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THE CONTINUING EFFECTS OF COVID ON INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

Effects on Language Assessment

Pray with us as we seek what is next in this area. Normally we go into a country and meet hundreds of Deaf people. Of course, with COVID as an issue, we need to ask ourselves what is best to do. It is very difficult to perform an accurate assessment of a country's language situation if you can't go to the country itself and spend time with the people who use the language. Please pray with us as we have four countries on our list to visit. Most of these countries are still experiencing travel restrictions due to the pandemic. Pray for a clear answer as to which country we should go to first and exactly when we should visit.

Effects on Scripture Distribution

Once portions of the Bible have been translated into specific signed languages, then what? It's important that people have access to what is being published in their language. That can look different depending on the people's requests: micro SD cards, websites, mobile apps, or DVDs.

Each piece of Scripture needs to be properly archived and put into the format required for distribution. Also, a record of everything that has been distributed needs to be kept. DOOR is looking to hire some new staff members to do this work.

Effects on International Travel

What are our immediate plans? For now, we remain in New York with small trips within the US planned to visit family and friends. DOOR is tentatively planning to hold the annual Director and International Ministry Council meetings overseas. These meetings will be taking place the end of August/beginning of September. Pray with us that it will be clear where these meetings should be held and for how long. Pray also for the Lord's protection of the health of those who will be traveling.



- We have enjoyed the extra time with family and friends in the past year.

WHILE AT HOME

- We have been able to be a part of a small group connected to our church.
- Dan began a men's prayer and study group that meets a couple times a month.
- Dan was asked to become a deacon in our local church for as long as we can be available.
- Sarah has been helping out with the children's Sunday School hour.
- Ezra has been very involved with his school and is learning to ride his bike!
- Thankful for all we are still able to do from home. Modern technology allows us to continue to be productive in many ways!

PRAYER NEEDS

You may be aware, the VP of DOOR traveled abroad and became severely ill. He underwent surgery and is now recovering. Due to this and COVID-related challenges, he's been apart from his family for an extended period. At the same time, several of his immediate family members also had various health concerns.

DOOR's president has moved his family south, but experienced multiple complications with their move. **We would appreciate your prayers for the leadership of DOOR to cover those serving directly and their families, and that God's hand of protection would be on them and enable them to continue this work.**

We know that this past year has been a challenging one and we praise the Lord for His provision and for Him enabling many things to continue virtually and in-person. Continue to pray for His guidance in each step of the way. **We thank you for partnering with us financially as well as through prayer.** We pray that the Lord will make His way clear for you in the coming months!



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