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We've had a lot happen since the last newsletter was sent out last spring.

CBT Master List

In the end of July, after the meetings mentioned on page 2 of this newsletter, I flew to San Jose, Costa Rica, for a two-week session to discuss the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) Master List. We wanted to clean up the old master list to improve the three sets of CBT that are needed for Bible translation teams starting new CBT translations anywhere in the world.

Translation Resource Development

While I was in San Jose, one of my team members from the Translation Resource Development team was able to join me for the CBT meetings. We took the opportunity to host a short community check session for our current project: phase 1 of Translation Resource Development. After we showed a 15-minute video (just a small portion of a 6-hour video), we had a very productive discussion about that video which took an hour and a half!

One of the DOOR leaders asked our team to travel to Nairobi, Kenya, this fall to complete a full community check on phases 1 and 2 of our project, which would be about 12 to 14 hours of video to cover! We will be staying there for around 2-3 weeks to community check all 12-14 hours of video because the Kenya center has 4 Bible translation teams which can give feedback on our project. The four teams are from different countries: Zimbabwe, Kenya, and two from Asia. Some of them are new teams with limited experience in Bible translation, so they will receive training in translation by using our resource.

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So, I covet your prayers for our team to travel to Kenya safely and complete the checking before returning to the States and completing the final filming and editing by the end of this year.



The first international community check for TRD in Costa Rica

55 Table

I was invited to attend a special meeting in Florida in May. The meeting was hosted by Every Tribe Every Nation (ETEN) with the intention of establishing a platform for the Deaf partners working in Bible Translation worldwide.

The purpose of the platform is to oversee the proposals being submitted to ETEN for funding, and encourage any partners who are submitting proposals to check with other organizations if they are pursuing the same goal, for example, training tools like Translation Resource Development for which my team was awarded with funds last November. **There were other organizations who had the same goal or desire to see the resource project happen and they worked together and supported the proposal's submission.** ETEN desires to see more partnership and unity among the different organizations as we work to get the Bible translated into more sign languages.

From the first meeting in May, we agreed to start a platform called 55 Table. We sign the "55" with two hands and sign it the same way as "sign" in ASL. We had our first formal four-day meeting held at the Wycliffe USA office in Orlando, Florida, with 11 Deaf-centered partners/organizations. Not all of the participants attended the meeting in person, four of them had to use Zoom video conferencing, but that meeting was quite productive!

PRAISE & PRAYER

PRAISE:

- the Lord for His continuing protection on our family and our team in health! AMEN!
- the Lord for the opportunity to complete one more Bible Narrative, "Israel Asks for a King" from 1 Samuel 8. It's ready for you to watch on Deaf Harbor's website!

PRAY FOR:

- our team's funding is approaching our deadline which is the end of this year. Pray that the funding will be able to continue for next year.
- us as we are in the final stages of phases 1 and 2 which are expected to be completed by the end of this December.
- our team will be traveling to Nairobi, Kenya in October. Pray for protection and health during travel.
- pray for funding for more CBT sign language translations.



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