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The Church cannot address a need it does not understand.

One of the challenges we face within the American church is educating the church regarding reaching the Deaf with the traditional models of "Deaf ministry," which for the most part, aren't working.

"The Bible is full of letters that form consonants, shapes that form vowels that once read or spoken attach meaning to these sounds. But...what are Deaf people supposed to do with a book made up entirely of sound?" - Deaf Missions

This is why the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) in ASL is so important.

When explained and shown the CBT along with DOOR's methodology of dialoguing, this was the response from a hearing pastor in eastern NC. *"This is the most amazing explanation of the contrast between the way the hearing and deaf are presented the Gospel!"*

Millions of Deaf around the world don't know God! **DOOR's mission is to change that.**

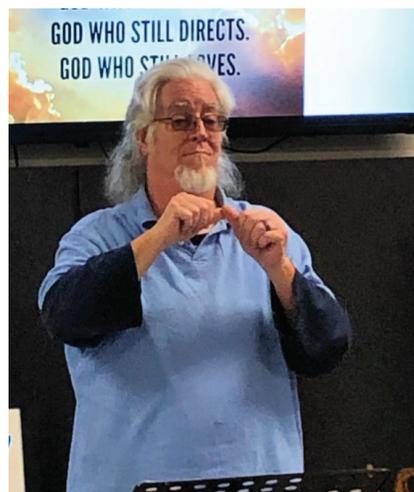
Less than 2% of the world's 70 million Deaf people know God. Additionally, around 90% struggle to read, so the written Word makes no sense! **DOOR's vision is to bring the Bible to the Deaf in their heart language: sign language.**

We are doing that here in North Carolina through...
Chronological Bible Translation

"Our Bible translations are done in sets of passages arranged in chronological order (known as Chronological Bible Translation or CBT) rather than in book-by-book order," states Deaf Harbor. **We are thankful for the newest CBT sets that have been completed by Deaf Harbor.** To watch the Bible in ASL visit Deaf Harbor's website: www.deafharbor.org/tv/cbt/.

2-by-2 Teams

Our 2-by-2 missionaries, evangelist and teachers are in the field reaching the Deaf community, planting Deaf churches and establishing weekly Bible Studies. **We are using the newly translated Bible to share the Gospel and lead people to Christ.**



We are blessed to have our 2-by-2 teacher, Rob Wright, back with us in NC. **God sent him to us in His perfect time. Rob is serving on the field as a pastor, teacher, and leader at our church, Deaf Community Fellowship, in Raleigh and is planning to establish CBT Bible studies in eastern North Carolina.**

"Oh, that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me." 1 Chronicles 4:10

ENLARGE MY BORDERS

Opportunities for outreach have emerged from the isolation of the pandemic. We first began having Sunday Deaf church using Zoom and then added our CBT Deaf Bible studies. The number of Deaf being reached has greatly increased. We've added two services on Sunday and two Bible studies during the week. Zoom Across the US was added on Saturday. Deaf from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, Seattle, and Brooklyn are seeing God's Word and participating in meaningful dialogue.

Zoom is limited, so recently we started to use another platform, Facebook Live. Sunday mornings are now live; even more Deaf are watching and being reached.

Alex from Ghana wrote on our FB page, "I live in Ghana. I am Deaf. I saw the CBT Deaf Bible on FB live. I want to learn more about God. I want to go to the Bible study on Zoom Thursday." Alex did attend our Thursday Bible study even though there is a five-hour time difference. He wants to know more. Because DOOR has a 2-by-2 team in Ghana, we are working on getting him connected with a 2-by-2 team. Pray he will learn the Truth and receive Christ.



My grandson, Airman Harrison Knakal, visited me after graduating from Keesler Air Force Base. He was transferred to Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina and is working in cyber security. I am so proud!

The Lord has provided a laptop for our Deaf church which we desperately needed. We are thankful to Island Christian Church, Long Island, NY, for their amazing outpouring of love and support. Another partner has given us an iPad which enables us to go live. These important tools and ability to use technology have empowered us to share the Scriptures using Deaf methodology to hundreds of Deaf across the US and around the world.



PRAISE & PRAYER

With new opportunities in ministry comes spiritual warfare. We are under attack constantly and need you to pray for our team. Pray specifically for wisdom, alertness and protection when the fiery darts come.

Pray for those who are seeing and understanding God's Word for the first time. That they may know the Truth and be drawn to Jesus for salvation.

Pray for our tech team. It has been very challenging for me. I am grateful for our Deaf team. Pray as we work through these challenges together.



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ABOUT DOOR

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