



THE SIMONS FAMILY

JEREMY, WHITNEY, EVAN, JOSIAH, COLIN

*MANU'S TESTIMONY

When the Lord saw the misery of His people in Egypt and heard their cries, He chose Moses to go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt. But Moses responded, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" Through his doubts, God continued to affirm His calling on Moses. A young man from Asia, *Manu, can identify with Moses's story.

Growing up, we lived in the village. My parents were very poor. Because I was Deaf, my family did not take good care of me. They believed Deaf people were only capable of caring for animals and working on the farm. **In true form, I was responsible for caring for the yaks. I wondered if I would ever be successful.**

When DOOR approached me with a job opportunity in translation. I was hesitant. Not only did I not know Jesus, but my parents were not Christians. I had once seen my father tear up a Bible and throw it into the fire. Unable to gain employment elsewhere, I reluctantly accepted the job with DOOR. **When I shared this news with my parents, they were dumbfounded. Deaf don't fly, they thought.**

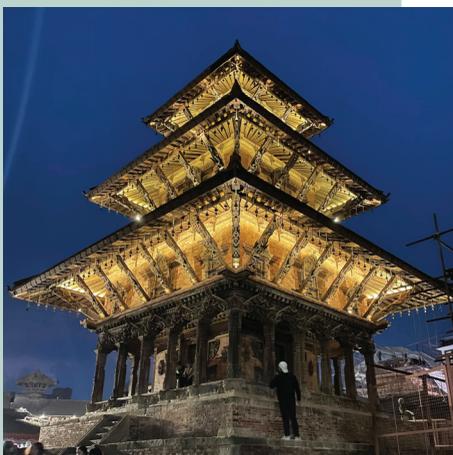
I saw God's Word in sign language for the first time. I remember wondering where the wind, the sun, and all the different parts of creation came from. I began to see God and know Him. I understood I was a sinner; I repented and decided to follow Him.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
John 1:5

I'm so glad that God chose me like Moses. This work is so much more important than any other because the Deaf need to know Jesus. We need to teach them so they will look up to him. My family has seen that my life has changed. They now know Deaf people can achieve things. **My parents are now thankful for me. It's true that God has changed the course of my life. I'm so thankful for Him.**

"Nevertheless, as we follow the invisible warfare swirling around the life of one wounded, searching sinner, the core message rings clear: No amount of lies, no matter how cleverly couched, will ever outstrip or outlast God's truth, nor will any lie ever outreach His grace. The Lord knows those who are His, His sheep hear His voice..." Piercing the Darkness, Frank E. Peretti

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FINE TUNING STUDIO-IN-A-BOX (SIB)

In our last newsletter, we introduced the Studio-in-a-Box. After training, teams return to their home countries to begin independent work on their translations. DOOR needed a way to provide all the equipment and technology for their video studio and translation without the difficulty of sourcing materials locally. This also keeps equipment consistent for each team, country by country.

The first SIB was shipped last fall. From all appearances, it was successful. In January, I (Jeremy) began preparing the next SIB for a team that was soon to return to their home country to begin working. **Before the SIB shipped, they had to move their travel date up, requiring me to hand carry the SIB to their country as opposed to shipping it.**

I'm grateful for this unexpected change in plans because it enabled me to see the SIB in action. I saw things that needed to be changed, items that needed to be added and others that needed to be removed. Now we are fine tuning the SIB equipment list. We will also be developing more detailed training videos for the person setting up the SIB equipment upon arrival.



THE SIMONS FIVE FAMILY NEWS

EVAN – This year, Evan began working his first job. He's done an incredible job balancing school and work. He continues to learn what it looks like to be a light in a dark world. He will soon be 18 and just registered for his senior year of high school this fall. During spring break, Evan will be traveling to Minneapolis to take part in a week-long training in cross-cultural ministry.

JOSIAH – Though Evan still surpasses everyone in height, Josiah will soon catch up! Josiah will be 16 this summer and a junior in the fall. This year, Josiah has continued to serve in the 3-year-old class at church. We are proud of his heart to love on these students each week. Both Evan and Josiah will participate again this summer in the Leadership Development Program at New Life Ranch.

COLIN – Colin just turned 10 years old. Colin continues to homeschool full-time and he has really thrived. This year he is studying early American history. Over spring break he'll have the opportunity to visit a museum with items from Lewis and Clark's Expedition. He is super excited.



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ABOUT DOOR

DOOR International's mission is to bring God's Word and reproducing Christian fellowships to the Deaf of the world. DOOR is a non-denominational, non-profit (501(c)3) Christian mission organization of many Deaf people (and a few hearing people).

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