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PRAISE & prayer

PRAISE: During my recent visit to New York, I visited the Deaf fellowship at my home church. I was blessed to see the Deaf pastor using DOOR's Chronological Bible Translation. After seeing the DVD, one young man got up and retold the story of Noah in detail. The pastor explained that this man has trouble recalling details from the written Word, but when seeing it in his heart language, he can retell it clearly.

PRAYER: My older sister, Sandy, passed away on May 22nd after battling ovarian cancer for 3 years. I am comforted knowing that she loved the Lord and is now with Him forever. I am thankful I was able to visit her in April, before she passed away. It was a special time.

SEEDS of FAITH

Bringing God's WORD & reproducing Christian FELLOWSHIP to the DEAF.

The love of God is reaching the Deaf here in North Carolina, and it is really making a difference in their lives!

your ways
ARE HIGHER
THAN MY
WAYS

As a 2-by-2 team member, my responsibilities are to seek out Deaf evangelists and teachers, train and equip them with the translation of God's Word in their heart language, American Sign Language (ASL). Our teams then set up Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) small groups. The goal is a model of church planting that is Deaf-led, reproducible, and sustainable.

Serving the Deaf here in North Carolina has been challenging. A few months ago, one of our 2-by-2 teachers was called to another ministry. Although it was a setback to our work, I know God is faithful and sovereign. Not my plans, but His. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9

As we press forward, will you partner with us in praying for God to provide new Deaf leaders? I have been networking here in NC with our 2-by-2 team. Recently I attended a "Together in Christ" weekend conference. It proved to be very fruitful. I am working with our contacts in Fayetteville for possible future CBT small groups.

THE HEART LANGUAGE speaks to the heart

THE LANGUAGE THAT YOU THINK IN AND UNDERSTAND BEST



As the Deaf meet together weekly, they are learning God's Word in their heart language. Most Deaf have seen God's Word in the written language, but now for the first time they are seeing it with their eyes. God is revealing deep truths of Scripture. God's Word is breaking strongholds, touching hearts and lives, and communities are being changed.

"So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in Love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love the surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 3:17-19

wide + long + high + deep IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST

EPHESIANS 3:18

They are not just learning Scripture; they are living it out and people are witnessing the change in their lives. **The Gospel never stops being a miracle.**

*"I grew up Deaf, experiencing many different types of oppression and abuse. When someone hurt me, I hurt them back by gossiping and shutting them out of my life. At the different churches I attended I was told that Jesus wants me to forgive and to love my enemy. I thought that was impossible. I was recently saved and baptized at a Deaf Believers' Fellowship. In small group, I began understanding more and more of what God should look like in my life. One day, someone hurt me really bad and I responded badly. I was so ashamed. I wanted to shut out God and shut out everyone except for those I wanted to vent with. Through the love and patience of my sisters and brothers in Christ, I was restored back into fellowship. **The Story of the Samaritan Woman really helped me understand about worshiping in Spirit and in Truth.** I needed to be forgiven and forgive."*

Our 2-by-2 team worked through the Biblical process of restoring this person back into our fellowship. It was not easy and took many weeks of faithful prayer and patience. But **God, who is faithful, brought restoration.** There are many Deaf here in North Carolina and around the world who have deep scars. Only Jesus can remove them. With God's Word and his faithful servants, we can minister with Truth and Grace.



MOTHER'S DAY CHILD DEDICATION

This year, we had a special Mother's Day celebration that included a child dedication. Stephanie Slade, our Deaf 2-by-2 evangelist, dedicated her 8-year-old son, Delante, to the Lord. Delante recently accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. We are praising God for spiritual growth within our 2-by-2 team.



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