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PRAY FOR:

- a safe flight to the US
- support-raising success while we're in the States
- the Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Eswatini translation teams as they head back to their countries

JOIN US IN PRAYER!

Set an alarm for 3:21 pm (1521 military time) to pray for God's work among the Deaf. Pray for us also as we strive to join Him in this work!

seeing God in

NYERI

In June, I (John) went with the Kenyan Sign Language (KSL) team to Nyeri to do community testing for a week. This was the first time I had been involved in a community test, and I was a bit nervous. The testing went really well. **My eyes were opened at how easy it is to misunderstand a story I would have thought was perfectly clear. I have the advantage of knowing the stories and having the context, but for the Kenyans there, this is their first time seeing any of these Bible passages. In the week of testing we**



had two community members come to salvation. Given the fact that we only had a total of 10-12 community members in testing, we had a salvation rate of 16-20 percent! It makes sense because they've never been told these things before. As Romans 15:21 says, **"Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand."**

BOTSWANA

For the past few months, I've had the privilege of working with the visiting Botswana sign language team. They arrived in March. First, we trained them in sign language translation, then since June, we have been working with them to draft their first four passages from Genesis 1-4. **I asked some of the translators about how they've been personally impacted by these stories.** This is a paraphrase of a reply:

"I went to a spoken-language church for many years, but I never knew any of these Bible stories. I didn't know that God created the world in seven days—I didn't know where anything came from. We had interpreters at our church but the stories were still difficult to understand. Now that I'm translating the Scriptures, I'm really able to understand the Scriptures. I'm able to see God's remarkable power in His creating the world in seven days, and with the Botswana sign language translation I can clearly understand everything that happened on each day of creation. This translation has had a huge impact on my understanding of God's Word."

Soon the translation team will be going back to Botswana to continue the work in their own country. They will be bringing God's Word in sign language to their Deaf community for the first time. The Deaf in Botswana will



be able to truly understand God's Word, not through interpreters, not struggling through a foreign language, but in their heart language. I can't help but think: "How beautiful are the hands of those who bring good news!"

upcoming trip TO THE US

Can you believe it? It's time for our first furlough! Now because of COVID delays, it hasn't been two years in Kenya (closer to one and a half), but it has been just shy of two years since we finished support-raising. Furlough isn't a vacation, but rather a different type of work. It's a time of intense support-raising to make sure we stay funded for the next 3 years of work here in Kenya. We will be in the States from October through December to visit you, our supporters. We hope to meet with as many of you as possible to be able to tell you in person about how everything is going, and about how your support has impacted the Deaf community. But even if you're tired of missionary stories, fear not! We have an adorable baby we're bringing along!

Jenn's Spot

Last year, we planned to visit "home" in the States for Christmas. Then we got COVID. Whoosh....had you been there that night, amid the suitcases, with the taxi on the way, you could have heard our hearts deflating when the positive test results came in. No more "home for the holidays," no more introducing Sophie to friends and family.

In the weeks after, one of my friends here told me, "This is a beautiful place, Jennifer." God caused her words to ring true in my mind over the next month. I began to see Kenya afforded me many things I wouldn't have in America. True, I love the people, food, and material goods of America, but Kenya practices community in a much deeper way—in a way that supports me as a mom. I realized I had been so busy holding onto America that I had not opened my heart to see the new beautiful home God has brought us to.



We are hoping to visit the States, and God may allow it. Either way, He has prepared home for us in this beautiful place.

a word from Sophie:

"Hi hi!"



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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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