



# THE SIMONS FAMILY

JEREMY, WHITNEY, EVAN, JOSIAH, COLIN

Ofori Emmanuel and Francis are seeing an upsurge of Deaf believers in Koforidua, Ghana. **One Deaf man, Amoah, thought Christianity was for hearing people only.**

*"I was born and raised here in Koforidua. Church has never been part of my life. I attended a hearing church growing up and I didn't like it. It was tailored for hearing people and since I am Deaf, there was no sense of belonging for me.*

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## PARTNER WITH US

Thank you for your prayers and generous support over the years. We could not fulfill God's calling on our lives without your help! We continue to walk daily in faith and trust that our abundant God will provide for our every need.

Would you prayerfully consider increasing your support or joining our support team? Our family is entering a season of increased need. We're trying to cover growing medical expenses and counter normal donor attrition, while at the same time meeting typical family needs. **We'd love to connect with you, please feel free to call or email us.** Our contact information is at the bottom of this page.

## THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE GOSPEL

*"This changed when some Deaf friends told me about a Deaf church that was led by a Deaf pastor. I was immediately curious because I had never imagined a church led by a Deaf person. I attended the Deaf believers' fellowship with my friends, where the Deaf pastor taught God's Word in sign language. The*

*warmth and understanding of God's Word that I received touched my heart.*



*"My life has been transformed. Through the teaching and preaching of God's Word in my heart language, I became fully aware of my sins and how my life grieves God. I **accepted God's forgiveness in Christ**, and I now think differently.*



*"Recently, my Deaf pastor taught about water baptism and I was the first to be baptized. I am so thankful to God for reaching out to me and using Deaf believers who communicate in the language I understand best. I **feel a burden in my heart to tell every Deaf person I meet about God's love for them.** God indeed loves Deaf people and wants us to spend eternity with him in heaven. I **was wrong, the Church is not just for hearing people.***

In our last newsletter, we requested prayer for discernment concerning a personal ministry within Northwest Arkansas (NWA), where God has placed us.

# CALLED OUT

“In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.” Proverbs 16:9

As we began to pray specifically for God’s will in this area, we sensed God saying, “I called you out of Kenya for a purpose...out of one world and into another...out of the familiar and into the unknown.” As the door to Kenya began to close, unbeknownst to us, God was already beginning to open doors here in NWA.

Kenya has approximately 36 Deaf believers’ fellowships (churches), whereas NWA has one. The need is indeed great.

Isaiah 43:19 says, “Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.” We are standing on the truth of Isaiah 43:19. Though we are still seeking His good and perfect will, we see Him beginning to lay a firm foundation.

**Will YOU continue to stand with us in prayer?**

- Pray not only for the salvation of the Deaf around the globe but, specifically, for the Deaf in NWA who have yet to know Christ and His saving grace.
- We encourage you to pray that **God’s Word will touch hearts and lives will be transformed**, just like the testimony from Ghana.

**Be CALLED OUT to stand in the gap for these unreached people.**

- Evan has officially outgrown Mom. He is only 13!
- Colin, who just turned six, is finishing kindergarten in public school.

## CATCHING UP: THE SIMONS 5

- The two older boys still homeschool; Evan is completing 7th grade and Josiah (11 years old) is completing 6th.
- Whitney started teaching American Sign Language at homeschool co-op. She has 28 students! She loves it!
- God continues to bring special friendships into our lives, in ways only God could have orchestrated.
- We bought a house in Rogers, Arkansas. God has blessed us with wonderful neighbors...lots of boys to play with!

## GOING DIGITAL

DOOR is growing, reaching more Deaf in more places. **E-Newsletters (going paperless)** allows more resources for reaching the Deaf.

**Unless we hear from you, your next newsletter will come via email.** For those who prefer postal mail, contact Whitney. To change your email address or add a second email for your household, send changes to [WhitneyS@doorinternational.org](mailto:WhitneyS@doorinternational.org).

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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