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## PROJECT UPDATES

### DEAF HARBOR

Thank you for praying for this project. Filming for Phase 2 of their translation resources development project will soon wrap up! The next stage is to review the drafts to get feedback. **Please pray** for sharp eyes to catch what needs to be fixed and good feedback from those who are reviewing the content.

**Please continue to pray** for possible funding for the ASL Chronological Bible Translation project. There have been some expressions of interest, but nothing has materialized as of yet. Based on the very positive response to the 120 passages already translated, we believe having more ASL CBT available will be a benefit not just to Deaf people in the United States but also to translation projects around the world.



### CEDAR

Thank you for praying about CEDAR. As you may recall from previous newsletters, this is a training initiative for **more deaf translation consultants**. With the cost of travel being high, DOOR made the decision to shift our first orientation (August 8-18) to be virtual. While face-to-face is often more efficient, we **thank God** that we can continue to have the orientation virtually. **Please pray** that this orientation goes well and that we will have a good start to this first initial cohort.

### SLTT

Thank you for praying for the SLTT (Sign Language Translation Tool). **Funding has become available** so now we are in the process of looking for people to expand the team. **Please pray** that God will guide us to the right people to be a part of this team. Also, **please pray** during the months of July and August for continued SLTT stability. The Technical Lead (who works for the United Bible Societies) will be joining his wife, who is a translation consultant for a spoken language Bible translation project in Papua New Guinea, and they will be celebrating the completion of the Bible in that language. This means that he will not be as available to help if something happens with the SLTT. We have a backup plan but are hoping that everything will continue to run smoothly as it has been.

## OTHER CONSULTING WORK

Recently, DOOR assigned me to serve as a consultant for an exegetical resource project being done by the 4.2.20 Foundation. Their first topic involves descriptions of currency in the Bible. I am thrilled to see more resources being developed for Deaf translation teams and Deaf consultants. In addition to working on this project, I am also participating in DOOR's review of their Chronological Bible Translation "master list" of passages. They would like to complete that review in the next year or so. **Please pray** as I participate in providing feedback for both of these projects.



## PERSONAL UPDATE

This June, Linda and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary. We were married on the same weekend as my sister. So we enjoyed celebrating that milestone with them, my parents, and Daniel, Mallory, Lottie, Stephen, and Sarah. Next month, our granddaughter turns 1. We thank God for being able to celebrate these milestones in our lives.

We are very grateful for your partnership that allows us to contribute the gifts and abilities that God has given us to support the work of Bible translation for sign languages. Step by step, God's Word is being made available to Deaf people around the world. We are glad to have you on this journey with us to see God's work among Deaf communities.



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