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As Thanksgiving just wrapped up, I want to thank all of you for your support, prayers, and encouragement. I'm so grateful to have you in my life and in my corner. Your prayers make a difference and have saved me countless times. Especially on my last trip!

I just got back from a language survey trip to Asia. We wanted to see if one of DOOR's current translation projects would work in a neighboring country or if the new country would need its own translation. Well, we still don't know. Our analysis isn't complete yet, but in just another month or so, I'll have an answer for you! That's how science works, right? You collect data and then you analyze the data. You ignore your gut until you have scientific proof, whether it matches your gut or not.

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While in this country, we met the eight known Deaf Christians. **Eight.** In the entire country, with roughly 1.7 million Deaf people, there are only eight that we know of who know Jesus.

One of the tools we use in survey is called the VET (Variant Extensibility Test). This tool takes a video from language A and shows it to people in country B to see if their sign languages are the same or not. We go through the whole video and make sure they understand it. Then we watch again, sign by sign, and ask them if each sign is used in their language or not. It's a long process, but we always get amazing results. We usually use a Bible portion for this tool since that's the real objective—can these people use this translation?



We were using the VET in this new country and they watched the story of Jesus healing the paralytic. Then they watched the story of the woman washing the feet of Jesus with her hair. It's during this video that some of the men turn to me and ask me, "Jesus, what is that? Is that Catholic?"



Why do they do this to me? They kept seeing the sign for Jesus, but they didn't know what it meant. It's just like the people in the last survey I was on. These people live in Islam dominated countries. Let's pray for our brothers and sisters in these places—that they will know the name of Jesus and come to know him as their Friend. This reminds me of Romans 15:20. "It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known..." Paul says he goes to the end of the earth where Christ isn't known. And now I have been there. People need the Lord.

The end of the year is fast approaching and my one-year anniversary as a DOOR full-time staff member is coming with it. This year has been a rollercoaster personally, but working with DOOR continues to be where I believe Jesus wants me. The new year brings new projects and ways to help build the spiritual life of my colleagues and Deaf friends. Please prayerfully consider financially partnering with me through these endeavors. You can give an end of the year one-time gift, or join the squad as a monthly partner for \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, or even \$5. (Really any dollars, these just tend to be the most common.)

**IN HIS GRIP,
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