



# HANDS OF FAITH

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- Praise God for the two Deaf that accepted Christ on June 11<sup>th</sup>. What joy to see them added to the Kingdom.
- Praise for the two new CBT studies that started in June in Raleigh and Zebulon.

## PRAISE & PRAYER

- Pray for two more CBT studies in the planning stages.
- Pray for DCF (Deaf Community Fellowship) Core Team, as they continue to grow in the Lord and take on more leadership. Their hearts and service for Him is truly evident.

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Our story begins with a hearing child asking her Deaf parents to read Genesis 1 from the Bible. The child had heard her friends talk about God creating the earth, and she wanted to know and understand what the Bible says. The parents are not able to help their child because they don't have the Bible in their heart sign language! You may be thinking this story relates to overseas or in a remote part of Africa, but **no!** This is right here in Oxford and parts of North Carolina!

## bringing SCRIPTURE TO LIFE

"THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE, AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND." ROM. 15:21

We thank God for DOOR and the resources that are available right now. **We still lack resources to reach the Deaf with the Gospel.** According to DOOR's annual report 2016, **seven countries have a Bible translation in their sign language, but other places have little to no translation at all.** Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) is necessary for bringing God's Word to life for the Deaf community here and worldwide! **Why?**

- The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) estimates there are 70 million Deaf people worldwide. For many of them, reading is a challenge because their first language is sign language.
- WFD also estimates that 80% of the world's Deaf do not have access to education.
- When working with Deaf children, Arlene experienced the lack of materials to assist the Deaf in the schools. She had to spend hours making materials to assist in their learning.

We are so thankful for CBT and how it has touched the lives of the Deaf! **On the next page, you will read three testimonies of how CBT is impacting lives.**

# GOD IS MOVING IN OUR MIDST

- My name is Curtis\* and I used to attend a hearing church with no interpreter. I went for a while, didn't understand, and quit. When DCF (Deaf Community Fellowship) started, my mom encouraged me to attend. When I met several of the Deaf, I felt encouraged. As time went on, the more I began to understand, the more my life began improving for the better. I have struggled with being mean-spirited, but I now see this meanness changing in me. I'm starting to see the love DCF shares and I'm wanting that too!

Please pray for Curtis; he is close to accepting Christ.

*\*name changed per Curtis' request*

## TESTIMONIES FROM THE FIELD

"In that day, the Deaf will hear the words of the book." Isaiah 29:18a

- My name is Beth, and I visited DCF on June 2, 2017. I have never seen the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) before. **That day, God's Word had meaning, it was clear, and the application section (the dialoguing) helped me clearly understand King David when he went astray.** The CBT on the Deaf Bible app will be used more in my life.



- My name is Jerri and I attended a CBT study. I saw an account from the CBT called, "The Great Flood." In Genesis 6:1-9 and 17, God was not happy with His creation and wanted to destroy it. But, God found one man, Noah, and saved him and his family. I contacted Arlene and shared my thoughts. The next Sunday, we went to a room; Arlene used the CBT to help me understand more clearly.

**That day, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. From that point on, my husband and I have been using the CBT for our time together to study God's Word.** It has helped me finally understand God's Word!

- My name is Shayna and I **hated attending church! Why?**

- The interpreter's skills not good.
- I became bored.
- I didn't understand how to apply Scripture to my life.

Then I attended DCF (Deaf Community Fellowship) and experienced the Deaf Bible (CBT), dialoguing, and worship. **My perspective changed big time!** I started inviting my Deaf Facebook friends to come experience this too! Now learning about God is clear and wonderful!

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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