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John signed, "Deaf churches have been closed, so our Deaf group has been meeting online through Zoom chat rooms."

IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

"It was a struggle at first but it is a blessing that we can still meet to learn and discuss God's Word. Slow or faulty internet and the occasional computer crash can be frustrating, and it's challenging to provide the right background and lighting. We often repeat what we said because someone couldn't see what was signed."

"Yet I can see DCF still reaching out to our members and people from other states who have joined our meetings! I praise God that He has used this situation to make people think of their eternity after death and want to seek Jesus Christ or renew their faith."

"Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:39

GOD'S LOVE IS GREATER THAN ANY VIRUS

The coronavirus is affecting every part of our world, disrupting people's lives and creating fear, anxiety, sorrow and hardship. Where can we find strength and hope during this troubling time? What does faith look like in the time of COVID-19? How might God be calling us to respond to the impact of all this uncertainty?

I thank God for His faithfulness during this season. As our Deaf leaders here in Raleigh began to pray and seek guidance as to how we would move forward and continue to teach and reach the Deaf, regardless of not being able to meet in the church building, the Lord led me to this verse in Isaiah.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19



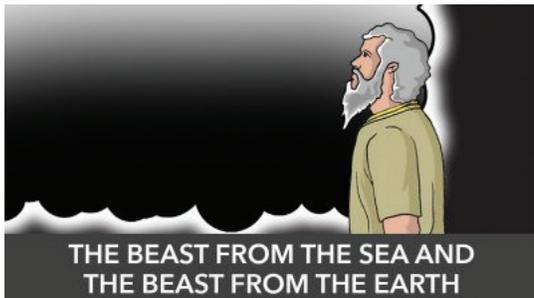
I love the phrase "now it springs up" because it describes exactly what happened. On March 15, churches closed without warning and our Deaf Community Fellowship (DCF) had no place to meet. We couldn't even meet in our homes for our CBT Bible studies! **But God had a plan: Zoom!** On March 29, we began meeting using the Zoom platform. **Many more Deaf**

have joined us for our Sunday worship service, so now we have two services on Sunday mornings at 9 and 11 am. Our team meets at 8:30 via Zoom to pray. Our CBT Bible studies continue to meet regularly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings with new members. **We are able to continue using the Chronological Bible Translation videos to show God's Word thanks to "screen sharing".**

GOOD NEWS

Our team and the Deaf here in North Carolina are so grateful for the completion of several key portions of Scripture translated into American Sign Language. We have been praying for this for 4 years, and now it is coming to fruition. **The Deaf community in the US is now able to see portions of the book of Revelation in their heart language!**

The publication of these portions of Scripture were very timely as this book talks about the future events and hope for believers. We are so grateful and continue to pray for the translation team and Bible translation consultants. Also pray that they will continue to move forward quickly with new translations.



Not only is God doing something new within the hearts of our church family, He is empowering us to reach Deaf people in different states as well.

ZOOM ACROSS AMERICA

Our Deaf 2-by-2 leaders have developed a new CBT Bible study that is reaching Deaf people across the US. We sent out a signed video to advertise our new Bible Study using the CBT. The response was amazing! We meet at 3 pm on Saturday afternoons to accommodate different time zones. We have Deaf people from the states of Virginia, New York, Washington, Pennsylvania, Florida, and the D.C. area! We plan to continue using Zoom permanently to reach Deaf people in states other than North Carolina.

YOU ARE ESSENTIAL

Your ongoing support allows us to do three things.

First, it enables us to root ourselves in the truth of God's utter faithfulness. **We discover afresh that, in Christ, we are never abandoned but are held by God, who comes alongside us.**

Second, God's Word calls us to action. **We are reminded that we are the body of Christ, with new opportunities to serve our communities and to witness very practically of Christ's love.**

Third, we are filled anew with authentic hope. **We can live in the present and look to the future knowing the sovereignty of God and His reconciling love.**



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