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THE SORENSON FAMILY

SERVING WITH DOOR INTERNATIONAL

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South America: **BRAZIL**

In May, there was a Deaf Olympics in Brazil, and DOOR had the opportunity to send two of our leaders to evangelize to the Deaf attendees. These two leaders then flew to Rio de Janeiro to meet with several Christian organizations and Deaf Christian leaders from various parts of the country.

There is a Chronological Bible Translation project (not affiliated with DOOR) in progress there, working on 32 passages, with the team being comprised of mostly volunteers. They have asked DOOR to partner with them to help them accelerate the translation, and provide training and resources they have long needed. If we partner with them, they will be able to translate more than 100 passages!

In addition to that, the Deaf Brazilian leaders are eager to see 2-by-2 work begin in their country. We are excited about this opportunity and for God to open doors in South America. Brazil is the most populous country in South America, and there are many Deaf people there eager to receive the Gospel in their

language. We are hopeful about starting this project and partnership in the first half of 2023. Pray with us as we start taking steps to see this to completion.

PRAISE & PRAYER

Prayers:

- Pray for safety and protection as Mark travels more.
- Pray for DOOR's new Chief Financial Officer to transition into his role well, since Mark will be working closely with him on project budgets and more.
- Pray for funding for the ASL Chronological Bible Translation project so that they can continue translating more passages from the Bible into ASL.

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for the long-awaited celebration for the initial set of 110 passages translated into Kha Sign Language taking place at last!
- Praise God for the exciting developments happening in South America's most populated country.



FOBAI

I (Mark) recently attended the annual Forum of Bible Agencies International (FOBAI) summit in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This was our first in-person meeting since the 2019 summit in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was encouraging to be with many other leaders all working toward the goal of getting the Gospel out to the unreached.

FOBAI has several subgroups, one being the Deaf Development Group (known as DDG), which is the group I am part of. DDG focuses on sign language Bible translation, primarily working to improve information sharing between the sign language projects sponsored by different ministries worldwide, and to establish and maintain standards for quality translation work.



Quite a few of the international leaders there were trained by DOOR! It is a blessing to see the seeds we planted back in the early 2000s in Europe and elsewhere bearing fruit for His Kingdom.

CELEBRATING KHA

We started our work in *Kha, one of the largest countries in Eurasia, in 2015. Last year, we shared that we had finished translating the initial set of 110 Chronological Bible Translation passages into Kha Sign Language. Traditionally, whenever a DOOR project completes a set of passages, we host a celebration to help get word out about the translation and to praise God for what He's done. However, due to several different factors, the celebration did not take place until the last weekend of May of 2022.

We praise God for what He has done in Kha. DOOR has both translation and 2-by-2 work happening within the country. The translation project started in a city near the center of the country, but the translated Scripture has been distributed widely and many Deaf people have expressed their joy at finally understanding the Gospel in their heart language! A neighboring country, *Loshad, shares Kha's sign language, and the Deaf people there have been using the translation as well.



DOOR's three 2-by-2 teams in Kha are located in two different cities: one in the western part of the country, and two in the central city where the translation team is located. The Deaf people in the eastern cities have been asking for a 2-by-2 team to be established near them so that is exciting!

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