



THE SIMONS FAMILY

JEREMY, WHITNEY, EVAN, JOSIAH, COLIN
serving in the US w/DOOR International

In March, I, Jeremy, received a call from an old friend. Through the course of our conversation I realized that he was unaware of the coronavirus and what was happening throughout the world. I took the opportunity to explain COVID-19 and how people are being affected. He is not the first Deaf person unaware of the situation due to a lack of information in their heart language, sign language. Through our interaction, the Lord made it clear the same is true for Bibleless people groups. Without Scripture in their heart language, they do not know there is a Creator who loved them enough to send His Son to die as an atonement for their sins.

WHAT IF YOU NEVER HAD ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL?

Living in America, sometimes we fail to remember there are people around the world that know nothing of the saving grace of Christ. During these unprecedented times, we each have a choice: to attempt to save ourselves or be driven to our knees. In this posture of humility, we look to the only One who can redeem us. But, again, what about those who have never "heard" the name of Jesus?

"THOSE WHO WERE NOT TOLD ABOUT HIM WILL SEE, AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD WILL UNDERSTAND." ROMANS 15:21



This is why DOOR's work is so vitally important. Though our two DOOR Training and Translation Centers are closed, many continue to work from home, including me. However, Kenya has a few teams from other countries that continue to

reside on campus. These teams have decided to keep working so not to delay completing their translations. I have been able to video conference with these teams in order to provide technical support.

May we not grow weary of doing good and of praying for the lost to find Jesus.

WHY ARE THE DEAF UNREACHED?

Limited access to information through written language

For 90% of Deaf people worldwide, learning to read a spoken language you can't hear is extremely difficult. Most Deaf people acquire very little information through written text.

Lack of published (video) Scripture

Out of the 350 sign languages around the world, less than 30 currently have any published Scripture.

Unrecognized leaders

Deaf people have little to no opportunity to use their spiritual gifts and are not recognized as possessing ability to lead.



EVAN

Evan will be 16 years old this August. He has become a good driver! This school year, he has done half-day homeschool, half-day public school. In public school, he is taking computer programming/coding. He has done well, competing in several coding competitions.

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JOSIAH

Josiah will be 14 this summer. He has a heart for kids and has been volunteering this year at church with the three and four year olds. Josiah has developed some precious friendships this year; we are grateful for our church family. You can always find Josiah with a big, thick book; he's our reader!



COLIN

Colin just turned 8 years old. He is truly a light! Colin is always the first to greet everyone at church with a big hug. He has displayed much perseverance this year, striving to do his best in school without complaint.

Many of you have been praying for the Deaf ministry here in Northwest Arkansas. Thank you for not only partnering with us globally but locally in reaching the Deaf for Christ.



TESTIMONY

Rocky signed, "I am so blessed to be a part of Fellowship Bible Church. I am excited and passionate about this ministry. As we grow, I desire to see each Deaf person grow in their faith and learn how to pass their faith onto others. There is so much love and support among the Deaf that my heart is full. We can't live apart from the Body of Christ. Though we are all different, we share the same faith. I want each of us to encourage and lift up one another. We are all learning how to care for each 'member' of the Body of Christ, the church."

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."

1 Corinthians 12:12 & 26

To learn more about our ministry, watch our church ministry video: <https://vimeo.com/378409198>



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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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