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PRAISE & PRAYER

Pray for our upcoming in-person meeting in Oradea, Romania March 6th – 9th. Pray for smooth planning, clear communication and safe travels.

The sign language translation of the book of Mark has been completed in Romanian Sign Language! We are looking forward to celebrating with the team and the Romanian Deaf community during the dedication sometime this year!

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

I have been teaching Deaf Asian women leaders in several countries online via Zoom conferencing. We recently studied various women of the Bible, their roles, their characteristics and their place in the home, the workplace and the world.

Three of the women we've studied were Deborah, Jael, and Jezebel. The women shared that they were surprised how these stories were in the Bible. As they watched me sign the story of Jezebel, they were appalled at her actions, especially the way she dealt with Naboth and his vineyard to satisfy the whims of King Ahab! They were asking me, "Are these stories real?" I said yes, they are real and are there as lessons for us to learn from. We don't want to be like Jezebel but instead live our lives the way Jesus would want us to live. **This has helped them to consider how they are to live for Him and show other women in their communities how they can come to know more and how to live and walk with Christ!**

This shows me how important it is to know the local sign language of the Deaf community I am serving with! How can I interact, talk with, and be with the local Deaf if I don't know their language enough to share the stories of Jesus with them? **This is why having the Bible translated into the local sign languages of the Deaf communities around the world is so important.** The Deaf who are receiving the translated Bible passages are sharing how much the Bible is coming alive to them. **Please pray for me to continue to connect and interact more with Deaf women leaders in Asia and other Deaf women in Romania. Pray also for all the Bible sign language translation teams around the world as they work to translate His Word with clarity, accuracy, and naturalness.**



Since I last wrote, I had asked for prayer concerning some health challenges I was experiencing. Thank you for your prayers as I struggled with H. Pylori Bacteria, a touch of COVID and other issues this past fall and winter. I came home for Christmas to be with my family and were able to get several tests done. I am grateful to say that they were all negative and I am waiting for another test that will be done in April. I was planning to return to Romania on Jan 17th but my mother had a bad fall in which she fractured her left shoulder and injured her right leg. Due to that situation, I am staying here for a few weeks to care for her until she can get back on her feet. Please pray for her shoulder to heal well and for her leg to heal without complications as this is her bad leg.

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens... a time to be..."
Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 2a

I am continuing some of my work in Romania online while I am here in the States caring for my mother. Once she is back on her feet and her shoulder is healed, I plan to travel during the months of April and May to raise more financial and prayer support for the next few years. **Would you, your church or your group be willing to have me come and share with you what God has been doing among the Deaf and in my life as I serve Him in Romania?** I am looking forward to meeting with you!



Please pray for me to adjust well to all of these changes, for grace and strength to endure, protection for my health, and to care for my mother and the work that I am doing for the Lord. **Thank you so much for your faithfulness, prayers and support as I continue to serve Deaf communities and sign language Bible translation!**

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