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# REACHING

THE DEAF IN THEIR HEART LANGUAGE

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## PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for the Deaf in Kenya as another set of translated Scriptures, "Believers Grow How?", will be distributed on June 9.

Please pray that the translation may bring salvation to the Deaf who do not know Jesus Christ and continuing growth for those who are serving Him.

## goGREEN

DOOR International is "going green" to help reduce costs. If you wish to get my newsletter via email, please send a note to [bobbym@doorinternational.org](mailto:bobbym@doorinternational.org) and I will add your email address to my list! Thank you!

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I've been at DOOR-Africa's Training and Translation Center in Kenya for several months now! It has been a blessing to work with the Kenyan Sign Language (KSL) translation team in finishing up the series "Believers Grow How?"

## TRANSFORMING POWER



However, the KSL team is not the only team here in Kenya. Translation teams from Mozambique and South Sudan are also here working at DOOR-Africa. During my free time, during lunch, in the evening, even during the weekend, one of my favorite things to do is to sit with a translator from Mozambique or South Sudan and chat. I enjoy hearing about:

• their culture,

- their life prior to moving to Kenya to work on Bible translation,
- and especially how they came to know about and accept Jesus.

Both teams have an amazing story about how they came to work on the Bible translation in their heart language, but today's focus will be on the Mozambique translation team.

By all appearances, the Mozambique translation team seems at peace and at ease as they work together. However, this was not always the case. God has worked through this team in amazing ways, bringing them together to translate God's Word in their heart language.

2 Corinthians communicates this perfectly.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ." 2 Cor. 5:17-19a

# THE OLD HAS GONE **NEW / CREATION** THE NEW HAS COME

## CELSO

Celso is not your typical leader. Every day, he greets you with a charismatic attitude that is simply contagious! Which is something that only God can do. Celso was known as a dangerous thief in Mozambique until he found himself in a prison cell where one of his cellmates shared the Good News of Christ with him.

## JOHANE

Another translator, Johane, had a similar "dark" reputation. Before he came to Christ, he was known as a karate bully, full of rage. In fact, he would knock out anyone who posed a threat to him; everyone stayed out of his way.

## AGOSTINHO & BELVION

The remaining two translators on the team, **Agostinho and Belvion**, attended the same Deaf school as Celso and Johane. Agostinho and Belvion were young kids when Celso and Johane were teenagers. Agostinho can recall story after story of Celso and Johane fighting each other on a regular basis. Agostinho and Belvion grew up in a Christian home but the Gospel was not presented to them because their parents did not know sign language.

When Celso became a Christian, and the Deaf community saw the radical change in his life, they wanted what he had. Now, Celso, Johane, Agostinho, and Belvion are working together in harmony translating the Bible into Mozambique Sign Language. Agostinho stated, "Looking back, I never thought that we would be working together, but God had a unique plan to bring us together for His work." The Mozambique translation team works in unity, just like broken glass pieced together becomes a beautiful mosaic.



In mid-September, I will be returning to the U.S. to help the American Sign Language Bible translation team until the end of the year. Meanwhile, I would like to visit YOU during the month of September or December, please contact me at [bobbym@doorinternational.org](mailto:bobbym@doorinternational.org) if you wish to meet! I'd love the opportunity to share all God is doing through DOOR International. Thank you!

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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