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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the team Bobby is working with as they prepare for these trainings. The resources and trainings the team is providing have never been offered at a formal level in sign language before, so we are excited to see the impact these resources will make on sign language Bible translation.
- Please pray for the 2-by-2 Resources Development team as they begin producing resources in different sign languages to support Deaf church leaders.

## ACCESS IS THE KEY

Suppose a church leader or layperson wanted to garner new knowledge to help them understand some of the major themes in the Bible such as who God is, baptism, the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion/Eucharist, and more. Almost anybody could go to Amazon and order a book related to the topic they wished to learn more about. However, many Deaf people don't have access to this material in sign language.

According to the [National Center for Special Education Research](#), "about one in five deaf students who graduate from high school have reading skills at or below the second grade level; about one in three deaf

students who graduate from high school have reading skills between the second and fourth grade level." That is happening right here in the United States, which is one of the most accessible countries in the world in providing education to Deaf people.



1 in 5 with a reading level of 2nd grade or less



1 in 3 with a reading level between 2nd and 4th grade



80% of the 70 million Deaf receive no education

"Approximately 56 million deaf people, 80% of the 70 million deaf people in our world today, receive no education at all." ([World Federation of the Deaf](#)) This staggering statistic shows us clearly how difficult it is for many Deaf people to learn through resources in written/spoken languages. Sign languages are the heart language of Deaf people, and written languages are their second (or third) languages. This shows us the need for Deaf people to have access to resources in their heart languages—access is the key.



The [World Federation of the Deaf](#) asserts: "Each sign language has its own unique structure, grammar, and lexicon, and sign languages are equal to spoken languages in every way. Numerous studies have shown that sign language supports the development of brain function and social skills." For these reasons above and more, DOOR International is focusing on Bible translation into sign languages and church planting in the Deaf community.

As fruit multiplies in the Deaf community through the impact of Bible translation in sign languages, more and more Deaf are becoming hungry to learn more about God. Many Deaf leaders are eager to learn how to lead and serve their church. But they are often dependent on a single person to teach them more about these things. They have no access to biblical resources in their languages to learn more. As a result, DOOR International established a 2-by-2 (the name of our church planting and evangelism ministry) resources team to create biblical resources in sign languages to support Deaf church planters and leaders worldwide.

On top of undergoing the necessary training to become a certified Translation Consultant and training other Bible translation teams, Bobby began supporting the 2-by-2 resources team in May to perform quality checks of their content for accuracy and clarity. Bobby's plate is full, but he is excited to see how God is using his experience with the Translation Resources Development team from 2020-2022 to support the new resources team. Please pray for Bobby as he balances the various things on his plate and supports the team who is serving Deaf church leaders globally.

## TIMOTHY'S TRACK

Timothy is thrilled to see the temperatures becoming warmer which means he has more time to play outside! He is anxious for Sienna to start walking soon so that they can play together more.



## SIENNA'S SPOT

Sienna is a sweet, easygoing baby, who is growing fast and crawling all over the place. She loves to watch her big brother and observe what he is doing.



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### ABOUT DOOR

DOOR International's mission is to bring God's Word and reproducing Christian fellowships to the Deaf of the world. DOOR is a non-denominational, non-profit 501(c)(3) Christian mission organization.

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