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We began Translation Resource Development in mid-October by faith, praying we would receive the needed funding for the project. A few days after we began, we received a grant fully funding our project! Praise the Lord!

## What is Translation Resource Development?

Usually, DOOR staff travel to other countries to train Deaf teams in Bible translation. Some teams have traveled to DOOR centers and worked on-campus to translate the Bible into their sign language. This has enabled them to receive the training and support needed throughout the translation process. The teams then have returned to their home countries to continue their translation work. DOOR desires to develop translation resources in order to train teams remotely without requiring travel each time. This also allows the teams to review the training materials again and again.

DOOR is partnering with Deaf Harbor to develop these materials. The project has been divided into four phases. The first phase will cover topics like: establishing a translation committee; hiring a team; and connecting with international organizations that can provide additional support and training. Phase one will also provide information about needed materials or settings the team may need in order to do their job. Two examples are studio settings and video editor needs. The remaining three phases will focus on more in-depth training materials. These resources will take our team around 2 years to complete.

We will continue working on more CBT narratives and the More Information sections which provide a look into Bible history, culture, word meanings, and more references. We will also be working on translations for the Jesus Film and the Hope Film. These two projects we expect to complete by the end of 2021.

“ We are looking forward to developing translation resources for the Deaf worldwide. ”



## PRAISE & PRAYER

### PRAISE:

- The Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) was completed on October 1st. You can view the CBT at Deaf Harbor's website: [deafharbor.org/tv/cbt/](http://deafharbor.org/tv/cbt/)
- Praise the Lord that He has provided the funding for our team to work on Translation Resource Development!
- We are very grateful for an unexpected large donation to help us continue to translate more CBT narratives!

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray for our team and their families to remain strong and in good health.

## New Addition

We were able to obtain a large room with two doors adjacent to Deaf Harbor's office spaces. We split the space into two rooms and did all the remodeling ourselves. We now have a dressing room; we used to use the bathroom or our lounge to change into our filming clothes. The second room is about 300 square feet, and our full-time editor is now working in the same space as us. It has been more convenient and accessible for us to communicate the necessary changes to the videos, etc. The rooms were completed at the end of December. We are thankful for the volunteers who helped us accomplish this renovation.

## God at Work

Looking back at 2015 to 2020, I am amazed at how much the Lord helped us through the CBT project!

“ We are amazed at all God has done. ”

We couldn't have finished the project if we had stayed with the original team. Our Lord knew what He was doing, and He provided for our needs to complete our project. "Your God is faithful and true; he does what is right and fair." Deut 32:4b

## Then & Now

In the beginning, we had 7 signers, 1 part-time editor, and 1 translation consultant. We now have 16 signers, 3 part-time editors, 2 full-time editors, 4 translation consultants, and 1 consultant-in-training.

## Completed

- 119 Introductions
- 87 new Narratives (the original 32 CBT done in 2013)
- 521 More Information sections on Bible history, culture and other references



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