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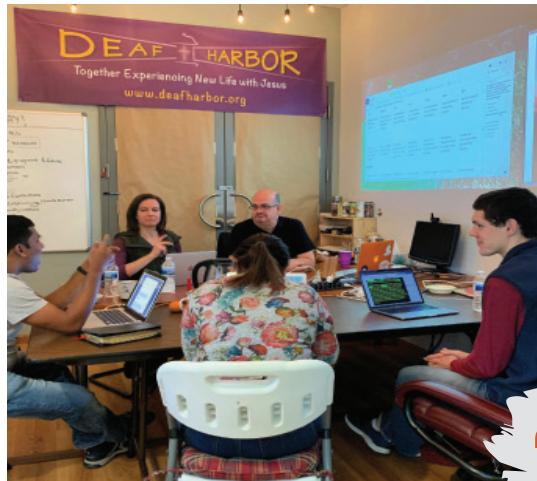
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## Accuracy of Scripture

Our Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) team has been working almost non-stop (often 6 days a week) with the translation consultants to check and approve the American Sign Language (ASL) Scriptures. It has been stressful at times, but we've also experienced the Lord's strength. Nehemiah 1:10 states: "Lord, these are your servants, your own people. You rescued them by your great power and strength." The remaining Scripture narratives are planned to be complete by March 31st.

Our four translation consultants came here from different places: Michigan, Texas, Kenya, and South Asia. Each one has been wonderful as they work with us to ensure that the translation is accurate. When they're not physically with us, we meet weekly with one of them via Zoom video conferencing. We are blessed to have this technology to keep our work "rolling."



**" The LORD is faithful to his promises; he is merciful in all his acts. "**

Psalm 145:13b says "The LORD is faithful to his promises; he is merciful in all his acts." It is my daily prayer that all our translation work is His, because

I believe He wants us to translate His Word into our heart language so that Deaf people can understand His Word.

## PRAISE & PRAYER

### Praise:

- Praise the Lord for the four translation consultants who have been working with our team since September! 70 percent of the narratives have been approved so far!

### Prayer Requests:

- for our translation consultants to have wisdom and discernment in making sure the remaining 30 percent is accurate.
- for funding. Our funding has been extended to this fall, but pray for new funding to come in after our current financial partnership ends.
- for wisdom for the Deaf Harbor team and myself as we continue to work on presentations and to contact organizations seeking funding for our ministry.



# Waiting on His Provision

Besides working on the translation, I had three recent trips. The first was to Philadelphia with Ed Gleason, Deaf Harbor's Executive Director, to attend the last D3 partnership meeting to provide an update on our project. We were granted an extension until September 2020 to complete our goals.

The second was to the Finishing the Task conference at Saddleback Church in California with Ed and one of my co-workers, Ruth Anna Spooner. At the conference, there were many churches and mission organizations committed to the unreached and unengaged people groups. They are starting to focus on the Deaf worldwide. We had opportunities to connect with several individuals who have hearts for reaching Deaf people in other countries. Pray that God would lead us to financial partners to help us continue working with not only the ASL project but other DOOR sign language translations around the world.

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Lastly, our team just returned from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, where we had the opportunity to do a community check at a Deaf church for four evenings. We had a wonderful group who came to provide feedback on the most challenging translation we had ever done—at least four chapters from the book of Revelation. The feedback we received was very surprising and encouraging. Throughout the community checks, many Deaf people shared that they finally understood parts of Revelation clearly. They had done years of re-reading and discussing the passages, but they weren't clear until they saw them in ASL, their heart language.

During the daytime, we either met with a translation consultant who gave us feedback on our translation work or met with partners to discuss future projects. These partners want to continue to partner with us, but are unsure about the finances. Keep praying with us.



## 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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