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CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE TRANSLATION

At Deaf Community Fellowship (DCF) and our Warriors Training, we use the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) in American Sign Language. When we use CBT in our studies, it is grouped into three series for easy study of the Word of God. **The first series is called Know God How, and it is the foundation for the other two series, Follow God How and Serve God How.**

DCF has completed the first series and is studying the second series, while the Warriors Training group is already on the last series. **Our Deaf attendees are intrigued and continue to be hungry for God's Word in their heart language, American Sign Language (ASL).** ASL is a visual language, and is reaching Deaf people in ways they can understand. Reading God's Word becomes complicated when English is not the first language of the reader. DCF has been studying Exodus 15-17, seeing how God provides for His people by guiding them through leaving Egypt and through the Red Sea and the wilderness. We've learned who God is and why trusting Him is important. When the Deaf audience watched this story, they had so many questions that I had to create a PowerPoint with more visuals to help better envision what we were studying. **The visuals are important because of how we communicate. Picture this: "Our eyes are our ears, and our hands are our mouths!"**

This is a testimony from one of our Deaf attendees, Sue: "I didn't understand God's Word before, so I came to DCF. They showed me a clear video from the CBT. This finally helped me understand God's Word more deeply. This, along with dialoguing, brought me a picture I could understand. **CBT is the best I've ever seen. It motivates me and I love it so much! This is very important and helps me remain close to God!**"

It's amazing to see how hungry the Deaf are, and they want more! I encourage them to watch the CBT passage beforehand so to generate more insights for the dialogues we have! But sometimes we run out of time so I often say: "TBC" (To-Be-Continued) as a cliff hanger for the next time we meet! **By the way, did you catch that TBC is CBT backwards?**



WARRIORS TRAINING

Our Warriors Training sessions are coming along great. We train and equip Deaf people to go out into the Deaf community to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with a confidence they never thought they would have. **We prepare them with ideas and give them the encouragement boost they need to go out and share Jesus' love with others by using their personal testimonies of how God has changed their lives!** The Bible verse we use for our training is from 1 Corinthians 16:13: "Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong." (NLT) We use the concept of a "toolbox" in our Warriors Training sessions. The toolbox is full of resources like testimonies, stories and other means Deaf people can use to reach and teach Deaf people who have never heard or experienced the life-changing good news of Jesus Christ.

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We started this because many Deaf people have shared that their only model of witness comes from hearing people and hearing culture. Unfortunately, the various methods used by hearing people are mostly audible and not visual. **When Deaf people try to use the same methods, they are often more confused and have more questions than they had before because these methods don't fit Deaf culture and language.** This creates a lot of frustration for the Deaf and can harden their hearts toward the Good News.

When we use the CBT, we have noticed **increased curiosity and an openness you wouldn't believe!** The CBT assists in cutting through any fog, confusion and whatnot in Deaf people's minds. **They understand the Bible clearly, and the fog over their minds lift like a veil being removed after so many years of not understanding the Gospel!**



PRAISE & PRAYER

- We've expanded our Warriors Training. Instead of one group, we now have two! Praise God!
- Praise God for God's blessings on DCF. We were able to purchase video equipment to upgrade our Facebook Live which reaches many Deaf in the States and the world.
- Pray for wise time management.



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