

FALL 2021

## STUART & LINDA THIESSEN SERVING WITH DOOR INTERNATIONAL

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It has been a blessing to be back involved in the details of consultant work. Thank you for praying with us about these things.

### DEAF HARBOR

The Deaf Harbor translation team plans to finish Phase 1 and 2 of their Translation Resources project this year. I am more involved with Phase 2. **Deaf Harbor has also been revising some of the stories they have published and working on translating a few new stories for 2021.**

Please pray for wisdom as they revise and incorporate feedback on these projects.

### CEDAR PLANNING IN COSTA RICA

DOOR is developing CEDAR, a training initiative for more Deaf translation consultants. In June, I joined other DOOR members for a virtual meeting for the first time. **In late September and early October, I went to Costa Rica to meet with them again in person.**

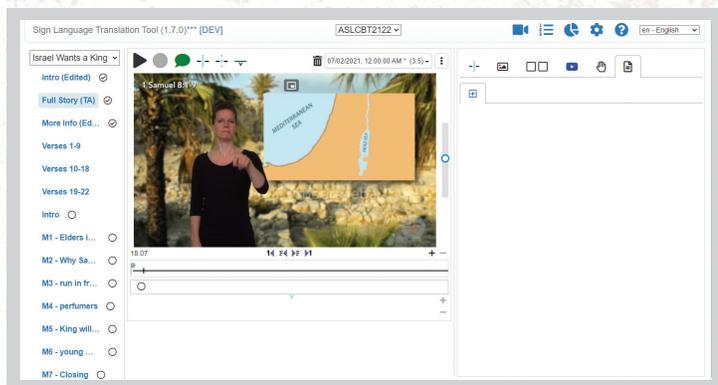
We covered a very ambitious list of topics in those two weeks. Within CEDAR, each of us is assigned to one or more teams that focus on specific areas of instruction. **I am assigned to the Consultant Relations team which considers the spiritual health, soft skills, mentoring, and project guidance aspects of the consultant task. That, of course, can be somewhat more challenging than teaching linguistics, exegesis, translation, or technology.** Next will be working with them to develop this training and mentoring.

Please pray for wisdom as we work through all the next steps for CEDAR to begin and for wisdom for the Consultant Relations team as we think through our part of how to prepare future Deaf consultants well.



# BACK TO THE SLTT

I will be returning to my role as the product facilitator for the Sign Language Translation Tool (see screenshot). This is a joint effort with Nathan Miles from the United Bible Societies (UBS). My role is to take the feedback from teams that use this software and work with Nathan to figure out the timeline for fixing bugs and implementing



new features. It is exciting to see how this has grown since 2018 and become a blessing to teams that are working remotely with their consultant. We look forward to seeing the SLTT continue to be useful for their work.

Please pray for wisdom for Nathan and I as we interact with the teams and partners to serve them well. Pray that God will provide additional people to be involved in this development work.

## BIBLE TRANSLATION CONFERENCE

Every odd year, Dallas International University hosts a Bible Translation Conference. This year's conference was virtual. I really appreciated this quote from the closing speaker. "Create what's new out of love for who's next." This was an encouraging thought in the midst of a lot of changes that have happened over the last year.

## FAMILY UPDATE

We are enjoying the blessings of this new stage of life called grandparenting and also being closer to our kids. Little Loretta just doesn't stop growing. Now, we are enjoying those sweet smiles and coos of hers.

Thank you for praying for us and our family. Please let us know how we can be praying for you and your family.



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