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Thanking God for a good report! Please continue to pray for my grandson. Jackson was diagnosed with a congenital cataract. He had his first surgery on May 1st last year to remove the cataract. Recently he had surgery to replace the intraocular lens.

THANKFUL

My pastor of 51 years went home to be with the Lord February 11th. I will miss him.

I thank God for this precious man of God. Pastor Ayars taught God's Word to me and my family. He empowered me to follow God's calling on my life more than 30 years ago to reach the Deaf for Christ, and again when the Lord called me to serve with DOOR International 6 years ago.



The fruit of his leadership is the legacy of the Deaf worshiping and following Christ both here in North Carolina and in New York.

Our Deaf fellowship in Raleigh continues to grow in knowledge of God's Word. We have been teaching the "Know God How?" series, which contains Scripture passages from Genesis through Acts 2. Our Bible translation has not been completed as of yet; however, we expect to have the next series "Serve God How?" soon. **The Deaf in North Carolina are excited for this next translation series.**



I am amazed and blessed to see our 2-by-2 team teachers take a passage of Scripture using the Deaf methodology and teach a Spirit-filled lesson that the Deaf are learning and applying to their lives.

Our methodology:

- Choose a passage of Scripture & memorize it
- Introduce pictures, maps, & culture discussed in the Scripture
- Sign the Scripture in American Sign Language
- Dialogue (discuss) as a group
- Life & heart application

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common."

Acts 2:44



In my last newsletter I mentioned a Deaf woman who recently moved to Raleigh from Germany. A Deaf couple met her and invited her to our Bible study. She started attending Bible study, and soon began attending DCF on Sundays. **Anja was saved and baptized last summer.** Anja wanted to share, *"Since I was baptized and joined the CBT group, I have learned so much of God's Word. I feel God sent me to them to learn God's Word and to grow. I thank God that I have the Chronological Bible Translation and DCF to learn about God in my heart language."*



Stephanie Slade is one of our Deaf 2-by-2 evangelists. She is ministering here in North Carolina, but she has also had opportunities to share the CBT through video chat with Deaf people in other states. Below is a testimony from Stephanie.

WELCOME CHILD OF GOD

In late November of last year, an old friend from Washington D.C. reached out to me. His father was dying of pancreatic cancer. A few days later, he passed away. My friend felt lost. He had lost his mother to ovarian cancer years ago. His life was troubled.

Now at 35 years old he was working to put his life back together. He was open to learning about forgiveness for his past mistakes and to practicing forgiveness. I shared stories from the CBT—stories of creation, of man and woman, of sin—and I also shared the promise of Jesus. His mind was blown. For many years, Satan had deceived him and blinded him to the Truth. I asked if he was ready to accept Jesus, and we discussed about what that meant: preparing our hearts, understanding sin & forgiveness, and trusting Jesus as our personal Savior. He knew God loved him, and accepted Jesus into his heart. He is deeply grateful for the Deaf methodology using ASL instead of his second language, English. His spiritual birthday is March 1, 2020. I am looking forward to God's plans for his life. Praise Jesus!

Count Your Blessings ONE BY ONE

Count your blessings, name them one by one--these words are found in a hymn that I often sang when I was growing up and hold dear in my heart. **You are a blessing!**

The past 10 years were not without challenges but your love and support helped me get through them. **Another huge blessing over the past decade was the encouragement that you—my partners—gave me month after month, year after year through your cards, emails, texts, prayers, and financial support.** It means so much to me to be lifted up by a team that believes in me and the vision that God gave me.

So...here I go into 2020! **As I move through this year and those that will follow, my plans are to continue to finish strong and stay on course by doing what God has called me to do.** I want more than anything else to become more and more like Jesus and follow Him where He leads. You will be with me on each journey and be assured you are always in my prayers.

More than ever I continue to stand strong on my life verse: **"The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not abandon the works of your hands."** Psalm 138:8



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