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2023 PLANS

As we entered the year of 2023, the big picture of what Bobby would be doing was clear, but the details were murky. **Only two doors remained open at the end of 2022, so Bobby will be involved with two projects: Translation Resources Training (TRT) and Consultant Empowerment, Development and Resources (CEDAR).**

TRT is a year-long commitment to bring the translation resources videos we developed in the last two years to the field by going out and training sign language Bible translation teams. A few examples of the topics we will teach are Translation Principles, Sign Language Linguistics, and the history of Bible translation. The goal of this training is to help accelerate and improve the process of sign language Bible translation. **Almost all of those teams have received little to no training in Bible translation, so this opportunity to train them would give them a rare chance to further their education and gain access to resources that they never had before.** To give you an idea of how important this is, this would be the equivalent of—or even more than—being a first-generation college student. We are excited for the life-transforming opportunities that will not just benefit the Bible translators but the Deaf communities they are working in.



CEDAR is a new program that DOOR launched with the goal of training sign language translation consultants and consultants-in-training (CITs). This program was established in response to one of the largest needs in the sign language Bible translation world. **There are approximately 350+ sign languages in the world with 100 active projects and only about 20 translation consultants to assist with these projects.** The remaining sign languages are pushing for projects to be started in their languages! The translation consultant is responsible for ensuring that the new Bible translation is as accurate as possible to the original Hebrew and Greek texts. CEDAR wants to find a way to train more Deaf people to receive the equivalent of a master's

degree and have competencies in sign language linguistics, Bible translation, Biblical exegesis, Biblical languages, and teamwork. Bobby is looking forward to beginning his training to help with the quality and accuracy of different sign language Bible translation projects.

With both TRT and CEDAR on the agenda for 2023, the details are still up in the air, so please pray for Bobby and his team as they try to navigate through scheduling for the upcoming training sessions and more in 2023. **We appreciate your prayers and support more than you can know.**

SIENNA'S SPOT

Sienna is currently about 4 months old. She is learning how to roll over and hold her head up while laying on her tummy. **She enjoys watching her older brother play and is very interested in everything Timothy does.**



TIMOTHY'S TRACK

For several years, Bobby and Krysta worked with the American Sign Language Chronological Bible Translation (ASL CBT) team as they translated the Bible into ASL. In 2020, while working with the team as a video editor, Krysta was pregnant with Timothy. **At that time, the thought never occurred to us that these videos would have an eternal impact on our kids' lives.** Fast forward to the present, and one of Timothy's favorite things to do is to watch the ASL CBT videos. **He will copy the signers in the video to the point where he has some of the stories memorized, especially the Creation story! Praise God!** Check out a video of Timothy watching and copying the signer in the story where God creates the world in this QR code, and enjoy!



PRAYER

- Pray for safety and health for Bobby, as he travels to different countries to train various sign language translation teams. Also, please pray for Krysta and the kids as they stay home during his trips.
- Pray for Bobby's training in the CEDAR program as he begins the process to become a certified sign language Bible translation consultant.

UPCOMING VISIT

We plan to visit Michigan in the beginning of June and we would LOVE to meet you! If you want to meet with us, please email Bobby at bobbym@doorinternational.org with at least two different dates that you are available. We will respond to work out the details of meeting and catching up with you!



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