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Thank you for standing with us as we support the work of DOOR. DOOR is by far the largest ministry employer of Deaf people worldwide, with 85% of our 190 staff being Deaf. Leading this organization is a huge task, and we are so grateful for DOOR's leadership, board of directors, staff, and amazing friends like you who help make this possible. We love and appreciate you!

CELEBRATING THE PAST

In April we celebrated seven years of training in the area of sign language Bible translation. DOOR has been training Deaf and hearing leaders to become sign language translation consultants, experts who help Deaf translation teams make sure their translation is clear, accurate, natural, and acceptable. Up until April 2019, the number of people worldwide who held this title was less than 10. In April we were able to commission 15 Deaf and hearing staff as full or specialized consultants! Rob helped lead the ceremony, which included a foot washing and anointing of these leaders.

Rob also had the opportunity in April to travel with our family to speak alongside Bob Goff, Alastair Begg, and Meredith Andrews at Seed Company's ForWORD conference in Florida. Seed Company is one of DOOR's close partners in financially supporting both translation work and training of translation consultants. What an incredible privilege to celebrate this unique moment in history with these dear brothers and sisters.



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

In our last newsletter we outlined DOOR's God-sized goal for the next six years that we call 50 by '25: By 2025, DOOR wants to see 50% of the world's Deaf have access to God's Word in their heart language and have 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 in 6 years is something only God can do!

Rob has helped lead the ministry through this strategic planning, including developing plans for restructuring the ministry to prepare for more ministry opportunities coming our way, as well as seeking more funds for this expansion. Rob traveled in May to both Kenya and India to formally announce these changes (in several different sign languages!). The feedback was incredibly positive and the staff are so excited about the direction DOOR is headed in.





Jon

Jon is getting ready for his last full year of high school. This summer he's preparing for SATs and focusing on training for his senior soccer and basketball seasons. He continues to work at Chick-Fil-A. The area we see the most growth in for him is **faithfulness - steadfastly doing what he needs to do, even when it's hard.**

Mason

Mason has a quiet summer ahead, though he has some structure with practicing baritone, conditioning for sports, and literature reading required by Libertas. He's now the tallest one in the house! The area we see the most growth in for him is **patience - remaining steady and not getting easily frustrated.**

Elliot

This young man finished his school year strong. He is spending his lazy days of summer at VBS, Lego Camp, various sports camps, practicing his violin, and reading. The area we see the most growth in for him is **grace - especially in having grace with himself.**

Luke

Mom is working extra hard to entice and encourage Luke to spend time in the great outdoors and use his creative energy for things other than video games. Reading is an emphasis for him this summer. The area we see the most growth in for him is **self-control - a hard thing for an energetic 7-year-old.**

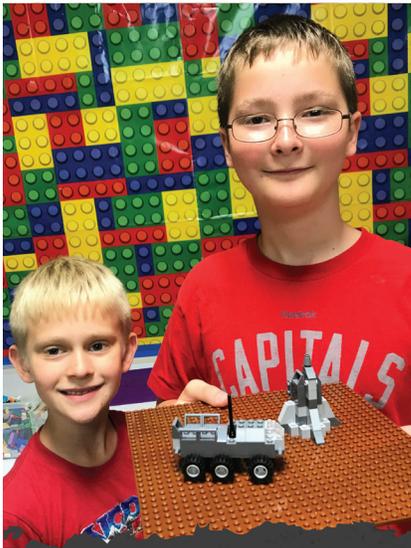
One of our big prayer requests for our boys (and a continued topic of discussion) is learning to "fail forward" in life. We will all fail, but learning and growing from it is so important.

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Michelle

Besides getting time with the boys at the local state park beach on Lake Michigan, or taking a dip in the neighbors' pool, Michelle has been working on some decorating at home. We recently had a leaky pipe that caused some flooding in our basement, but insurance coverage means we will get some new flooring and other items as a result (though it will be a slow process).

Mason and Jon joined Rob on an international trip! Stay tuned...



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