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God is continuing to move in Deaf communities worldwide. Now—more than ever—is the time for the Deaf. Here is why:

- Deaf ministry has been highlighted in prominent Christian gatherings like the 2019 Passion Conference and the 2018 Finishing the Task Conference
- More prominent hearing missions organizations (like Cru, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Seed Company, etc.) are wanting to reach unreached Deaf communities
- Technology continues to improve, making video conferencing and international coordination easier and easier

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

In response to what we see God doing, DOOR's leadership (under the encouragement and guidance of Rob) have developed a seven-year God-sized goal we call 50 by 25: **By the year 2025, DOOR wants to see 50% of the world's Deaf have two key things that will spread the Gospel through Deaf communities around the world:**

1. Access to God's Word in their heart language
2. A Deaf-led church planting movement started in their people group.

Right now that percentage stands at 13%. Going from 13% to 50% of the Deaf worldwide is something only God can do! This God-sized goal is requiring our leadership to rethink what DOOR's current capacity is for supporting new projects and growing into this vision. As part of that, **Rob and other leaders have been working over the last year on restructuring the ministry side of the**

organization and empowering more Deaf leaders. This planning has culminated in meetings of three key leadership groups: new international directors, new translation leadership, and new church planting leadership.



In addition to his other responsibilities (including fundraising for the organization, working with ministry leadership to resolve day-to-day needs, communicating with partner organizations, etc.), much of Rob's time has been devoted to this strategic planning and purposeful investment in these leaders.

God has clearly called and gifted these leaders in their new roles. Please pray as the leaders shoulder new responsibilities.

FAMILY UPDATE

Jon finished out the basketball season with over 100 baskets for his team! He has grown so much in team leadership and sportsmanship. He has loved his involvement in debate and mock trial. He also passed his driver's test, so we officially have another driver in the house! It is so hard to believe he will be a senior next year!

Jannis (our German exchange student) was awarded "Most Improved Player" this year in basketball. His slogan for his team involvement has been "No fear", and he has given the team his full effort. Jannis's favorite questions right now: "When do we eat?" "What will we eat?" "When can we go to work out?" (Apparently teenage boys are the same around the world!)



Mason has matured so much through his involvement in basketball, and he is really looking forward to playing as a sophomore next year. He is now officially the tallest one in our family (at age 14!), measuring 6'7"! He continues to study hard and participate in band, where he plays baritone.

Elliot is certainly a hard worker this year at school. He is learning the value of time management and setting priorities to accomplish goals and finish projects. He is developing perseverance for when things get tough, and that has incredible spiritual rewards!

Luke enjoys reading daily. Here are two of his favorites, in case you are looking for recommendations: "The Story of Ping" (about a duck in China), and "The Empty Pot" (read aloud in an online video you can find by searching for Storyline Online). He is the youngest of the family, and wears that proudly. (You can imagine the dynamics in our house!)

Michelle continues to look for ways to support and be involved with our boys' school, Libertas Christian School. This has included some volunteer involvement on the school's sustainability team (with Rob occasionally giving input). It's awesome to see how our experiences with DOOR are helping other Christian organizations as well!

“ Our family continues to work to balance ministry and family. God is clearly answering prayers; thank you for praying. ”



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