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## WE MAKE THE PLAN, BUT GOD DIRECTS OUR PATH

It seems as though over the last year almost all of the plans we've made have been changed and we've had to re-direct our paths. That has become even more the case in the past couple of months.

### JANUARY

January took Dan to Michigan for software field testing. He had planned to fly, but when the flight was cancelled minutes after he arrived at the airport, he got back in the car and drove straight to Michigan from Buffalo, New York. We try to stay flexible!

### FEBRUARY

February found us back in Michigan, as a family this time, for twice-yearly leadership meetings. It was a really productive time of planning and fellowship with other DOOR staff. We were already getting tired of traveling.

### MARCH

In March, Dan headed to Dallas for more software planning meetings. We met up in Baltimore after the meetings, and were able to get some quality family time in and celebrate Dan's birthday. We were also able to connect with some of our partner churches in the area.

Just as most churches were shutting down services, we were able to attend and speak at a missions conference at New Covenant Presbyterian March 13-15. It was a great weekend of connecting with people we hadn't seen in several years. Thank you to those who hosted us and for the opportunity to share about what God is doing in the Deaf community around the world. We made it back to NY just as things started to really shut down due to the coronavirus.



## IMPACT OF COVID-19

We were scheduled to be in Kenya all of April and were also considering doing a survey of another country after that. **Because of the travel restrictions and quarantine policies it was decided that our trips should be postponed indefinitely.**

Other than travel plans being cancelled, very little of our lives has changed. Dan already works primarily from home and uses Zoom to have meetings on a daily basis. **We are really thankful for the technology that's in place that we can continue to do our work as normal.**

Sarah and Ezra continue to homeschool. **The Lord has even blessed our town with a brand new walking/biking trail which just opened and is perfect for exercising while social distancing. What perfect timing!**

Ezra misses getting together with other children. **We are thankful we still get to "meet" up with other people via Zoom and see other kids in our small group and friends and family with video calls.**



### PRAISES:

- Opportunity to share at the missions conference
- **Thankful for a break from extensive travel.** Our year has been full of traveling and it's nice to have a bit of a break.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Wisdom for leaders of countries and organizations as the pandemic continues and for wisdom as to how to lift restrictions on travel and work in an effective way.**
- Here in the US we are used to an abundance. Even in the shortages we seem to have all that we need. **Please pray for those abroad who do not normally have an abundant supply of things and now have even less.**

We are thankful to all of you for your partnership through prayer and giving. Often you pray for us and forget to let us know how we can pray for you. **If you have a prayer request you would like us to pray for, please let us know!** We would love to hear from you.

Love in Christ,  
Dan, Sarah and Ezra

## HOW HAS DOOR BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID-19?

We have had several people quarantined in various countries and a few have been required to remain in countries where borders have been closed. **To date, we are not aware of any cases of COVID-19 amongst any of our staff around the world. Praise His Name!** Please pray for the staff that are stuck in countries that aren't their own.

In a world where everything is all of a sudden uncertain and there is a lot of anxiety, **we are truly thankful to have a God who never changes and is all-knowing. He is a God of Peace.**



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