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Praise & Prayer

- Pray that our transition would continue to go smoothly, and we could step into our roles and fill them well.
- We had a great run of speaking presentations at a large number of churches, and we're thankful for wonderful receptions and encouragement.
- Pray that new opportunities to speak and share about DOOR and our transition would open up.
- Pray that God would raise up new financial partners so we can continue in ministry.

One of the reasons we went into missions was meeting people who had spent their lives in service to something greater than themselves.

SCRIPTURE *changes* LIVES

God's Word has the power to change people's lives. **It's changed our lives, we've seen the good fruit it produces all over the world, and there's literally nothing greater that we could serve than the Lord and His Word.** It can be easy to take Bible translation for granted, but when you see people without God's Word, and then **see the impact of having it in their lives for the first time, there's no doubt about it: scripture changes lives.** Ultimately, that's why we do what we do.

IN ALL YOUR WAYS
HIM
acknowledge
HE WILL DIRECT YOUR PATHS

After spending ten years with Wycliffe Bible Translators, transitioning to a different organization is a challenge. But we are so excited about joining in what DOOR International is doing! **Their passion**

for Bible translation arises from a first-hand experience of the need, and their emphasis on leadership by the local community shows their heart of service. Through some of the tough times over the last year we wondered where God was taking us, but as always **He had a plan, and joining DOOR feels like coming home.**

DOOR International's mission is to **bring God's Word and reproducing Christian fellowships to the Deaf of the world.** DOOR's calling is two-fold: translation and training.

- DOOR helps Deaf communities **translate the Bible** (and other resources) into the sign languages of their home country.
- DOOR **trains and equips Deaf leaders** in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting to reach their communities for Christ.

Their vision is "Deaf reaching Deaf for Jesus Christ," empowering the Deaf to reach their own peoples. **What a privilege to play a small part in reaching this highly unreached people group.**

Many of you have asked what our plans are for the future, and where we're headed next. Initially, our plan was to move to Michigan as soon as possible to be based at DOOR's headquarters, but it's been decided to postpone that move for the time being.



FINDING JOY IN THE *Journey*

We will remain in western New York for the next year, at which time we'll reconsider moving. We're still in the process of transitioning to DOOR, and anticipate being completely switched over sometime in September. In the meantime, **we are continuing to visit churches and are working for DOOR remotely.** Once the transition is complete, we'll be working primarily in the following areas:

- **Information Technology:** Dan will be responsible for coordinating DOOR International's US-based technology infrastructure, doing things like website maintenance and improvements, planning for the future, and generally being available to help with all things technology.
- **Language Survey:** Building on our experience with Wycliffe and SIL, we'll be working to maintain and expand DOOR's language and project databases, support global survey projects, and train DOOR staff in survey techniques.

Both of these jobs will probably call for overseas travel fairly often, so we'll continue to be travelling as needed. In the meantime, we're excited about the chance to remain in western New York and enjoy the fellowship of our community and home church for a while.

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.

As many of you know, our transition to DOOR and move to a US-based budget comes with increased financial need. To continue in ministry, we're praying that 270 new partners would commit to coming alongside us financially in the amount of \$10 per month. If you've already expressed interest in getting involved, now's the time to act!



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JOIN OUR SUPPORT TEAM

Please prayerfully consider supporting us on a monthly basis. You may do so by one of the following ways:

- **Donate through the DOOR website,** www.doorinternational.org. Click on the "Donate" button. In the "Additional Information" section at the bottom of the page, select "Missionary." In the comment box, please specify for Dan and Sarah Eberle.
- **Fill out the enclosed response card,** send in the return envelope along with your donation.
- **Give through Electronic Funds Transfer.**

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