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“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6

HONDURAS & THE WORLD CALLED TO SERVE



PAST



PRESENT



My first experience outside the United States was to Honduras. I went there on a short-term medical mission trip along with other Deaf friends from Arkansas. After that first trip, I made two

subsequent visits to Honduras to work alongside the local Deaf believers within the Deaf school and church. Honduras was the catalyst God used to stir my heart for missions which laid the groundwork for the path Whitney and I are on today.

Fast forward 20 years—with DOOR I have gained valuable experience in the translation world, both in media and technology. In recent years, DOOR has acquired several ministry partners who also seek to reach the Deaf with God’s Word in sign language. I have had the opportunity to consult with these partner organizations, giving counsel and help regarding technical training, equipment, and video studio set-up for their sign language Bible translation projects. When I was asked to provide technical training to the Deaf in Honduras, I jumped at the chance.

The sign language Bible translation team in Honduras has been engaged in Bible translation for about six years. I spent three weeks with the team:

- training them on proper video studio setup including lighting, video, and green screen;
- training them in video editing;
- helping them to increase their overall efficiency, improve communication and promote teamwork.

The team is very motivated and passionate about their work. It was a sweet time to reconnect with old friends and come alongside the Deaf Hondurans as they translate God’s Word into their heart language. Certainly, He who began a good work, will bring it to completion.

Each of us has been called to be ambassadors for Christ in our home, our neighborhood, our workplace, and the world. **As we step into God's calling for our lives and obey His command, the enemy would love nothing more than to dishearten and distract us from that which He has set before us.**

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world." Ephesians 6:12

TOGETHER WE STAND CALLED TO PRAY

DOOR has experienced such joy as more and more Deaf people around the world have received God's Word in their heart language and come to know Christ as their Savior. **But along with the joy, the DOOR family has also experienced great hardship and suffering—loss of co-workers and friends, loss of a child, cancer, unexpected illness. More than anything, DOOR needs your committed prayers.** Pray that in the midst of the suffering, we would see God's mighty hand at work and know His indescribable comfort and peace. **Pray that we would 'press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.'** Philippians 3:14

Our family has endured our own hardships these past few years with Jeremy's struggle with schwannoma tumors. This year, our three boys began to lose their hearing and with that came a battery of genetic testing. **They, along with Jeremy, have been diagnosed with a rare genetic condition called Leopard Syndrome.** Those of you who know our story know that we have been through years of medical crisis. We are so very grateful to now have a diagnosis, as it explains all the medical issues Jeremy has faced over the years.

The boys have felt such peace, knowing that all things pass through God's hands and that He is infinitely sovereign. We look forward to seeing God's precious plan for each of their lives. **God is indeed good, even in the unknown.**

Our family is so grateful to each of you who give faithfully and sacrificially. Out of the many ways you could invest in the Kingdom, we are thankful you have chosen to devote yourself to one of the largest unreached and bibleless people groups.

At this time, we are in need of additional monthly donors (approx. \$600). As missionaries, one of our greatest joys is watching how God connects us as brothers and sisters in Christ to accomplish His Kingdom work. **Will you join us?**



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