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PRAISE &
prayer

Our offer on a home has been accepted, and we will be closing on our new place in mid-May! Praise the Lord!

We are sad to lose two of our signers as they are relocating out of the state, but we are thrilled to have six people interested in being part of the team! We have approved three of them, and the other three people will be evaluated. Please continue to pray for the new signers.

God recently blessed me with an opportunity to attend five community check sessions in Chicago, Illinois, and three sessions in Wausau, Wisconsin. Each session benefited the Deaf community greatly, and many said it helped them understand God's Word in a much clearer way, gaining a fresh, new perspective.

Our Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) helped a group of Deaf believers in Chicago understand that God's Word held more authority than their church's doctrine. In Wausau, DOOR's translation methodology encouraged a Deaf woman. She was pleased to learn that we use the Hebrew and Greek Bible as our source text, rather than using a specific Bible version (such as NIV, KJV, or ESV).

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PERSPECTIVE



Participants in both Chicago and Wausau asked us to come back again. **They want to help us with our translation and learn at the same time.** I shared with them that I have learned more every time while working on scripts! When I read and re-read the Scriptures, I may find some details that were overlooked. I often share my findings and what I have learned from them with my family.

I recently discovered this Scripture; it really touched me. "But we have turned away from secret and shameful ways. We don't use trickery, and **we don't change the teaching of God. We teach the truth plainly. This is how we show people who we are.** And this is how they can know in their hearts what kind of people we are before God." 2 Corinthians 4:2 (ERV) I decided to keep this verse on my laptop to remind myself daily. **I pray that our team follows God's Word, and shows the world God's love and light.**

Our translation team meets every week on Monday. We review the draft versions of our CBT, and compare them to notes we have received from our translation consultant. We also compare our drafts to the original text, which includes Hebrew and Greek Bibles. We have many hours of discussion during these meetings, and we gain more knowledge of the Bible every time.

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The main purpose of this weekly meeting is to make sure our ASL translation is based on Scripture, not our own thoughts, opinions, beliefs, and/or denomination's teachings. We also have an obligation to follow the standards of the Forum of Bible Agencies International (FOBAI) on how translation works and to capture the Scriptures' meaning. If we follow FOBAI standards, this ASL version of CBT can be approved by a translation consultant. **Once the translation consultant has approved the CBT, it is authorized Scripture, just the same as your ESV or NIV.** Our translation consultant works in partnership with Wycliffe, and it's awesome to know such a great partner is involved.

Our family has been very involved in several activities! **Our daughter, Natasha (15 years old), has been involved in several bands:** Jazz Band, Minnesota Youth Jazz Band, and Pep Band, to name a few. She really enjoys her rehearsals and concerts. **She received her learner drivers' permit last February;** now she wants to drive for us all the time! She will be receiving an Academic Letter Award at the end of this month.

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Our son, David-James (13 years old), has been involved in several activities at his school, including soccer, basketball, swimming, chess club, and drama club.

Lauren is now working as the Business Office Manager for Keystone Interpreting Solutions. **She is working from home.** It has been a challenge and an adjustment after working in an office outside the home for over 25 years. She is starting to like the fact that she is home for her husband and her kids.

We are looking forward to moving into our new house mid-May, and getting settled into our new place before our busy summer schedule!

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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