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JOIN MY TEAM

Ways to Give

With my transition to Romania from South Asia, my budget has increased. To begin ministering in Romania, I'm praying for new partners to join my team. If you've already expressed interest in getting involved, now's the time to act!

Please prayerfully consider supporting me on a monthly basis. Ways to give:

- Donate through my profile on the DOOR website, www.doorinternational.org/julia-bange.
- Fill out the enclosed response card and mail it in the return envelope provided.
- Give through Electronic Funds Transfer. If you are interested in this option, please contact Brad at the DOOR office, 616.741.7200.

This past August, I bid farewell to the Deaf women leaders of South Asia. I will miss their sweet spirits, strong faith in Christ, and eager desire to grow in Him; my heart will continue to be with them in the Spirit of Christ! I am now eagerly looking forward to the next wonderful opportunity that is awaiting me in Romania to serve with the SIL International Global Sign Languages Team (GSLT) in the area of hospitality and as an administrative assistant.

In this transition, I will remain with DOOR International full time but will be seconded to SIL International GSLT to serve on their team. DOOR and GSLT have had a very close relationship for many years, working together in sign language Bible translation.

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During my time in the US, as I transitioned between the two roles, several challenges arose. One of them was the serious illness of my mother and her emergency open-heart surgery. The past few months, my focus has been to care for and support my mom during her recovery. She continues to improve; your prayers are appreciated for a full recovery.



My scheduled departure for Romania is April 15, 2019. It is imperative that I raise the full 100% before my departure. As of now, I am 52% of the way to reaching my goal! I need your help! Would you prayerfully seek God's heart and consider joining me in this endeavor to serve the GSLT to get God's Word translated into the sign languages of the Deaf?

As a part of the Global Sign Languages Team that I will be joining in Romania, here is a glimpse of what happens within the team and the focus of our work in sign language Bible translation.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

SIL, Global Sign Languages Team

A Deaf school in Buzau, Romania, learned about the TBSR (Translation of the Bible for Deaf in Romania) Facebook page through a friend. This year, at the school Christmas event, instead of interpreting the story of Jesus' birth from the Romanian Bible, they were able to show the video of the TBSR translation. When they saw the video translation, the Deaf couldn't believe it. Now, they are asking for more Scripture that they can use at the school.



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At a recent community check, the Deaf audience did not understand the story of “The Coming of The Holy Spirit” from Acts 2:1-41. When each person in the crowd understood the disciples speaking in their own language and asked in amazement, “What does this mean?” The Deaf people watching thought that the crowd didn't understand the disciples at all. With this in mind, the team modified the translation in order to better communicate this passage. Now the translation is more clear and understandable.

Some of the team went to a Partners in Mission (PIM) conference and shared about the TBSR translation work. Many of the hearing people at the conference were surprised by the need for Bible translation into sign languages. They thought that the Deaf could just read the Romanian Bible without a problem—they never realized that a sign language Bible translation is necessary due to the differences in written grammar and sign language grammar!

My role will consist of supporting the team in areas of hospitality, caring for visitors, organizing meetings, running errands and other essentials necessary to keep things running smoothly. The team will be able to focus more on translating God's Word into the sign language if they have the support and encouragement they need!



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ABOUT DOOR

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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