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COMMUNITY CHECK

Recently, I (Bobby) went to the Dallas/Fort Worth area with the American Sign Language (ASL) Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) team for community checking. **Some Deaf people from the community came to watch the translation to ensure it met the CANA criteria: clear, accurate, natural and acceptable.** If the translation didn't meet this standard, how would the ASL translation prove meaningful to Deaf people? During our time there, the Deaf were thrilled with the passages soon to be released in their heart language. Many of them shared that when they read a passage from the Bible in English (their second language), they had to think hard about what the passage meant, but **when they saw the Bible translation in their heart language, they understood what the passage meant and could easily apply the passage to their walk with Jesus Christ!**

THE NEED IS GREAT

According to the World Federation of the Deaf, there are 70 million Deaf in the world. There are 350+ different sign languages among Deaf communities. **Less than two percent of the 70 million Deaf worldwide have a relationship with Jesus. Less than ten percent of the 350+ sign languages have some Scripture translated. No sign language has a complete Bible translation yet.**

If that's not enough to give you goosebumps, recent statistics from the Finishing the Task conference state that **0.2% of the Deaf in the United States currently attend a Deaf church.**

For me, that does not make sense! How can the United State of America, a "Christian" nation, invest so much in missions and yet have an unreached people group in their country?

It is clear that this is a God-sized task. **I pray God will give each and every Deaf person in the U.S. and the world opportunities to see and experience Him.**



CANA

CLEAR

Free from confusion, doubt, or ambiguity; to make plain or intelligible.

ACCURATE

Conforming exactly to fact; without error; precise; meticulous.

NATURAL

Freedom from artificiality, affectation, or inhibitions; not altered, treated, or disguised.

ACCEPTABLE

Adequate to satisfy a need, requirement, or standard; right or suitable; fitting.



OUR GOD IS MIGHTY

Last December, Krysta and I were in Kenya for a week to see if God was opening a door for us to serve His Kingdom there. We didn't feel He was opening any doors there at this time. However, we were able to be involved in the Mozambique and South Sudan dedication/celebration of their first 110 Bible passages translated into their national sign languages.



“ God can raise up anyone to do mighty work for His Kingdom! ”

We were blown away by the testimony of a Deaf South Sudanese translator. This Deaf man grew up herding his family's cattle through a war-torn nation, with no education or language.

When DOOR went to South Sudan to recruit Deaf people to start a Bible translation in South Sudan Sign Language, they met this man. He had no way of communicating except through a handful of English words which he typed into his cell phone. DOOR felt he had the potential to learn sign language and be part of the translation work, so they brought him in and taught him sign language. He picked it up and was communicating fluently within two weeks! Now, five years later, he celebrated the completion of 110 Bible passages in his heart language as the leader of the sign language translation team! What an amazing God we serve, who can raise up anyone to do mighty work for His Kingdom!

November 2019 – I was in Costa Rica for a week of meetings for DOOR Resource Development. Afterwards, I met up with Krysta in Kentucky for the Deaf Answers conference.

2019/2020 HAPPENINGS

December 2019 – Krysta and I went on our first international trip as a couple to Kenya to see if God wanted us to move there. Even though we didn't feel God leading us there, it was still an adventure!

January 2020 – I visited the DOOR office in Michigan to meet with some ministry partners to discuss technology for sign language Bible translations. Plus, the ASL team and I went to the Dallas/Fort Worth area for community checks.

February 2020 – Krysta and I are staying in Minnesota to help the ASL team make their final push toward completing their set of 110 Bible passages.

March 2020 – I will be back in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for follow-up meetings to the January meetings.



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