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Hello everyone! We can't believe it's newsletter time again already. It seems we have reached the age everyone talks about when time passes by in the blink of an eye. We are thankful for supportive church and work families as we take on the year, and are glad that you're choosing to keep up to speed on our lives and what God is doing in the world through DOOR.

EVERY TRIBE EVERY NATION AND THE 55 TABLE



EVERY TRIBE
EVERY NATION

Every Tribe Every Nation (ETEN) is a "collective impact alliance" which DOOR has become more and more involved in over the last few years. If you're wondering what a collective impact alliance is, you aren't alone! It's really just a fancy term for multiple organizations teaming up for a common cause. The common cause shared by the ETEN family is to provide God's Word in everyone's heart language in a format they can engage with so their lives may be transformed. Many organizations you may have heard of participate in ETEN in one way or another, including Wycliffe, SIL, Pioneer Bible Translators, United Bible Societies, Deaf Bible Society, and many more. ETEN's immediate priority is referred to as the All Access goal, an initiative founded on the 2000th anniversary of Jesus's ministry, rapidly approaching us in 2033. The All Access goal is summarized below:



- **95%** of the global population will have access to a **FULL BIBLE** (languages with greater than 500,000 speakers)
- **99.96%** of the global population will have access to a **NEW TESTAMENT** (languages with greater than 5,000 speakers and less than 500,000 speakers)
- **100%** of the world's population will have access to at least **SOME PORTION OF SCRIPTURE** (portion estimated as 25 chapters in languages with less than 5,000 speakers)
- **ACCESS** to a **SECOND TRANSLATION WILL BE AVAILABLE** in the world's most strategic 100 written languages; which is estimated to include critical revisions completed in 26 of these languages

For sign languages, this means we have a lot of work to do. At present estimate, there are over 400 sign languages in the world. Following the All Access goals listed above, that would mean that:

- **18 LANGUAGES** need a complete Bible translation - at present, **ONLY ONE** of those languages is complete.
- **198 LANGUAGES** need a complete New Testament translation - currently **NONE** of these languages have met their goal!
- **143 LANGUAGES** should have at least 25 chapters of scripture completed - while these are hard to track, as far as we know **NONE** of them have met their goal.

You can see we have a lot of work to do in the next ten years. One of the ways ETEN is working to meet these goals is by creating the 55 Table (named because the phrase used to describe "sign language" looks like two fives). The 55 Table is a body of staff from over a dozen organizations who have come together into three workgroups to tackle the tough problems facing the Bible translation movement today: the Field Strategy workgroup, focused on planning and long term solutions; the Technology and Training workgroup; and the Data and Survey workgroup, which is focused on collecting and tracking all of the statistics shared above, as well as conducting research to lay the groundwork for good decisions about where to start translations.



Dan is one of the leading representatives of the Data workgroup, and was able to go to Dallas, Texas this summer to meet with the other leaders to plan out next year's goals. There are exciting things happening in those groups. Pray with us that all of the ETEN organizations would seek the Lord in their work, and that we would all exemplify the unified body of Christ in our various ministry contexts!

VISITING YOUR CHURCH OR SMALL GROUP



It's probably been a long time since we've seen you in person. COVID really turned the world on its head and threw off our schedule! If you, your church, or small group would like to reconnect with us, we'd love to look for opportunities to do that. Just reach out to us at dane@doorinternational.org, and we can work with you to put something on the calendar.



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