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A HEART CHANGED

Remember last July when Rob flew to South Asia to help train Deaf leaders on Jehovah's Witnesses and their teachings? One of the women attending the training was a JW who was having doubts and wanted questions answered. Following the training, local Deaf leaders have continued to support and encourage her, answering more questions that have come up. We just got word this week that she gave her heart and life to Jesus and was baptized! Praise God! Please keep praying for the Deaf in South Asia and the impact of JWs in the region.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

As we move into our ninth year with DOOR (wow, where does the time go!), we are watching as the organization itself grows and matures.

Back in 2014 when we first joined DOOR, DOOR had active work in 10 countries, with about 120 staff and an annual budget of \$2.2 million. Today in 2023, DOOR has active work in 34 countries, with about 230 staff and an annual budget of \$6.5 million. **That means we have tripled the countries that we impact!** That impact includes work in language survey, sign language Bible translation, video Scripture distribution, evangelism/church planting teams, and technology support.



That kind of growth as an organization has required a deep level of investment in our Deaf leaders who lead these various areas. **Every organization is only as strong as its leadership.** Right now, there are very few (if any) leadership development materials available in sign language, especially any that approach leadership development in a way that matches Deaf culture and is replicable in many different international contexts (and written/sign languages!).

A significant part of Rob's leadership in DOOR involves investing in Deaf leaders, including developing this kind of training. DOOR's most recent leadership meetings here in Orlando in late January were a great example of that. Rob worked to train DOOR's leaders on supervising, supporting, and evaluating staff; problem solving; setting goals and tracking progress; and many other topics critical to DOOR's growth. (Keep in mind that all of this training happened in Kenyan Sign Language!)

And none of this growth would be possible without our full reliance on the Lord and his leadership of DOOR. A key verse for us continues to be from John 15:5: "I [Jesus] am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." **Please continue to pray for Rob and our other leaders as they shepherd and guide this critical work.**

FAMILY UPDATES

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Eph. 3:20-21)



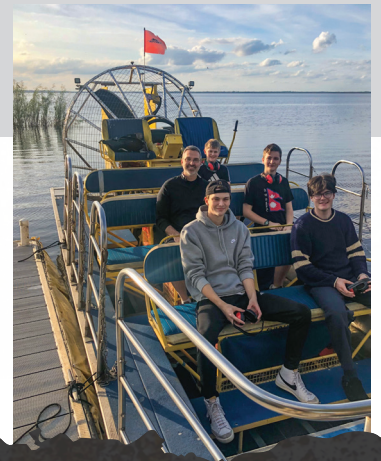
Jon started his junior year in English Education this spring at College of the Ozarks. In his words, he is finally getting to fill his schedule with his English major classes, which he absolutely loves. We are excited for his love of reading and writing, and grateful for the investment that his professors are making in his life.

Mason successfully finished his first semester as a mechanical engineering major at the University of Central Florida (UCF) and is now in his second semester. He loves his calculus and physics classes, and because of how well he did last semester, he may become a teaching assistant for Calculus 1 this next fall.

Michelle continues to volunteer with our church's high school student ministry group, and is also involved in women's mentoring through the church. She also helps to host DOOR staff when they come into town and stay in our home for periods of time.

Elliot continues at Hagerty, with a lot of his time being spent in robotics, modeling, and programming. He recently had several robotics competitions with his team. Elliot is responsible for the programming for his team's bot.

Luke's fifth grade adventures continue, with his school activities expanding to include wrestling and choir. He also continues to keep up with his origami work as well.



THANK YOU, DEAR FRIENDS,

for your ongoing prayers and support of our family and this ministry. This is eternal work, and we could not do this without partners like you.



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