

# THE SORENSON FAMILY

## SERVING WITH DOOR INTERNATIONAL

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

- DOOR is partnering on a translation project in the Middle East; however, the project has run into a few snags and is experiencing oppression. Pray that God will smooth the path and that the Deaf in the Middle East will come to know Christ!
- Pray for Mark as he is traveling more than usual in the next few months. Pray for safety and pray for the family as they remain at home.
- Pray for an important upcoming training in Michigan as Mark transitions into his new position.

### FINISH THE TASK

#### Unreached, Unengaged People Groups

Recently, Mark and Marisa traveled to California to participate in a conference called **Finishing the Task (FTT)**. FTT was started in 2000, and its goal is to reach the remaining Unreached, Unengaged People Groups (UUPGs). **Unreached and unengaged means there are no full-time ministry workers or Scripture resources for these people groups.** They are completely isolated from the Gospel.



296+ different organizations and 25+ countries attended the conference, totaling up to 500+ people. **At the beginning of the conference, there were 343 UUPGs remaining out of all the people groups in the world.** Finishing the Task's goal was to make sure someone adopts each group. Adopting a group means that organization takes on the responsibility of sending a full-time worker to that group by the end of 2020.

There are over 8 million people total within the 343 groups. 53 of these groups were Deaf people groups, totaling up to 2 million (around 1/4 of the list). Mark gave a workshop on reaching the Deaf people groups, sharing that there is no complete Bible in sign language and the scarcity of mature Deaf Christian leaders. By the end of the week, all 343 UUPGs had been adopted! **Pray for the adopting organizations; pray for wisdom and the resources to reach the groups they adopted.**

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Due to a restructuring of DOOR in order to reach our goal of reaching 50% of the Deaf worldwide by 2025, Mark is transitioning into a new position.

## NEW POSITION

Formerly, his job title was International Program Coordinator, but **he will be the new International Translation Coordinator.** He will be overseeing all of DOOR's current translation projects and recruiting new teams for future projects.



## A TESTIMONY FROM THE FIELD

Mark traveled to Kha last fall to follow up with the team DOOR has there, and they shared this testimony with him.

**\*Sasha, a Deaf man from Kha, indulged in drugs, drink, and vaping.** People feared him, because he was a known gang member and was a threat to everyone around him.

Sasha became very sick, and was brought to the hospital. The doctors told him he was near death. He became very worried and started searching for help. **He wanted God, and visited churches vainly seeking God.**

Someone at church asked him if he wanted to be saved. He said "Yes, of course!" The person prayed with him, and Sasha repeated the prayer the person said, ending with a heartfelt "Amen!" **He kept on attending the church but felt no changes within his heart.** His spiritual life remained stagnant, and he finally gave up. He started working the streets, selling trinkets to tourists. The Deaf church had a baptism celebration, and Sasha showed up. **\*Vasko, one of DOOR's 2-by-2 team members, spotted him wandering around all alone.**

*"I pulled him aside and had a long conversation," Vasko shared. "I tried to convince Sasha to come and join in the church community, but he protested that he had to work."*

Sasha went back to being a street vendor, but he quickly became stupefied. **He couldn't sell any wares at all the week following his sit-down with Vasko.** He knew in his heart that God was putting up a stop sign for him—that he had to go back to church and learn more about Him. **Jobless and hungry for spiritual truth, Sasha was able to devote his wholehearted attention to God's Word.** Vasko shared the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) with him, and then he was able to watch the stories for himself on the computer. Vasko and Sasha engaged in a lively dialogue about the truths contained in God's Word. **Sasha understood God, accepted Him, and started showing life transformation and spiritual growth.**

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### ABOUT DOOR

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