



SEEDS of FAITH

Bringing God's Word & reproducing Christian fellowship to the Deaf

GOD opens doors AT DEAFNATION EXPO

PRAY

- for my continued work in Chapel Hill and Durham as I come alongside them to empower and build their outreach to the Deaf community.
- that many Deaf will attend our Deaf event in Chapel Hill and God will be glorified. We are showing the movie "Job", which has Deaf actors and is signed in American Sign Language (ASL).

DeafNation Expo is a touring trade show for, by, and about Deaf people. Since 2003, the DeafNation Expo has attracted over one million attendees with hundreds of events throughout the United States.

Great things happened at DeafNation Expo on April 15th in Greensboro, North Carolina! **There were more than 4,000 Deaf attendees.** DeafNation has not been held in NC for almost ten years.

I thank God for Shayna, the newest evangelist on our team. When she learned that DeafNation was coming to NC in April, she immediately saw an opportunity to evangelize. **She texted me earlier this year asking if our team could have a booth there to share the gospel and to show the Deaf attendees the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) so they can learn about God's Word in their heart language.**

We were on our feet constantly for about 10 hours interacting with the Deaf who stopped at our table. Many questions were asked and answered, and the gospel shared. **Many of the Deaf there were interested in the CBT and curious about how we use it to teach God's Word.** I am grateful for the lives and hearts that were reached and touched.

We brought home a list of names and emails from those who wanted to know more. **Some wanted us to contact them about times for future trainings, and others wanted to attend our Bible study on Zoom.** I want to thank DOOR and their staff for all the amazing encouragement and support they gave us for this event.



YOUR story MATTERS

“Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me.”

Psalm 66:16

God has called each of us to be bold in sharing the gospel by always being “prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15)

Your story matters because it is uniquely your own, and no one can tell it the way you can. **Shayna has trusted Jesus since she was 13 years old.** She started coming to Deaf Community Fellowship (DCF) in 2016, and she started growing in her relationship with Jesus. Her mom passed away shortly after that, and then in 2021, her oldest son passed away unexpectedly. **Shayna continued to trust God through all of her heartbreak.**

God revealed to her that her spiritual gift is evangelism when she attended a workshop on spiritual gifts. **She has been on fire ever since, sharing about the Lord with her friends and other Deaf, and through videos on her Facebook page.** Shayna’s testimony and sharing has impacted many lives.

DEAF CHURCH where?

“Find a Deaf church near you and connect!”

If you want to find a Deaf community of worship—whether it is a hearing church with an interpreted service or a Deaf-led church—you can go to this app and find a place to worship.



I use this to network and to know where I can come alongside ministries. We introduce the use of the CBT to

reach the Deaf with God’s Word in their heart language and empower them to reach their own people group. There are several listed in the state of NC on this app. However, we have been discovering that many of these ministries have been shut down. For example, I recently visited a church in Greensboro, excited to visit their Deaf-led Sunday school. Only two Deaf leaders were there, and the interpreted service that followed had no Deaf attendees. **However, I am grateful that we had the opportunity to share the CBT and DOOR’s methodology with the Deaf leaders.** They are interested and we are going back to work with them.

Although some Deaf ministries are shutting down across the US, don’t be discouraged. **I believe God is preparing the soil in the hearts of the Deaf to receive the Word of God and He is opening doors for us to bring the tools needed to give the Deaf the opportunity to experience His Word in their heart language.**

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