



THE SIMONS FAMILY

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As you may remember, I (Jeremy) had a great opportunity to visit Slibar* earlier this year to set up their translation studio. I had the honor of cutting the ribbon at the opening of the first Deaf Slibar Translation Center!

WHAT ABOUT THE DEAF?

A Deaf 2-by-2 Slibar leader witnessed the event with his wife and father. I had a brief conversation with the father. He rejoiced to know that the Lord had answered his 15-year prayer of wanting the Deaf to see the love of Christ; moreover, his son, Soran*, is the first Slibar 2-by-2 missionary working closely with the first sign language Bible translation in Slibar. In even greater historical news, Soran and many other DOOR 2-by-2 members from Asia were ordained recently. The government can now officially recognize baptisms, marriages, and more performed by these Deaf leaders!

Soran's family were all Hindu. A pastor introduced them to Christ and they came to know the Lord as their Savior. Soran's heart was softened by his father's love and actions for Christ. Eventually, Soran came to know Christ and got baptized, and then nine years of trying to grow in Christ followed. Soran struggled to understand YouTube videos and hearing church services; he truly desired to grow in the Lord but was hindered by finding out that only hearing people had resources. Soran asked: "What about the Deaf? Who could teach the Deaf about Christ?"

Soran prayed for a long time and asked the Lord to help. Eventually, a Jehovah's Witness came along with good resources for the Deaf. It was quite tempting but he declined. Finally, he met a DOOR 2-by-2 missionary, M*, from whom Soran learned so much. He has blossomed in the Lord, and is now a 2-by-2 missionary himself!

Soran's father tells the hearing community to "Stand back and watch the Deaf reach the Deaf for Christ! They have my respect, and they know what they are doing."

*—names changed for security purposes



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At Fellowship Bible Church, our mission is to produce and release spiritual leaders who know and express the authentic Christ to Northwest Arkansas and the world. In short, to belong, grow and serve. That is our heart for the Deaf community as well.

We will be celebrating our fourth year of Deaf ministry at Fellowship on October 24. We are so humbled that God has used us in this meaningful ministry.

With so many people moving to Northwest Arkansas, we have seen an influx of Deaf people as well. This year we have seen growth in our numbers but more importantly we've seen spiritual growth.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO THIS YEAR:

- interpreted Sunday worship services
- Deaf worship service every other month
- a thriving Bible study with 12 regular attendees
- numerous fellowship opportunities
- started three new Deaf small groups this year (a men's group, a women's group and a senior citizens group)
- Deaf women's conference
- weekend out-of-town trip to see the play "Jesus"

We don't measure growth in how many programs and activities we provide. Growth is measured in heart change. We've seen members serving each other and their community more this year than ever before. We've seen them grow in their desire to see Deaf lives transformed by God. We've seen many grow in their enthusiasm and understanding of God's Word.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20

Thank you for standing with us in this local ministry with your prayers. We continue to pray Ephesians 3:20 over our Deaf community.



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ABOUT DOOR

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