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Nairobi, Kenya

Our team had the opportunity to travel to Nairobi, Kenya, to gather feedback on our Translation Resources Development project. We were there from October 13 to November 5. We showed our Phase 1 videos in an international community check that had 5 different groups participating with individuals from 8 different countries! Phase 1 covers the introduction to how to establish a translation team, a translation committee, and partnerships with others, and the expectations of that process, and more. **The community check was a success and we got wonderful feedback and suggestions from our groups.** We also asked them how to sign some of the vocabulary we will be using in our Phase 2, which focuses on translation principles, genres, linguistics, and other topics. We are filming this in February.

Since we got back, we have been refilming all the videos for Phase 1. The feedback has helped us become more creative and made the videos more useful for translation teams in other countries. As this is a groundbreaking project offering what no other projects have offered, we are always coming up with revisions. **We are praying that this project would become the "textbook" for future translation teams so that they can review it to continue improving their skills, especially with the other phases we plan to develop this year.** Again, thank you for your continued prayers supporting our team and my family too!

While in Nairobi, our team visited their giraffe center, went on a wildlife safari nearby, and visited the oldest Deaf school in the country, which was north of Nairobi. It was a wonderful experience complete with some culture shock for me! One example is that I saw many baboons roaming around. They weren't in the jungle or a caged area, but wandering through people's yards or next to the road. **Kenya is a very beautiful country to visit!**

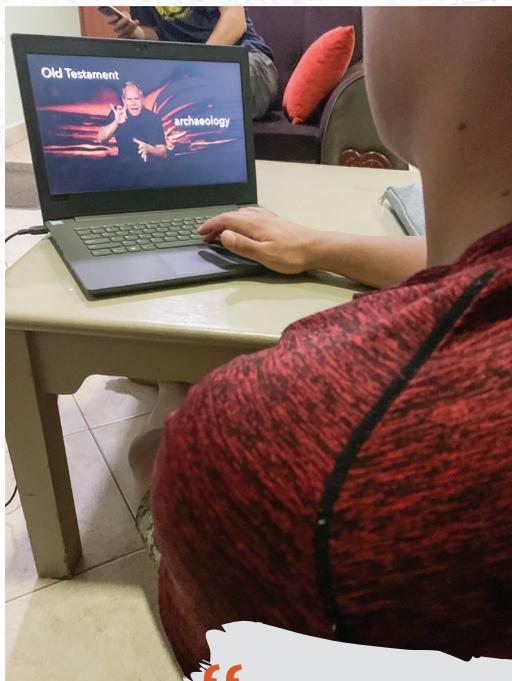
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Making a Difference

While I was in Kenya, I met two men who are working in the translation field; one is a signer for his team and the other is a translation consultant. Both of them had been watching our video [“How Has the Bible Been Passed Down Accurately Throughout History?”](#)

The signer had been watching this video every evening, and he asked us a lot of questions because he was trying to understand ASL. He shared that he had learned a lot and this video encouraged him to do the best he can for his country's sign language Bible translation.

The translation consultant came to me in the cafeteria and poured out his heart to me, sharing that he was so blessed by this video. He explained that the first time he started translating Bible passages into his language, he became doubtful of the Bible translations out there. There were so many versions, and that caused him to wonder which one was right. During his first year working in translation, he questioned the Bible's accuracy. But he decided to stop permitting himself to think about it and to continue working, putting up with the differences as best as he could. After he received consultant training, he still had the same question about the accuracy of the Bible until last summer, when he started watching our video. He shared that it answered all the questions he had! Praise the Lord! I think of Psalm 119:105: “Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.” I thank God for His wonderful guidance and for bringing the light to Deaf people—not only to native ASL users—but to Deaf people worldwide!



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PRAISE & PRAYER

PRAISE:

- the Lord for His provision for our team to continue our Translation Resources Development project until the end of December 2022. Praise Him for our extension for completing Phases 1 and 2 by the end of February.
- the Lord for His protection on our team traveling to Nairobi, Kenya, and bringing us back home safely!
- the Lord that my son just got accepted to the National Technology Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York this coming fall!

PRAY FOR:

- our team members and my family to stay healthy and to recover from seasonal illnesses and COVID variants.
- God's guidance in finding funds to do more CBT translation work in partnership between Deaf Harbor and DOOR International.



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