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## INFORMATION GAP

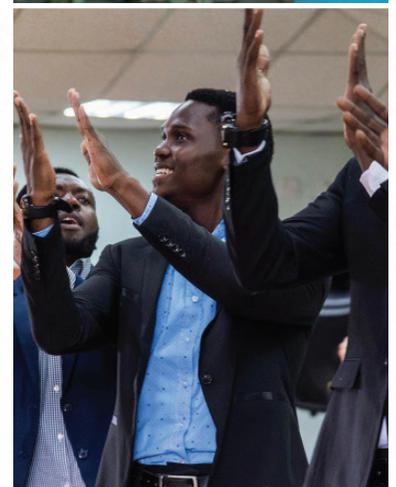
By now we have all heard a lot about COVID-19. The information out there varies, but reliable information is accessible to us in our heart language (for most of us, English). **But did you know there are still people who don't have access to basic information about COVID-19?**

A friend of ours relayed this story: A Deaf man from Michigan woke up in late March and started to go about his daily routine. He dressed and got on the bus to head downtown. When he arrived, he saw stores and restaurants closed, and no car or foot traffic on the streets. The man became greatly confused and scared. He started to reach out to his friends, and an interpreter friend of his met him downtown to explain the situation, including the recent stay-at-home order issued by the governor.

**How did this happen? Despite having a vast amount of information in English about COVID-19, the information in American Sign Language is limited.** There are a few sources, including an interpreter provided for the governor's announcement of the stay-at-home order, but unless you know the need for information and where to look, you miss out. (And that is in the US, where sign language sources are more abundant than for Deaf in other countries using other sign languages.)

The situation is the same for gospel access. Out of the 350 sign languages out there, less than 10% have at least one published verse of Scripture. One verse. And most Deaf communities do not have Deaf-led churches that are training other Deaf leaders.

That is what makes the work of DOOR so critical. We are working toward a radical shift in gospel access for Deaf communities around the world by the year 2025. **Will you continue to stand with us to bring the life-changing Word of God and critical training in evangelism and church planting to millions of Deaf people around the world who still have no access? Let's see the words of Paul in Romans 15:21 fulfilled.**



“Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.”

## Sudden Endings & A NEW NORMAL

Mason finished his basketball season right before COVID-19 hit. **We are thankful for his coach, Mr. Nemeč, who poured into his life for months during practices and games!** Mason is now taller than Rob, and we don't think he's done growing yet!

Mason had planned to participate in our school's play, *Our Town*. Unfortunately the day before the two performances, they were both cancelled due to COVID-19.

**Our boys' school made a quick shift to an online format. Now all of the boys work through Google Classroom to have weekly class meetings, watch pre-recorded lectures, and complete assignments. It brings back memories of our seven years of homeschooling.**

Rob also works from home, but as many of his meetings are virtual using video conferencing, the only thing that has significantly changed is the level of travel. **It is great to have him at home, and we've enjoyed some wonderful times as a family during our "sheltering at home."**



## Answered Prayer MORE STAFF

Thank you for praying for an International Operations Director for DOOR. **We have been excited to welcome a new staff member, Carrie Steggerda, to this critical position, and she has already been taking a considerable load off of Rob.**

Another answered prayer is **Jon's acceptance into College of the Ozarks!** This was his number one choice, and he will graduate from the school with no debt! He is enrolled for the spring semester of 2021.

## Continued SUPPORT

We thank you so much for years of faithfully standing with our family in prayer and financial support. **We know these are trying times of uncertainty, and we ask that you continue to stand with our family and DOOR during the coming months.**

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### 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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