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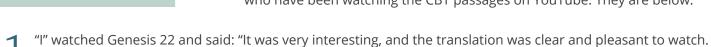
TECH SHRINKS, MULTIPLYING BIBLE ACCESS

We (Jeremy and others involved in Scripture distribution) have been working hard to ensure that Scripture is accessible to Deaf communities around the world. One of the ways we do that is to upload the Chronological Bible Translation passages to YouTube.

Advancements in video quality and the ever-shrinking, faster technology is allowing for large sized files like sign language translation videos to be stored on micro SD cards and played effortlessly on phones, tablets, and platforms like YouTube. This incredible accessibility is bringing the light of God's Word directly into the lives of Deaf individuals.

In Kha*, a gateway country in Eurasia, multiple passages of the Bible have been made available on YouTube. Kha Sign Language is used not only in the country of Kha, but in 13 surrounding countries as well. Some of the Deaf viewers of these passages have shared the following encouragements with the translation team, asking for more stories to come.

The translation team has collected some comments from the Deaf people who have been watching the CBT passages on YouTube. They are below:



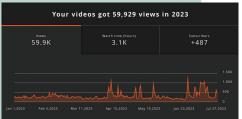
2 "L" watched the same passage (Genesis 22), and said it was fascinating and thanked the team for doing this work.

⁸ "D" watched the Kha translation of the Seven Churches (Revelation 1-3) and said "Very interesting. I really enjoy watching the Bible translation. I thank God for His salvation and for my acceptance of His Word."

4 "A" watched the story with the spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12) and shared: "For this great work and diligence, all glory to Christ! Thank you, brothers and sisters on the translation team, for working on this for us."

The Deaf translators felt very encouraged by those comments from Deaf people in the community, and they praise God for His work in the community and in the Deaf hearts receiving the translation.







I thank God for His mighty actions in this story. Amen!"

The technical impact extends far beyond Deaf people in Kha. Deaf people in nearby countries also access and comprehend the videos.

You helped make this possible! The impact of technology, coupled with the devotion of those who believe in making the Bible accessible, is transforming lives within the Deaf community. Thank you for partnering with us in this great work.

*—names changed for security purposes.

A LAMP IS LIT



God's presence and work are evident in the Fellowship Deaf Ministry (FDM) at Fellowship Bible Church. Over a span of just five years, FDM has experienced remarkable growth and witnessed the opening of doors for three distinct groups: the Deaf Men's Group, the Deaf Women's Group, and the Senior Citizen Group.

One of the highlights of FDM is the thriving Deaf Bible study. This gathering has seen a significant increase in attendance, indicating a growing interest and commitment among the participants. Inspired by Jesus' example with his disciples, FDM is now embarking on a process of discipleship. The aim is to follow the model Jesus set by teaching and equipping the disciples, empowering them to take up their own leadership roles.

In addition to the Bible study, the Deaf Church and interpreting services continue to run consistently throughout the year. These services are essential in ensuring that members of the Deaf community have access to spiritual guidance, worship, and fellowship. By offering interpreting services, FDM provides Deaf individuals with a way to participate in the church's activities and connect with God in a way that is accessible to them.

The ongoing success and growth of FDM shows us God's movement within the ministry. The formation of various groups and the increasing attendance at events demonstrate a hunger for spiritual connection and a desire to engage more deeply with the teachings of Jesus. We pray that as FDM moves forward, it will continue to serve as a source of support, community, and spiritual growth for the Deaf community within the Fellowship Bible Church and in Northwestern Arkansas.









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