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SERVING WITH DOOR INTERNATIONAL

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## DOOR International

### Vision:

Every Deaf person transformed by knowing, following, and serving God.

### Mission:

Bringing God's Word and reproducing Christian fellowships to the Deaf worldwide

### Values:

- Deaf as people groups with rich language and culture
- Deaf as leaders and providers of Deaf ministry, giving direction at all levels
- CBS (Chronological Bible Storying) as the best initial spiritual formation resource for the Deaf
- God has gifted Deaf and hearing believers to together build God's kingdom among the Deaf

Greetings from North Carolina!

In my most recent newsletter, I mentioned that some local Deaf churches had not yet reopened as a result of the pandemic. Sadly, this has not changed. I believe that God is pouring out His blessing on our ministry and using you, my partners, through financial support and more importantly prayer, to reach the Deaf in such a time as this! I am so grateful for you and want you to know that you are investing in these precious souls and are a part of His harvest. I love and pray for you all.

## CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS!

Five years ago, on September 11th, Deaf Community Fellowship (DCF) was planted! We came together to worship and shared powerful testimonies. **We are rejoicing in the truth of God's Word and His faithfulness.** As we lift up the name of Jesus, He is drawing



the hungry Deaf to us. He is the center and focus of our ministry alone.

**The written Word is Deaf people's second language, and for that reason, when they come together at DCF they see Scripture in their**

**heart language, ASL.** They have a dialogue about it and finally understand!

**Reaching the Deaf is at the heart of everything we do.**

The Deaf are understanding the Word and experiencing Him in their lives. One Deaf member signed, "The Bible isn't just words on a page anymore. Seeing His story in my heart language, ASL, helped me understand. The words jumped off the page and into my heart! Wow!"

We have seen that Deaf people best understand the Gospel when a Deaf believer shares it with them in their heart language. **Furthermore, Deaf people prefer to learn new information in a chronological order.** They like to “see the big picture” from beginning to end.

Our Deaf pastor, Rob Wright, is truly a blessing and answer to prayer. We are also grateful for his wife, Arlene. **Deaf people worshiping and praising God, testifying of how He has changed their lives through His Word,** is not only contained within the walls of our church, but is also seen on Facebook Live by many Deaf and hearing people in the U.S. and other countries.

## WARRIORS TRAINING

“Watch, stand firm in the faith, be brave, be strong.” 1 Corinthians 16:13

**Our first believers’ fellowship met in person August 31st.** We are studying God’s Word and digging deep within Scripture using the first series in the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT), “Serve God How”. After studying the Scripture, the Deaf people engage in dialogue, clarifying some points, sharing ideas and personal experiences.

**Our first meeting was supposed to be an hour, but the Deaf attendees insisted on two hours!** Praise God! Oh, how we praise God for DOOR, for Bible translation and tools so that the Deaf can be reached within their own culture.



## PRAISE & PRAYER

Praise God for my granddaughter, Luci Walters. She graduated from high school this past May, and is attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She plans on studying Biblical counseling to be able to work with children and families, meeting a great need that the church has at this time. An added blessing for me is that the college is five minutes from my home and she stays with me two nights a week.

My daughter Kim, her husband Ravi and their three children will be deployed to Tanzania in the beginning of next year. Pray for their safety and that they find Christian fellowship and a strong Bible-based church.

Pray for Rob Wright, our Deaf pastor and 2-by-2 teacher. Pray that God would bring him a ministry partner he can train and work alongside to develop more CBT Bible study groups in North Carolina.

The Zoom audience for our CBT Bible study is growing. We are reaching Deaf people across the U.S. and Canada Thursday evenings, and pray that the Gospel would continue to go and touch their hearts.

Pray God will provide funds for us to improve our technological equipment to reach more Deaf through Facebook Live on Sunday mornings.



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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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