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## The Work Must Go On

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) team stayed at home, working with the translation consultants through Zoom. We managed to get some Scripture narratives tentatively approved through video conferencing with our consultant. We are grateful for the technology that allows us to continue working from home. We stayed at home for two weeks at which time the Governor of Minnesota deemed faith-based organizations to be essential workers and allowed us to return to our workplace with restrictions—social distancing, etc.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have completed all our Scripture narratives for this project. We are grateful to our Lord; He has opened the door for us to continue translating more Scripture into American Sign Language (ASL). "Who is like you, LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you." Psalm 89:8 The pandemic may have slowed us down, but we believe in our Lord and He has provided protection and productivity for our work. Praise the Lord!

You can watch the CBT at this link: [deafharbor.org/cbt](http://deafharbor.org/cbt). We will be uploading new narratives in the near future; we hope to have all 122 passages uploaded by September 2020.



## PRAISE & PRAYER

### PRAISE:

- Praise the Lord for our translation team and the translation consultants who have been working with our program since September! So far, 97% of our Scripture narratives have been approved for publication.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for our team to remain healthy and strong until the end of our project.
- The financial support for the CBT program has been extended till fall 2020. We need your prayers for new financial support starting in fall 2020 and wisdom from the Lord to guide us as we continue to work on presentations and contact organizations to sponsor our ministry.

# Our High School Graduates

Our family has experienced ups and downs with COVID-19. It has affected our children's schools, graduation, prom, and many other events. They have had to adjust to distance learning. Some found this adjustment to be quite challenging, while others are managing well. Our daughter Natasha and host-son Africa are struggling with the idea of maybe not being able to walk across the stage to receive their high school diplomas.



On May 7th, the South African government ordered all South Africans to return home no later than May 10th. Africa left abruptly on May 9th in order to arrive before the border was fully closed. We had just 48 hours to prepare him to leave and return to his homeland. **It was a bittersweet and emotional time for us. We are happy he was able to return home, but sad he couldn't attend his graduation.** Metro Deaf School plans to hold a commencement since they only have five seniors graduating this year. We had a spur-of-the-moment farewell drive-by party for Africa the day before he left. **Africa covets our prayers as he tries to obtain a student visa and return to the US this fall to attend either the National Technical Institute for the Deaf/Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York, or Saint Paul College here in Minnesota.**



Natasha was thrilled that she could safely have a small prom with three other people at our home. We just learned that her school district will have a commencement with social distancing in place. We will be able to see her walk across the stage to receive her diploma; the commencement is restricted to family only. She will be recorded doing so, then that video will be put together with clips of the other 500+ students graduating from her high school and shown online during the planned ceremony on June 5th at 7 pm. **She has been accepted to the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, and is majoring in Graphic Design and minoring in Computer Science.**

**“ We thank God for His grace and provision during this time. ”**

Our son David-James just turned 16 years old. We had a drive-by parade for his birthday; several decorated cars drove by and threw candy! His sister made him a Reese's birthday cake, and David-James enjoyed his "party" a great deal.

We are praying for all of you to be blessed and to stay healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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