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STUART & LINDA THIESSEN SERVING WITH DOOR INTERNATIONAL

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TRANSITIONS AHEAD

Every translation project needs a translation consultant who can encourage them and offer advice. **Unfortunately, there are simply not enough translation consultants for sign language translation projects.**

When we moved to Texas to work with Deaf Bible Society (DBS), we came with the goal to be involved in training Deaf consultants. When DBS decided to narrow their scope of ministry, we decided to take this opportunity to refocus on the goal we came to do. After discussions with Wycliffe Bible Translators, DOOR International, SIL's Global Sign Languages Team, and other partners, **we decided that working with DOOR International will allow us to refocus on translation consulting and supporting the training of Deaf consultants.** DOOR International is a missions organization focused on equipping Deaf people to reach Deaf people through Bible translation and church planting/evangelism internationally. We are sad to leave Wycliffe Bible Translators, but we believe that God is calling us back to DOOR.

For Deaf translation consultants to succeed, they need signed translation resources and consultant training designed for Deaf people. DOOR is committed to meeting both these needs. DOOR is partnering with Deaf Harbor to develop more signed translation resources and DOOR is working on developing more intentional training for translation consultants. **As a translation consultant and linguistics consultant, Stuart's primary focus will be supporting both of those initiatives.** Stuart is excited to be able to return to more hands-on involvement in these activities. Stuart has also worked with most (if not all) of the people involved in these projects and is looking forward to that collaboration.

For Linda, there are possibilities of supporting member care or interpreting but we are still discussing with DOOR about where the best fit for Linda will be. As we have more details about that, we will keep you apprised.



Our work with DOOR will officially begin June 1. As we mentioned in our other letter, Wycliffe is allowing us a paid leave of absence between April 1 and May 31. This gives us time for this transition between organizations. As part of this transition, we will be moving back to Minnesota. Our goal (Lord willing) is to have the house ready for sale by early April and begin looking for our next house in Minnesota by the mid to end of April. As you know, the market is a seller's market, so we would appreciate your prayers for us to find a home at a reasonable price. We are trying to give ourselves plenty of time to prepare the house, sell the house, arrive, find a new house, and be able to be settled in before beginning this next chapter June 1. If it happens that we are settled in sooner than we are expecting, we plan to talk to DOOR about beginning our work unofficially before June 1.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

How to give to our ministry at DOOR International...

We appreciate your financial and prayer partnership with us during our time at Wycliffe Bible Translators. As God leads you, we invite you to continue to partner with us as we serve at DOOR International.

If you would like to learn more about DOOR International, please visit their website at www.doorinternational.org.

From now until May 31, please continue to give to Wycliffe as you have been doing. For any contributions starting June 1, please begin giving to DOOR International.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about this change in ministry, please feel free to let us know. You can call us at 763-482-2547 (voice/FaceTime) or 763-515-0579 (videophone) or you can email us at thiessenstuart@gmail.com or thiessenlinda@gmail.com.

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WAYS TO GIVE

Beginning on June 1, financial donations can be sent to DOOR International in a number of ways.



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ABOUT DOOR

DOOR International's mission is to bring God's Word and reproducing Christian fellowships to the Deaf of the world. DOOR is a non-denominational, non-profit 501(c)(3) Christian mission organization.

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