

summer 2018



a spark of RECOGNITION

"I know you!" a Deaf woman told me. I (Mark) racked my memory, concluding that I had never seen her before.

"We haven't met," she told me. "I recently finished watching the 32 ASL CBT passages!"

"That's great!" I said. "Did you know that we're working on the next 77 CBT passages?"

"Really?" Her eyes got bigger. "That's so exciting! I can't wait to tell others that more Scripture passages are coming! We so need them!"

Thank you for your support and prayers as we work to get the Bible out to Deaf people everywhere!

Praise report – the Deaf people in Israel are very interested in starting a translation project! When I visited Israel two years ago, my group stopped by a Deaf center in Jerusalem. The Deaf we met expressed an eager interest for a translation in their sign language.

the old testament A FIRM FOUNDATION

Fast forward to this spring. A group of people from DOOR, Deaf Missions, and Deaf Bible Society (including myself) met with a team there that will begin work on a translation of the Old Testament this fall. They will not be translating the New Testament because of their Jewish faith.



However, they did not object to the idea of a New Testament translation, only that another team would have to work on it. They said we were welcome to translate that Testament. This is wonderful news! Imagine translating the Bible directly from the Hebrew to Israeli Sign Language! Pray that the Lord uses this to reach the hearts of Deaf Jews in Israel.



FOLLOW HIS LEAD

Our oldest, Marisa, graduated May 4th with her master's degree from North Central University. She has been working full-time with DOOR in their communications department since March. It's been a true privilege to watch her grow up with her eyes fixed on the Lord and her feet ready to follow where He leads. We are extremely proud of her.



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I (Mark) was privileged to be one of the **guest presenters** at **Deaf Missions' bi-annual Deaf Christian Leaders Conference in Nebraska** from May 16-20. My 15 minute presentation was about Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) and its uses in the church.

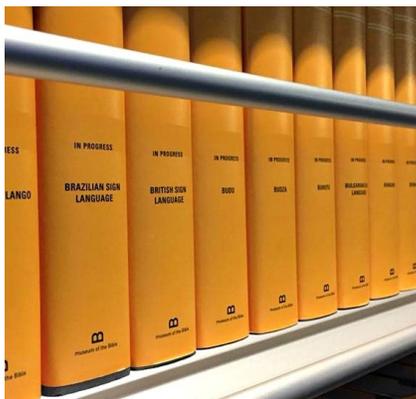
A Deaf pastor from southern Minnesota shared the following with the audience after the presentation:

"Last summer, I decided I wanted to try something new with my church. During the rest of the year, I would prepare sermons and preach them. But that summer, my church and I went through the first 32 passages of the ASL CBT. We watched three passages each Sunday, finishing the whole series in one summer. Throughout the whole process, my church maintained their enthusiasm, absorbing and delving into the CBT. In the fall, we returned to the regular sermon series I prepared.

"Now, as we approach summer, my congregation is asking if we could go through the CBT series for the second time. They are excited to review the Word of God, and that is a wonderful thing to see."

SO ALL MAY "HEAR"

DOOR International attended the annual Forum of Bible Agencies International (FOBAI) conference in 2018. The conference was in the **Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C.**; it had a profound impact on our staff.



We explored the **Illuminations Room**, where shelves along the walls are filled with different colored books to help indicate which languages have been translated, are in progress, or have no translation yet. Some reactions from the DOOR staff were:

- "So many of the **sign language translations are still yellow.**" (Yellow means no translation has been done yet.)
- "There's our language! **That represents our work! That's amazing!**"
- "**We are a part of history.** Our work is represented in this high-quality museum in Washington, D.C. We are here only because of God. **Praise Him for His work, and that He would use us!**"

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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