

Israel

Seven Deaf people traveled to see Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Caesarea, Masada, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, and more - in just 8 days! The Jerusalem Center for Bible Translation asked Mark (along with a few hearing people) to lead this group on a tour of Israel. Mark's experiences traveling Israel in the fall aided him greatly on this expedition. One night, the group slept in an oasis in the middle of the desert after riding camels. Late that night, they walked out of the oasis into the cold desert to look at the stars, which blanketed the sky with sparkling diamonds and helped them imagine what the world looked like back in Abraham's time.

After the eight-day tour, they had a week of meetings with the Forum of Bible Agencies International (FOBAI). FOBAI is made up of executives and CEOs from different Bible translation agencies. They meet annually, and this year's meeting was located in Jerusalem. One of DOOR's Deaf leaders presented during the conference, and many attendees were touched by the huge need for a Deaf-friendly Bible translation. This leader experienced first-hand the frustration of going to church and not understanding who God was until his involvement with Bible translation at DOOR. FOBAI added a new division, Deaf Development Group, to their pre-existing two (Translation and Scripture Engagement) to focus on the Deaf as an unreached people group.



Eurasia

In May, Mark was in Eurasia for eight days to visit the translation and 2-by-2 teams. The translation team is anticipating the completion of 32 Scripture translations by the end of this year, and they plan to celebrate the completion this fall. The 2-by-2 teams are excited to use this resource to spread the Gospel. They have had six CBT classes in the capital city already. Those classes ignited a hunger in the Deaf people, and they are desperate to know more about God and how He relates to them. Twenty-seven Deaf people attended an evangelism camp hosted by the teams, which was a tremendous success.



FURTHER travels

Mark also traveled to both Raleigh, North Carolina, and East Asia in April and May, respectively. He was in both places for four days each.

- In Raleigh, Mark provided the 2-by-2 team there with more training and follow-up.
- In East Asia, his time was centered on partnership meetings with multiple Deaf leaders who are passionate and committed to making plans for translation and 2-by-2 teams in their countries.



FOR I KNOW THE
PLANS I HAVE FOR
YOU, PLANS TO
prosper YOU
AND NOT TO
HARM YOU, PLANS
TO GIVE YOU A
HOPE AND A
future

JEREMIAH 29:11

Marisa

Hello family & friends! I recently graduated from North Central University in May with my bachelor's degree in communication arts. I am currently living and working in the beautiful city of Minneapolis, while continuing my studies at the same university to earn my master's degree in strategic leadership with an anticipated graduation date of Spring 2018. After that, we'll see where God calls me!

Tyler

As Marisa was finishing up with her graduation ceremony, I also had a graduation ceremony of my own. I graduated from Anoka Ramsey Community College with an Associates of Arts degree. **I plan to attend North Central University this fall and major in Biblical and Theological Studies.** I am ready to start working hard this fall and see where God leads me.

In other news, I am joining the American Sign Language CBT (Chronological Bible Translation) team as a signer. I recently finished the first draft of the story of Zacchaeus climbing the tree to see Jesus. I was the main signer for the Godman movie 10 years ago, and would appreciate your prayers as God leads me in this endeavor.

Krysta

Hello family & friends! This spring I graduated from high school, and now I am planning on going to community college for a degree in graphic design. **My passion is to use my interest and skills in graphic design to help further God's Kingdom.** I am currently planning on obtaining an associate in arts; we will have to see where God leads me after that!

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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