



THE SIMONS FAMILY

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When the Gospel takes hold in a Deaf person's heart, their life is forever changed. Take Ntare Ndizeye, for example.

The Deaf community in Bubanza, Burundi both feared and pitied Ntare. They could see that,



BEHOLD!

HE MAKES ALL THINGS NEW

serving in the US w/
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FOR THE GOSPEL

We have been missionaries with DOOR for almost 9 years. God continues to provide for our family and we are grateful that He uses you to do that. **We could not fulfill God's calling on our lives without your help!**

Our family has entered a season of growing children and increased medical costs. Please consider how you might be able to increase your support. Perhaps additional gifts or increased amounts; or perhaps you'd be willing to introduce DOOR and our role with DOOR to friends and family who may be willing to include our family in their charitable giving. A gift to support our family allows the "movement" of reaching the Deaf to gain momentum.

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beyond Ntare's vulgar exterior, he was a broken man. **Ntare's heavy drinking and frequent fights did little to mask his need for the Savior.**

This need compelled Francois, a Deaf church planter serving with DOOR International, to action.

"When I first met Ntare and introduced myself as a Christian leader, his reaction was toxic," Francois recalls.

*"He immediately started accusing Christians of being hypocrites who don't care about people. I listened patiently as his rant continued. Afterwards, I asked if I could pray with him. **This opened something new in Ntare.**"*

"After several weeks of meeting together, Francois invited Ntare to a class for Deaf who want to know more about God."

"He came, and I was touched by his ability to answer questions and connect with what I was teaching. After several months, Ntare asked for us to pray for him to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior."

*"Today, Ntare is a changed man. He attends our Bible study and worship every week, and I see much potential in him to serve God among the Deaf through his testimony and skills. I am thankful to God every time I see him. Indeed, **the Bible in sign language is bringing eternal transformation among the Deaf here in Bubanza.**"*

"If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Cor. 5:17

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THROUGH EVERY DAY SHARE JESUS

As our passion grows for the Deaf of Northwest Arkansas, we see the most marginalized group within the community to be Deaf children. The number of Deaf children in our community is fairly small; subsequently, there are very few resources for their families. In all these years, never has God brought more Deaf children and their hearing families into my (Whitney's) life, in the most seemingly random ways. We know that, with God, nothing is random but divine.

I began providing support to one family this year with more opportunities on the horizon. Please pray as I discern God's direction in each situation. I have such a heart for these families as they navigate this new world of sign language and Deaf culture.

HERE'S TO THE MONTHS THAT TURNED INTO YEARS WITH THE FRIENDS THAT TURNED INTO FAMILY

From the very beginning of our time in Kenya, our families were fast friends. Many cherished memories were made, from birthdays to sleepovers, from many holidays to simply living out daily life together, the Ninans and Cadds were friends that became family.

For several years now, our families have been separated, living in different parts of the world. That's life as a missionary family - many hellos and many goodbyes.

This summer, God orchestrated a precious reunion with our "Kenyan" family. We were gifted a five-day stay in a beautiful lake house in West Michigan. As we drove up the driveway of the lake house, enthusiasm ran high. We all jumped out of the car ready to embrace one another. It felt just like time had never passed...playing games, swimming, laughing, telling stories and jokes. What an encouragement to sit together, talk, share hardships, pray and encourage one another.

We look forward to another "family" reunion in the coming years.

THEN & NOW



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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