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GIANTS AND FRUIT

During our most recent set of leadership meetings, we worked through a study of Numbers 13-14, the story of the 12 spies. You're likely familiar with this story: Moses and the Israelites stand at the edge of the Promised Land, and Moses sends in 12 spies to scout out the land and bring back a report. The spies all see the same challenges and opportunities. They return, and ten of them focus on the giants in the land, while two of them (Joshua and Caleb) see the fruit, recall God's faithfulness to Israel to that point, and remember His promise to go before them. Unfortunately, the Israelites listen to the ten instead of the two.

Deaf ministry has often been characterized as "the final frontier of the Great Commission." Within every unreached people group around the world, there are Deaf people who face even more barriers to the gospel. Out of around 375 sign languages, over 85% of them are still waiting for a Bible translation to start. At least 50% of them have no known believers. These numbers can be staggering; they are some of the giants we face in Deaf ministry.



But before we become overwhelmed, we must remember the fruit. I marvel at what God has done over the past years in Deaf ministry. DOOR has had the privilege to train over 3,000 Deaf leaders since our founding in 1999. And that fruit is bearing more fruit. For example, we now have second-generation Deaf missionaries within our organization.



Rob speaking at the Global Alliance for Church Multiplication annual conference

We must also remember God's faithfulness—all of the ways that He has come through for us—as well as His heart to see the last, the least, and the lost all have a chance to know and follow Him.

Thank you for standing with us, even in the face of these giants. Your partnership helps DOOR and our Deaf leaders bear fruit that yields thirty-, fifty-, and a hundred-fold.

FAMILY UPDATES

We have a new house! After three months under contract and a lot of patience, we have moved into a house in Orlando. **We have had a lot of work that has needed to be done on our house to get it into move-in condition, and a lot more is still left.** But it is home, and we are finally settling in. Thank you for praying for us in the midst of this big transition. **In particular, Michelle's health is doing so much better since our relocation. Praise God for that!**

PRAY WITH US

Please pray for this upcoming season of travel and meetings for Rob between now and the end of the year. **Pray for endurance, strength, and wisdom as he works through a number of challenges and opportunities.** Thank you, dear friends!

Jon began his second semester at College of the Ozarks this fall (he began college in January). **He is discovering his passions and skills, and is contemplating a new major.** More news to come soon here!



Mason began his senior year of high school at a new school. **Undaunted, he is making some good friends and has devoted a fair amount of time to community service.** He is taking two years of American Sign Language this year as part of his graduation requirement for Florida. **We are excited he is learning sign language!**



Elliot began his freshman year at the same high school as Mason. Elliot definitely misses his friends from Michigan, but is staying in touch with them and making new ones here in Florida. **He has joined a robotics program and has his first meet this weekend!** He is also taking American Sign Language at school.



Luke began 4th grade this year. While he is still growing in his reading and writing, **his teacher said that he has a huge heart for serving others. He will often finish his homework and try to help the other students in the class.** He has started choir and soccer this year, and has no difficulty making friends wherever he goes.



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