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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the transition into my new role. This requires several meetings with different people as well as trips to South Asia and Kenya, each for a couple of weeks.
- Please pray for the Translation Consultant for the American Sign Language (ASL) translation. Please pray as he accomplishes this tremendous work. Our goal is to complete the 110 portions of Scripture that make up the "Follow God How?" and "Serve God How?" series in ASL by the end of the year.



EYES TO SEE

This Christmas, God blessed me with the opportunity to visit my family! During this visit, my parents, my sister (Grace), and I went to the movie theater. As we were walking down to the auditorium to enjoy the movie, we saw a young Deaf man working at the cinema. He noticed our family using sign language to communicate. He came up and asked Grace and I if we were Deaf. This resulted in a short chat. Once the movie was finished, I noticed him just standing, guiding people to

specific auditoriums; people were just walking by him as if he was invisible.

Invisible. That's the word to describe

Deaf people all over the world, including our home turf, the United States! **There is an unreached people group right in front of your eyes!** May the Lord give you eyes to see.

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IN MY DREAMS

God revealed a dream to me that could only come from Him.

I was out on a lake fishing; I had a fish on the line and as soon as the fish came out of the water it transformed into a person. **The person asked me to teach him how to fish**, so I did. As the person and I were fishing, I spotted another person standing on the shore. I rowed the boat to shore to meet him. He asked me to teach him how to fish, so I invited him on the boat and taught him how to fish. After teaching these two men how to fish, I asked them to go to other lakes to fish and do the same as I did with them. I continued to catch more fish which transformed into people, and people kept coming to the shore for me, so I kept teaching new people how to fish. **My response is, "Here I am, Lord, send me."**



A BURDEN TO TRAIN

During my time in Kenya last year, I enjoyed helping the Kenyan Sign Language translation team as a CIT; however, I also embraced every opportunity to go out and visit Deaf churches throughout Kenya.

There are about thirty Deaf churches throughout Kenya, with an average congregation of 10-15 people. The majority of their leaders are young and passionate! Because of an overall lack of Deaf-friendly training in evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and leadership development, DOOR has developed 2-by-2 teams. These teams are trained to:

- build relationships with local Deaf
- share God's Word in the local sign language
- disciple new believers
- help form local Deaf believers' fellowship
- identify and train Deaf evangelists, teachers, and leaders
- help the Deaf form their own national Deaf Christian association

Because of the extensive 2-by-2 teams in Kenya, they have seen Deaf churches grow, thrive, and reproduce. DOOR uses this model in countries throughout the world.

As I observed the Deaf churches in Kenya, I took the time to reflect on my experience with Deaf churches in America. The average congregation of Deaf churches in America consist heavily of people 60 years of age and older, many even in their 70's and 80's. I thought of what the Deaf church in America would look like in the next decade. Will the Deaf in America, a so-called Christian nation, become more

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unreached because of the lack of young Deaf Christian leaders in the church?

As I thought and prayed over this need, not only for the Deaf in America but around the world, God gave me a burden to help grow strong, healthy Deaf churches, well-trained and prepared to do Kingdom work.



MY NEW ROLE

Previously at DOOR, I was training to become a Translation Consultant, but this is not what God has in store for me long-term.

I will now begin a new role in 2-by-2 resource development for Deaf church leaders. I will also visit Deaf leaders all over the world, using these resources to encourage them to grow and stay strong. Lastly, I desire to reach out to Deaf youth, especially those in my age range, in the country of my birth.



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ABOUT DOOR

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