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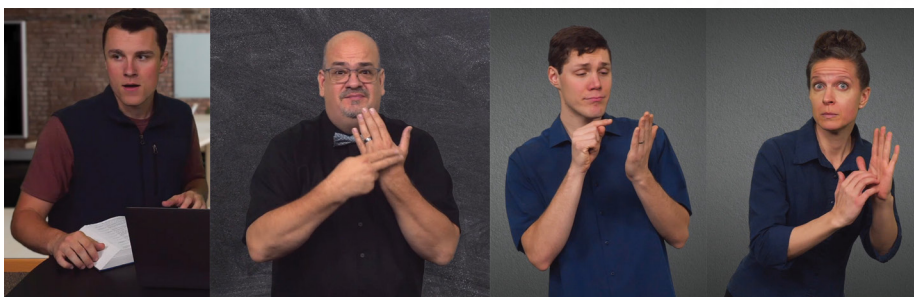
ROLE CHANGE

This year, I have been asked to coordinate for DOOR consultant services in Europe and the Americas and provide leadership/coordination for CEDAR. This will be a learning experience for me, but elements of this are similar to what I have done before. **Please pray** for wisdom as I adjust to these new responsibilities. I will highlight some of what is happening under the areas I am coordinating.

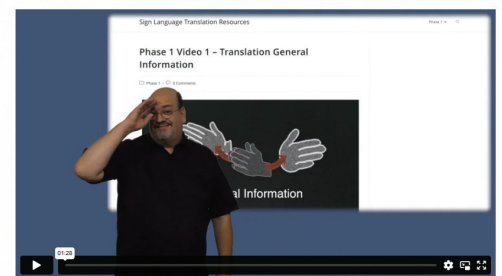
TRANSLATION RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for praying for the Translation Resources Development Project that DOOR did last year with Deaf Harbor. The team completed all of their planned video resources - a total of about 30 hours of video training! These videos are now going through their final editing.

This year, using selections from these newly created video resources, they will provide training to Deaf translation teams. **Please pray** for them as they develop and provide this training.



Sign Language Translation Resources



Although funding wasn't available this year for the ASL Chronological Bible Translation (ASL CBT) project, **please** continue to **pray** for future funding for 2024. Until funding becomes available, they will continue to translate a few passages on a volunteer basis. Their goal for 2023 is to release the book of Jonah. Jonah 2 includes a good opportunity to explore how to translate Hebrew poetry to ASL poetry.

CEDAR

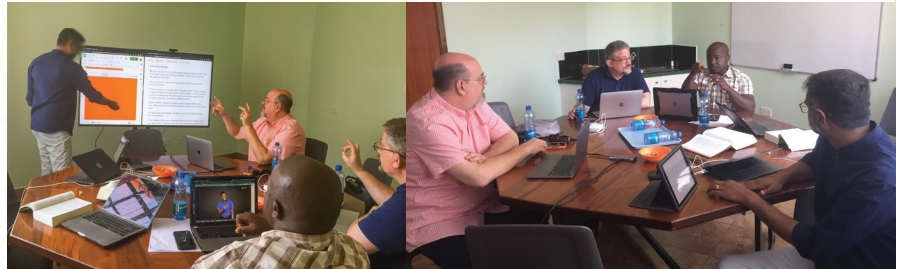
We will apply for funding for the four consultants-in-training (CITs) that we identified last year. As soon as the funding becomes available, we can begin the training. **Please pray** for the various instructors who are involved in the training for this year. Three of the four CITs are involved in the Translation Resources project (see page one). **Please pray** as we work to schedule CEDAR training around their work assignments.

SLTT

Thank you for praying for the Sign Language Translation Tool (SLTT). **We thank God** for providing a Product Manager for the SLTT, Caio Cascaes from Brazil. He will be working directly with teams to get feedback and provide training and help with the prioritization of features. The technical side of the SLTT is handled by the United Bible Societies (UBS). Nathan Miles, our previous Technical Lead, recently retired to a part-time role with SLTT. UBS has found Eric Pyle who will serve as our new Technical Lead. God is providing the people we need to help SLTT to provide better features for the translation teams so their work can be done better and more effectively. **Please pray** for us as we transition into a new team.

Other Consulting/ Ministry Work

The planned Chronological Bible Translation Master List meeting this past November was postponed until this February. The goal of this master list is to provide a recommended chronological list of Bible passages for Deaf teams that want to do Chronological Bible Translation. Counting passages that we already evaluated in previous meetings, our list now covers about 31% of the Bible. We plan to meet three more times this year with a goal to complete a list for the whole Bible. **Please pray** for these future meetings in July, September, and November.



This April, I will be traveling with colleagues to Cyprus, Isaret*, and Greece to participate in meetings with prospective translation teams and partners and to attend the annual meeting of the Forum of Bible Agencies International (FOBAI). **Please pray** for God's wisdom in these meetings.

Thank you for your role in seeing these projects move forward for Bible translation in sign languages.

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