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Hello everyone! We hope you are doing great this holiday season. We're doing well, and trying to stay as flexible as possible in a world that seems to be changing every day.

TWO TURKEYS

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! We hope you have been blessed this Thanksgiving. We plan to spend the day with family a few hours from home. We don't get to see Sarah's family as often as we'd like, so we are looking forward to that.

Regarding Turkey (the country, not the popular Thanksgiving entrée), you may recall that we had planned to travel there to do language survey in October. As is becoming common, our plans for that trip were derailed by COVID. **Due to a major COVID surge in the country, which began in August and has not slowed down at all since, the Turkish government put restrictions into place requiring COVID testing for all inter-city travel within the country for unvaccinated travelers.** Several of our staff would be required to get as many as eight COVID tests each over the course of our planned travel; if their test results returned positive, they would need to be quarantined, most likely severely disrupting the trip. We unfortunately had to make the decision to postpone the trip until these restrictions are lifted. **As of right now, there is no sign of the surge slowing down or the restrictions being withdrawn, so our plans for Turkey are on hold indefinitely.**

While there are other countries we need to visit for survey work, the challenges with Turkey are by no means unique, and we struggle to plan in this very challenging world we find ourselves in. **Please pray that God would give us clear guidance as we plan for these trips, and find good opportunities to go and lay the groundwork for translation and church planting.**

TURKEY

Nov 10-23

Total cases	336,415
Deaths	2,933

SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

The recently founded Scripture Distribution department in DOOR has spent the last few months finding its feet. Two of our dedicated staff members have spent time travelling to Kenya for networking and training, and all have been hard at work building a rock-solid foundation for managing files and content for DOOR's massive library of content. **At present, we have more than 7,200 unique video files published!** The department has a host of plans for the coming year, including developing a database of all that content, creating packages of files for easy sharing and deployment, designing a new, unified licensing plan for sharing all of our scripture content, and collecting statistics and analytics for how people are using the content. **All of this should be a huge help in enabling Deaf people around the world to have easy access to God's Word in their heart language.**

BUILDING A STUDIO IN A BOX

A longstanding challenge for DOOR has been setting up video studios. A fairly complex video studio is required for each and every translation team working with DOOR, but the components for a quality studio can be very difficult and expensive to buy and maintain in many of the countries where we work. In an attempt to solve this challenge, one of our IT coordinators came up with the idea of building a self-contained "studio in a box." The idea is that the bulk of the equipment needed, including cameras, lights, backdrops, tripods, editing computer, hard drives, and a host of important accessories, would be purchased and packed up, then shipped internationally to each new team. The team will use this equipment throughout their training with DOOR, and then pack it up and take it with them to establish a studio for the ongoing project in their own country. We've completed the pilot test of this concept, and the very first studio box has arrived in Kenya and is being used by a new translation team. **Pray that this would be an effective way of meeting the teams' need for equipment in the future, and that God would protect these heavy, expensive packages in transit.**



Thank you all for keeping up with our lives through these newsletters. We are thankful for your prayers and support, and would love to hear from you or set up a time to visit. Blessings this holiday season!

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