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REACHING

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THE DEAF IN THEIR HEART LANGUAGE

THE POWER OF PRAYER

- Please pray for my support raising process. I hope to raise enough to move to Kenya towards the end of the summer to begin my training as a Consultant-In-Training.
- Please pray for safety, wisdom, and guidance as I travel to speak at churches and small groups about God's heart to see Deaf people come to know Him.
- Please pray for peace and God's guidance in Kenya; the Kenyan presidential election will be held in August.

God, the Creator of heaven and earth, had a plan when I was born profoundly Deaf to a missionary family who knew no Deaf. **My parents had no clue why I was born Deaf, but they placed trust in God that my deafness will be used for His Kingdom.** While I was growing up, my parents decided to give me as many resources as possible. This included learning American Sign Language (ASL), getting a cochlear implant, and learning to speak English.

IDENTITY

KNOWING WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

When it was time for me to enter school, my parents placed me in a mainstreamed school. I was the only Deaf child among all hearing children. For most of my life, I grew up in a hearing world, not knowing many Deaf. This caused me to want to be just like the hearing. I tried to forget my Deaf identity, including sign language. **No matter how hard I tried to escape my Deaf identity, God always found a way to show me my true identity.**

When I entered university to study Theology, my life changed! One of my interpreters tried to convince me to attend Deaf Bible study at a local church. I kept hesitating because I thought the Deaf were "lower" than hearing people, and I considered myself hearing, not Deaf. After some time, I decided to go so the interpreter would stop asking me. When I attended the Bible study, I realized that the Deaf were people who had more in common with me than the hearing. As I continued attending the Bible study, I finally realized and accepted my identity as Deaf. **I want to use the talent God has given me as a Deaf person for His Kingdom!** Once I finished college, I felt God leading me to DOOR International, an organization made up of mostly Deaf with a few hearing.



DOOR FOCUSES ON TWO TASKS:

DOOR International (Deaf Opportunity OutReach) is an organization that focuses on spreading God's Word to the Deaf community around the world.

→ CHURCH PLANTING

DOOR helps recruit and train teams of two Deaf leaders from the local community (an evangelist and a teacher), called a 2-by-2 team. These teams are equipped with a translation of God's Word in the local sign language and sent out to do the following:

- build relationships with local Deaf
- share God's Word in the local sign language
- disciple new believers
- help form local Deaf believers' fellowships (churches)
- identify and train Deaf evangelists, teachers, and leaders

→ BIBLE TRANSLATION

There are approximately 70 million Deaf people in the world and less than two percent of them know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Moreover, there are around 350 different sign languages worldwide, and there is no complete Bible in a single sign language!

Why do the Deaf need a Bible in sign language rather than the written language? A majority of the Deaf worldwide are functionally illiterate, and the **quickest way to reach them with the Gospel is not to teach them to read, but instead to translate Scripture into their heart language – sign language.** For this reason, I plan to join DOOR International as a Consultant-in-Training with a goal of becoming a certified Translation Consultant. As a Translation Consultant, I would be working with Bible translation ensuring its accuracy between sign language and Greek/Hebrew. **For this training, I will move to the DOOR-Africa Training and Translation Center in Nairobi, Kenya.** Prayerfully, I will relocate at the end of the summer.

DOOR International's mission is to bring God's Word and reproducing Christian fellowships 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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While DOOR seeks to apply every gift as intended, all contributions are solicited with the understanding that DOOR has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Would you like to be a part of reaching the Deaf with God's Word in their heart language?

YOU CAN PRAY!

I need prayer for wisdom and accuracy. As you know, when you are doing important work for the Lord, the enemy is not happy and loves to interfere. **Pray for my safety and health. Pray for the unity of the translation teams.**

YOU CAN GIVE!

I can not do what God has called me to do without your financial support. **Please prayerfully consider supporting me on a monthly basis.** You may do so in one of the following ways:

- **Donate through the DOOR website, www.doorinternational.org.** Click on "Donate." In the "Additional Information" section at the bottom of the page, select "Missionary." In the comment box, please specify Bobby McCoy.
- Fill out the **enclosed response card** and mail it in the return envelope provided.
- Give through **Electronic Funds Transfer.**

