Africa's training center in May 2015. Even though the South Sudan project is new, it is already demonstrating the power of the Gospel. God's Word in South Sudan Sign Language is transforming the hearts of translators and community members.

"Since I started Bible translation in South Sudan Sign Language, my hunger for God's Word has grown a lot," signs one member of the translation team. "In the past, reading God's Word was a task that was too heavy for me to bear. Now, I enjoy watching the passages we are translating.

"It is interesting for me because God communicates to us in the form of stories. As a Deaf person, stories are part of my daily life."



1.6 million

Deaf people in Asia
gained access
to God's Word

2

New translation
offices opened.

1,000+

Bible passages
community tested for
clarity and accuracy.

77

Bible passages completed
and released in Nigerian
Sign Language.

8:45am
9am - 10:30am
10:30am - 11:30am
11:30am - 1:00pm
1:00pm - 4:00pm
4:15pm
5:00pm
6:00pm
7:00pm
8:00pm

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Miracles



451

Deaf evangelists and teachers trained.

33

Deaf school programs started.

77

Deaf believers' fellowships started.

2,984

Chronological Bible Stories shared.

TRAINING (2-BY-2 PROGRAM)

The best people to reach Deaf nationals are other Deaf nationals. We help recruit and train pairs of Deaf leaders to form what we call “2-by-2 teams,” based on Christ’s actions in Mark 6:7: “And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two...”

The teams, comprised of an evangelist and a teacher, are sent into the local Deaf community to make disciples. The goal is a model of church planting that is reproducible and sustainable. These local Deaf believers’ fellowships are not DOOR churches, but instead are led and run by local believers.

Sahil and Bhavya attended a church faithfully for eight years, but experienced no peace or change in their lives. One day, they learned about the ministry of Lakshay, a DOOR 2-by-2 worker, and decided to take a closer look.

Lakshay taught Bible classes using sign language Scripture resources developed by DOOR. After watching them, Sahil and Bhavya accepted Christ into their hearts and were baptized in the

name of Jesus. They were so happy after meeting the one true God. Sahil and Bhavya didn’t know their new faith would soon be put to the test.

One day, Sahil’s father discovered the couple watching a DOOR Chronological Bible Translation DVD. He quickly became angry, and gathered family members. They threatened to kill the pair, to which Bhavya responded, “If you want to kill, then kill us. We won’t fear; we are ready to die for Jesus.”



CONSULTANTS IN TRAINING

The need for Deaf sign language translation consultants is immense. Deaf consultants can provide skills and experience that hearing consultants never could: an innate knowledge of how to express the Scriptures visually, and firsthand understanding of Deaf culture.

DOOR International began its Deaf Consultants-in-Training (CIT) program in 2013 to address this very issue. There are currently only two fully trained and officially recognized Deaf translation consultants in the world.



Visiting the Holy Land brings Christ-followers to a new level of understanding. This comprehension is critical for people like our Deaf leaders and Consultants-in-Training (CITs), who help translation teams understand the context of God's Word.

