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JOIN MY *support team*

As I begin my journey to South Asia, would you be interested in continuing to pray for me and/or financially support my work among Deaf women leaders?

Please use the response card enclosed to join my team!

Exciting news! On March 1, 2017, I will be leaving the US for South Asia! The time has now come for me to go where the Lord is leading, and to serve Him among the Deaf women leaders! A big "thank you" to everyone who prayed and gave for this to become a reality!

"He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."

1 Thessalonians 5:24

prayer REQUESTS

- Pray that all the details will be worked out as I begin to plan, pack, organize, move out of my apartment, sell my car, and leave my full-time job in preparation for leaving the US.
- Pray for a smooth transition from the US to South Asia. Pray for traveling mercies, protection, and health for me as I fly and adjust to the culture and climate of South Asia in the coming months.
- Pray that, when I arrive in South Asia, that all the details will fall in place for housing, etc. Pray for His wisdom and guidance as I begin connecting with the Deaf women leaders that I will be working with.

testimony

Hiram* grew up in a Hindu family. He is married to Ana* and they have one child. He did not know anything about God. **One DOOR missionary, Ramon*, came and taught him about the Bible.** The "Creation Story", in particular, had a strong impact on him. For the first time, he understood God made man and woman in His image, and how they ended up in sin. **After hearing the story, he realized that he was living a sinful life. In response, he decided to give his life to Jesus.** He had always believed that man was under the woman, and the woman was superior in the home. Now he understands that man is the head of woman. **Now he knows the truth and is living for Christ!**

His wife, Ana*, grew up in another part of South Asia but relocated when she married Hiram. **When she met Ramon*, she too came to know Christ.** She now wants to learn more about the Bible, and **teach Bible stories to the Deaf girls in their province.** Most of the Deaf girls do not know the truth, that Jesus is the one, true God. Please pray for her to learn and apply the Bible stories to her life. Pray for Ana as she helps Deaf girls to know Him. **From this, we pray God will raise up more Deaf men and women leaders in South Asia** who would desire to learn how to reach the Deaf in their communities for Christ.

*names changed for security purposes

"We are ready to die for Jesus."

These are words you may expect to hear from someone in the early church. Between 64 A.D. and 313 A.D., historians estimate that over 400,000 Christ-followers were martyred at the hands of persecutors.

However, these words aren't the ancient "last thoughts" of a first-century martyr. They are part of a statement recently made by a persecuted Deaf believer in South Asia. *"If you want to kill, then kill us. We won't fear, we are ready to die for Jesus,"* Bhavya* told her persecutors.

Bhavya and her husband, Sahil*, learned the Truth of Christ from Lakshay*, a DOOR 2-by-2 leader. That knowledge, though life-changing, would come at a high cost.

pray for the PERSECUTED

The church Sahil and Bhavya had been attending for eight years had "Christian" in the name. God's Truth wasn't being shared. Though faithful attendants of this church, **Sahil and Bhavya experienced no peace or change in their lives.**

One day, after hearing about many Deaf people who were getting saved through Lakshay's ministry, the couple decided to take a closer look. **When Lakshay started teaching Bible classes using sign language Scripture resources developed by DOOR, Sahil and Bhavya's eyes were opened.** For the first time, they learned about sin and punishment, and also the importance of salvation through Christ.

Later, Sahil and Bhavya accepted Christ into their hearts. **They didn't know their new faith would soon be put to the test.**

Bhavya and Sahil both came from high-class families. When Sahil's father discovered the couple watching a DOOR Chronological Bible Translation DVD, he became angry. Sahil's response only made his father angrier. **Sahil said they knew who they followed, and that they would no longer worship the gods their family was devoted to.** Sahil's father beat the couple, and told the entire family about their conversion.

When Sahil's family and Bhavya's family gathered to confront them, the threats quickly intensified. Family members 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."*

Realizing the strength of Sahil and Bhavya's newfound faith, the families pursued another option. They began seeking the person who told Sahil and Bhavya about Jesus, and found instead Hiran*, the Deaf brother of one of Lakshay's co-workers. Hiran stood firm in his faith when questioned by Sahil and Bhavya's families.

Will you please join us in prayer for Sahil, Bhavya, Lakshay, and Hiran?

The region where these Deaf believers live is notorious for honor killing – the murder of family members who "bring dishonor" upon the family.

DOOR International's mission is to bring God's Word and reproducing Christian fellowship to the Deaf of the world. DOOR is a non-denominational, non-profit (501(c)3) Christian mission organization of many Deaf people (and a few hearing people).



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