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Spiritual Gifts

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul begins by listing different spiritual gifts within the body of Christ, emphasizing the importance of all the gifts working together just like the parts of the body work together as one. As I (Bobby) pondered this, **God gave me some perspective in a learning moment that I want to share with all of you.**

The topic of “perspective” is something I’ve been thinking about since attending a missionary conference in Wisconsin last October. **Since the body of Christ is full of people from different backgrounds with different gifts, should we be quick to devalue someone in the body of Christ if they are different from us? By no means!** We should embrace how God made each one of us different, and learn how to work with each other the best we can in the body of Christ.

In October and November, my team and I went to Kenya to gather feedback on our translation resources project from the translation teams there. **There were teams from Asia and Africa and even someone from Colombia participating in the feedback process, which was very productive!** I am very thankful for the opportunity to see different perspectives coming from the different parts of the body so that our resources may be suitable for all sign language translation teams.



This process showed me the need for what Paul spoke about in 1 Corinthians 13: **love**. It is beautiful to see how there are different gifts which God has given to people and the gifts may shape the perspective of each person. The love from God, which is something that we need to seek from Him continuously, will help us unite with each other in understanding as one body glorifying God. Paul brought up this point in 1 Corinthians 14: the body of Christ who pursues love and desire spiritual gifts would be built up as a result. **So, please pray that our translation resources may equip and lift the sign language Bible translation teams.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for my team to complete our Translation Resources Development project by the end of 2022.
- Pray for the team’s direction for 2023 and beyond. We want to continue translating the ASL Chronological Bible Translation and develop more translation resources in sign language.
- Pray for different projects our team is involved in with Jesus Film, Hope Film and Tetelestai.

As for the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) in American Sign Language (ASL), we realized that we want the translation, which is God's Word in the heart language of Deaf Americans, to build up Deaf people in Christ. Last December, our team went to Council Bluffs, Iowa, to meet with a partner organization, Deaf Missions, to discuss establishing a national translation committee.



Having a national translation committee will help bring more awareness about the translation to the Deaf community and allow us to better serve their needs.



This will give the Deaf community more opportunities to become involved in our translation process. Since these meetings,

I have been experiencing a greater burden for the need of unity of the different gifts within the body of Christ. All of our gifts and perspectives can be utilized to make the body stronger and better. **Please pray for the process of establishing the translation committee;** pray that it will allow all of the Deaf to see His love as we work together to help God's Word transform the Deaf and help them see God being glorified through unity.

With all of that being said, I am thankful for the words that God inspired Paul to write in 1 Corinthians 12-14 and how they help me to learn how to love God and others better. **I hope and pray that this may inspire you to do the same!**

TIMOTHY'S COLUMN

Timothy turned 1 last November! Praise God for Timothy's growth and good health. He enjoys adventures everywhere he goes, especially time spent with his extended family during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Currently, Timothy is learning signs at a rapid pace, soaking everything up like a sponge, and he communicates with people around him pretty well!



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