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PRAISE & PRAYER

PRAISE REPORT

In April, the American Sign Language (ASL) team, which Krysta and I are part of, released five chapters of the book of Revelation in ASL! We are also excited for more Bible passages to be released this summer! They can be seen at www.deafharbor.org/cbt/#video.

PRAYERS

Please pray for DOOR's sign language Bible translations and Deaf church planting teams. Both are facing ministry limitations due to COVID-19.

Please pray for wisdom and strength for the ASL team to finish all the introductions and more information portions for 122 Bible passages by October 1st.

GOD'S EYES

As I (Bobby) was preparing to write this newsletter, the Bible story of Joseph from Genesis popped up in my mind. Remember how Joseph was Jacob's favorite son and Jacob's other sons envied Joseph? The other sons faked Joseph's death and sold him to traders. In Egypt, Joseph worked as a servant for Potiphar, which eventually landed him in jail. **When Joseph found himself in jail, it was probably the nadir of his life.** He was stuck in a dark room, in a foreign country, where he probably was lucky to be fed once daily.

A good day came when he was able to interpret two of his prison-mates' dreams. In Genesis 40:14, Joseph tells the cupbearer, "Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house." This may have given Joseph hope like refreshing water on a hot day. However, the cupbearer forgot Joseph. **The situation must have seemed devastating in Joseph's eyes, but not in God's eyes!**

LOOK THROUGH GOD'S EYES

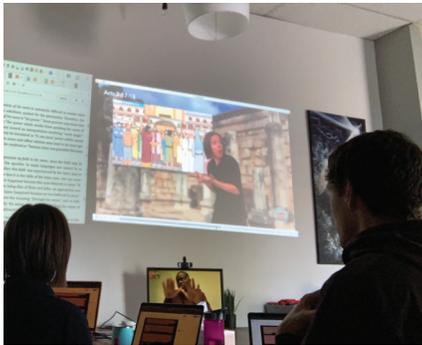
This is how I, and probably most of you, feel with the stay-at-home order during COVID-19. **What is God doing? Why is He allowing this?** Why can't we get back to a normal routine so we can keep serving Him?

God reminded me of a parable from Matthew 25 that Jesus told when He was here on the earth.

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. **Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them."**

GOD'S EYES CONTINUED

The master called up the servants and heard about their actions. He told both the first and second servants, **“Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.”** And to the third servant, he expressed his displeasure, taking the servant’s talent and giving it to the first servant.



The same was true in Joseph’s life—wherever Joseph went, the blessing of God was with him! **Joseph used his God-given gifts whenever he had the opportunity, whether in Potiphar’s house or in prison.** This led him to the second highest position in all of Egypt. God used him to save multitudes from famine, including his own father’s family.

“ Well done, good and faithful servant. ”

During this time of separation, let us not see through human eyes but

see things from God’s perspective. Let us continue to use our gifts daily to be good and faithful servants. Enter into the joy of our Master.

We are thankful for your prayers and support. We are praying that you experience God’s blessings in this season.

What I just shared with you was **encouraging for us.** Krysta is working from home editing Bible passages and preparing them for publication. As for the ASL CBT team, we were stuck at home for two weeks before **the governor partially lifted the stay-at-home order which allowed us to return to our studio and resume filming.** Though our translation consultants weren’t able to be with us physically, we did Zoom calls with them to ensure the accuracy of the Bible translation.



GOD IS AT WORK

This time has truly caused us to re-evaluate what we have and how we can still serve God’s Kingdom. **We want you to do the same: what gifts do you have, and how can you use them to better serve God’s Kingdom?**



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