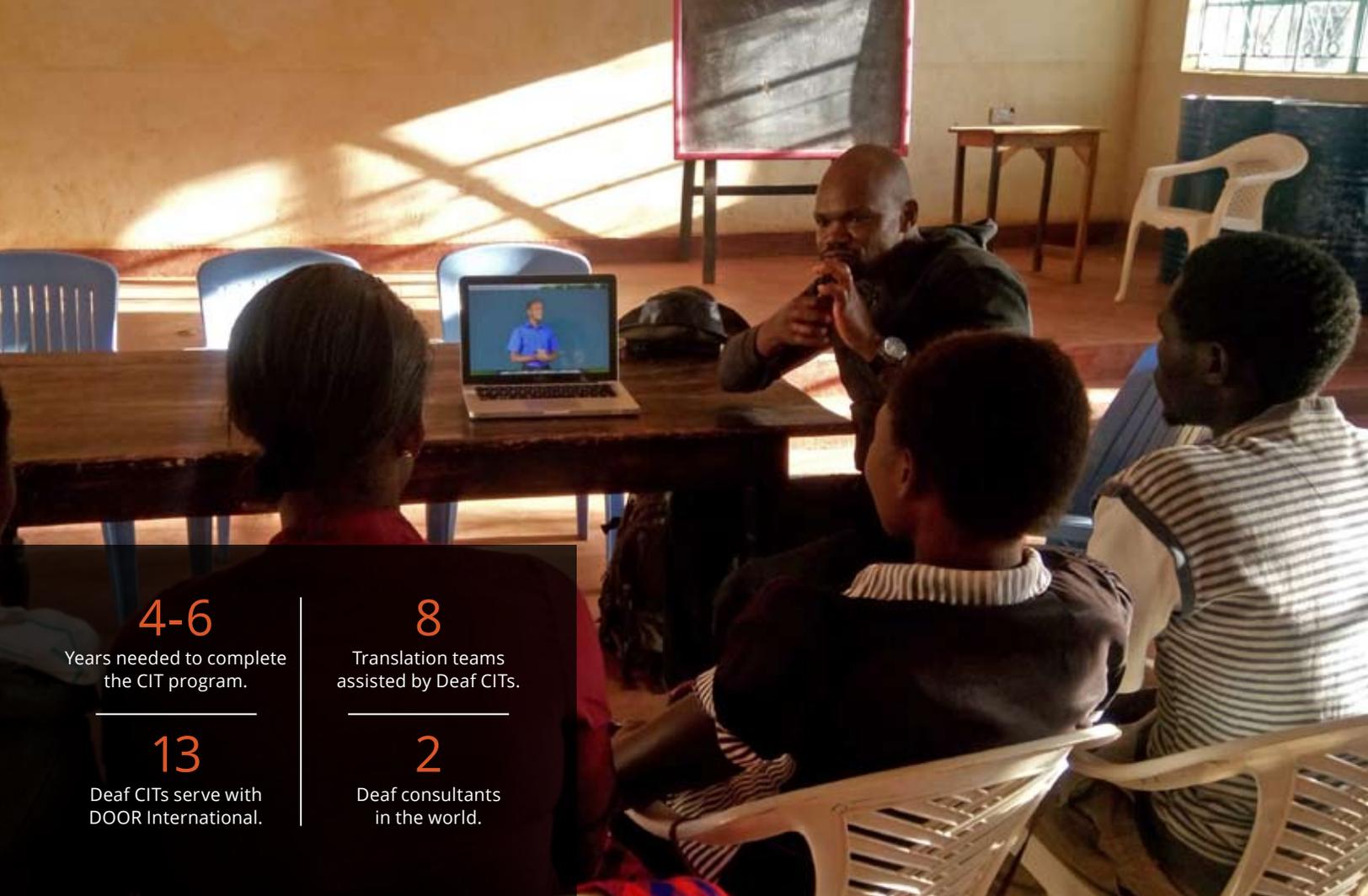
In 2016, 13 Deaf leaders from five different nations spent an intensive four weeks studying biblical history and topography in Israel.

"My understanding of the truth of God's Word -- as seen in Biblical times -- has blossomed so much," signs Mark Sorenson, DOOR's Program Coordinator for the Americas and Eurasia.

"After seeing the Holy Land, it is now very evident that the Word of God in the Bible is genuine!"

One night, the group visited with the local Deaf population. The locals were amazed to see a group of Deaf from so many different countries. They asked why the group had come to Israel. After explaining, Mark and other Deaf leaders showed one of DOOR's Bible translation videos.

One Israeli Deaf man stood spellbound, his eyes riveted to the screen. "Do you have those in Israeli Sign Language?" he asked. Upon Mark's negative reply, the man exclaimed, "Why not?!"



4-6

Years needed to complete the CIT program.

8

Translation teams assisted by Deaf CITs.

13

Deaf CITs serve with DOOR International.

2

Deaf consultants in the world.



NEXT GENERATION

Most Deaf children and young adults in Kenya attend Deaf schools. Through a partnership with the national Christian Deaf association, DOOR staff are reaching this “next generation” for Christ. Teachers use DOOR’s Chronological Bible Study (CBS) for religious curriculum, while DOOR’s Deaf translators and staff become positive role models for Deaf students. DOOR 2-by-2 teams train Deaf leaders to work in the schools and communities.

