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FOBAI

The annual Forum of Bible Agencies International (FOBAI) meetings were held in April in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I had the opportunity to attend, and I thank the Lord for these meetings as we have not had this opportunity to meet in-person since 2019 in Albuquerque, New Mexico!

I am involved in a sub-group of FOBAI focused on Deaf groups, called Deaf Development Group (DDG). 20 members were there in-person and 8 members were there via Zoom, most of them international members. We had 11 interpreters working with us, 6 using International Sign and 5 using ASL. However, at the end of the week, the ASL interpreters had started to pick up some International Sign. **Praise the Lord for growing the international interpreter pool!**

We also participated in other development groups: Translation, Scripture Engagement, and Media. These groups are networking groups, and anyone can bring any issues up that they have observed within Bible translation or organizations to help improve the translation standards and process. **A major discussion in the translation development group centered on the qualifications for translation consultants.** They want to reword the requirement for having a master's degree to allow for competency-based certification (CBC), as more and more universities are working with individuals to help them obtain CBCs. An official proposal for this change will be submitted to the board of FOBAI this August.



The members of DDG typically sat together during mealtimes in the past, but this year we had more opportunities to socialize with hearing members of FOBAI and to build bridges between the two cultures during mealtimes. We had many good reports that came out of this networking opportunity. God is good all the time!

CBT Impact

I recently received an email from a hearing woman who had been involved in Deaf ministry for many years, **talking about the 119 passages from the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) we completed in the fall of 2020.** She wrote:

“The ASL CBT passage for 1 Corinthians 12 (Spiritual Gifts) blew me away! I have listened to many, many hearing pastors teach/explain 1 Corinthians 12 and it was still complicated to fully understand.



The team at Deaf Harbor—wow! It was CLEAR about something very complicated. Y'all made it very clear!



“I wanted to let you know so to praise God for what y'all are doing. Today, we used the same passage at Deaf Community Fellowship (DCF) to prepare for an upcoming workshop.

The video was also posted to DCF's Facebook page and my personal page. Thank you so much to all of you at Deaf Harbor for this. **Cindy and I were sitting there talking about this CBT in many different areas, and how it is so clear not only for us but for the Deaf as well.** Thank you and I really appreciate it.”

—submission has been edited for length and clarity

Praise the Lord for this wonderful opportunity to translate God's Word into our heart language, American Sign Language (ASL). This translation is not only limited to Deaf people but can also impact hearing people who know ASL and understand His Word in ASL!

PRAISE & PRAYER

PRAISE:

- the Lord for the responses from people who are being impacted from learning His Word through the Chronological Bible Translation video passages!
- the Lord for the technology that we have access to work with our team member in Colombia. His feedback through Zoom helped our team work through phase 2 of the Translation Resource Development project quickly.

PRAY FOR:

- my team members and my family to remain healthy. Pray for me as I've been seeing doctors to figure out some recent health issues.
- my team to have wisdom about traveling to Bogota, Colombia, this summer to do some filming with the team member who lives there and is unable to get a visa to enter the U.S.
- my team to complete phase 3 of Translation Resource Development this summer.
- God's guidance in finding the funding to translate more passages from the Bible into CBT.



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