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## REACHING THE DEAF IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.

I am so grateful for all of you who partner with me through finances and prayer. God provides through YOU.

## PRAISE & PRAYER

As I continue to network within the Deaf community here in North Carolina, please pray for safety as I drive and that God will prepare hearts to receive His Word.

There are 5 Deaf people interested in learning about DOOR's methodology for church planting, and possibly become church planters themselves. Our present team is taking steps to train these people for leadership roles. In addition, Mark Sorenson and Allan Oroczo from DOOR, will be here in May to lead training. Pray that more Deaf people will become church planters!

Deaf reaching Deaf for Jesus Christ, empowering the Deaf to reach their own people.

## ROOTED IN CHRIST

Transforming Deaf communities starts when individual lives are changed by the Word of God in their heart sign language...

### DID YOU KNOW?

Deaf people connect with God and worship Him very differently than hearing people do. There is one God, one Lord, and one body, but we are diverse.

“ Lives are changed by the Word of God in their heart sign language. ”

God receives and enjoys worship from hundreds of different cultures and languages all over the world. He rejoices to receive true worship from the hearts of Deaf people as well, and **this happens best in the context of an indigenous Deaf believers' fellowship.**



Deaf people are skilled storytellers; Jesus taught with stories. 75 percent of the Bible is narrative (story). **The Deaf pass on information, values, and traditions through stories told in precise chronological order.**



In a Deaf believers' fellowship, they teach God's Word in story format. **The stories are repeated in drama and song, with the goal of everyone in the fellowship learning the story by heart.** They are free to ask questions and seek clarification, satisfying their desire for interactive learning.

# IN SPIRIT & IN TRUTH

The Deaf believers' fellowship (DCF) in Raleigh, North Carolina is continuing to grow in spirit and in truth. **The Deaf who are attending are going deeper in God's Word** because of the Chronological Bible Translation and DOOR's methodology. God's plan for the Deaf to know Him is becoming a reality.

Please read this powerful testimony from a woman who attends a church with a Deaf ministry (interpreted service).

*"It is a joy to see the spiritual growth and excitement among the Deaf in spreading the Gospel. I knew a few of them before DCF started. My husband and I were involved in our church's Deaf ministry that used ASL interpreters. **There was very little, if any, discussion during the church service and Sunday School.** One member would struggle to stay awake; another was close to accepting Jesus but didn't understand. A few desired to do more for the Lord, but felt hindered in their pursuit of ministry leadership.*

*"Now, I see them understanding the Gospel message and accepting Jesus as their personal Savior because of the Chronological Bible Translation. They are applying God's Word to their lives, becoming active leaders, and reaching out to their communities, who are witnessing what Jesus Christ's power can do."*



God's spirit is moving within our Deaf fellowship. As they watch the Chronological Bible Translation in their heart language, they are memorizing Scriptures and retelling

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it with amazing accuracy as well as applying it to their lives. An additional blessing is that they take these Scriptures and create songs of worship during the service.



Some Deaf-blind attendees recently started coming to DCF. One of our Deaf leaders set up a video system to provide access to the Gospel for the Deaf-blind attendees so that they can be a part of the dialogue with the other Deaf members.



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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.

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