Njoroge (7) and Esther (13) are perfect examples of the “before and after” effect that DOOR’s Deaf school program is having in Kenya.

BEFORE

An isolated life, tending to and sleeping alongside his family’s livestock, was the future that lay ahead of James Njoroge. Born Deaf, Njoroge was always the “problem” his hearing parents needed to “fix.”

His father thought he had exhausted all options for his son; he was resigned to building a space for Njoroge in the cow shed -- until he learned about a Deaf school partnering with DOOR International.

Several years ago, DOOR Africa staff also pointed Esther’s mother to a partnering Deaf school.

AFTER

Growing up, Esther did not know sign language and had no way to communicate. Whenever someone would try to talk to her, she would immediately start crying. Her mother wanted to enroll her in a Deaf school, but there were no openings.

After many attempts by DOOR Africa staff and by the grace of God, an opening at the school came up in 2010. Esther was enrolled and the rest, as they say, is history.

“Today, Esther is a completely changed girl, bold, sharp and fluent,” reports a DOOR Africa staff member. Her father adds, “I am amazed to see how much Esther can communicate.

“I thought she knew too little. Since joining the Deaf school, she has recovered most of the knowledge she had lost.”

14

Deaf schools currently receive CBS lessons and leadership training.

6

Additional Deaf schools to receive CBS lessons in 2017.

3,798

Deaf students saw God’s Word in their heart sign language.

3

Regions have been identified for further expansion.



TRANSFORMATION

10 YEAR VISION

The Deaf can only be reached if they have God's Word in their heart language (sign language) and if local leaders have been trained in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting in a reproducible way.

To that end, DOOR International's Deaf leaders outlined a vision to reach the global Deaf population for Christ. DOOR's efforts will operate in coordination with partner organizations.

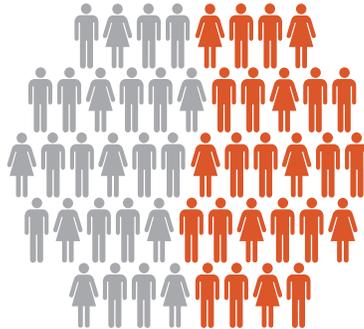
**By 2025, 50% of the world's
70 million Deaf will have:**



Published Scripture
available in their heart
sign language, and



A reproducible **Deaf-led church planting**
movement among their people group.



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES



DOOR International is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. We strive to honor Christ in all areas of its ministry, including ethical and financial standards. We are a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) and uphold their rules for Christian ministries. Because we value financial transparency, our finances are audited annually, and audited financial statements are available upon request.



	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:			
Contributions	\$798,286	\$1,254,554	\$2,052,840
Donated Services	\$46,670	-	\$46,670
Grants	\$743,935	-	\$743,935
Other Income	\$44,502	-	\$44,502
	\$1,633,393	\$1,254,554	\$2,887,947
NON-OPERATING REVENUE:			
	\$3,960	-	\$3,960
RECLASSIFICATIONS:			
Net assets released from restriction	\$1,096,455	(\$1,096,455)	-
Total Support, Revenue, and Reclassifications	\$2,729,848	\$158,099	\$2,887,947
EXPENSES:			
Program Services	\$2,111,667	-	\$2,111,667
Supporting Activities:			
Management and general	\$538,820	-	\$538,820
Fundraising	\$270,826	-	\$270,826
Total Expenses	\$2,921,313	-	\$2,921,313
Change in Net Assets	(\$187,505)	\$158,099	(\$29,406)
Net Assets:			
Beginning of Year	\$3,610,095	\$292,262	\$3,902,357
End of Year	\$3,422,590	\$450,361	\$3,872,951

A woman with dark hair in a purple shirt is speaking to another woman. She has her hand near her face as if gesturing or emphasizing a point. The background is a simple room with a white wall and a dark bag on a table.

*As it is written,
“Those who were not told about him
will see, and those who have not heard
will understand.” — ROMANS 15:21*

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