



# THE SIMONS FAMILY

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## JUST A GLIMPSE

Standing within a sea of believers, all lifting their voices, praising the Lord together, I felt disconnected from others and from my Savior. "But why," I asked the Lord. As I stood there in my own silence, I began to see in my mind's eye the music in ASL and my heart swelled in worship.

It was the first time in all these years of signing that I caught a small glimpse of what it might feel like for the Deaf. No, I'm not Deaf and sign language is not my heart language but after 26 years of signing, there is something about signing in worship that resonates with my heart.

I can only imagine what it must feel like for the Deaf when they see God's Word in their heart language for the first time and worship Him in their heart language.

The New Testament church was birthed during Pentecost through the Holy Spirit as people began to hear the disciples tell of the wonders of God in their own languages.

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ... When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ... **We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!** ... Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

(Selected from Acts 2)

"When one believes God speaks in the language of his or her heart, it makes all the difference. And it has power beyond mere words."

- Seed Company

## HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO..... .....NOW

How old will you be in 2040? What will you have accomplished? **What impact will you have made?**

If you have been supporting the Simons family for the past 15 years with DOOR, when we started, we were a small missions organization. **DOOR had a church planting program called 2-by-2, and had just started working in Bible translation.**



Imagine this work this way...**one lit match is not very bright alone, but when a match touches another match, and so on, the light will get brighter and brighter.** It will spread faster. That is a picture of what is happening within DOOR's ministry!

Initially, DOOR did Bible translation in a small house in Nairobi, Kenya. Seven teams were packed into that small space and working together, doing sign language Bible translation for the first time. Eventually, DOOR acquired 10 acres of land outside the city and built a fully functional center on farmland that provided a space for individuals, families, children, and guests. Over the years, DOOR has worked on more than 20 different sign language translations. Some of these languages are "gateway" languages that can be understood by other countries that use the same sign language and written language. **Thus, smaller countries can create their own translations using the "gateway" translation as a source text.**

## 2009.....NOW

Annual Budget - 1.3 million  
Active work - 10 countries  
120 staff  
Translation center in small building and dorm  
7 languages  
1 translation consultant  
No training materials  
Countries with 2x2 - 2  
Churches planted - 200  
Leaders trained - 600+  
No internet presence  
2 partners

Annual Budget - 6.5 million  
Active work - 34 countries  
220 staff  
Training and Translation center  
22 languages  
15 consultants  
Training materials in development  
Countries with 2x2 - 16  
Churches planted - 1000+  
Leaders trained - 3400+  
Multi-platform internet presence  
21 partners



## THANK YOU

Without your faithful partnership in this great work, this Kingdom growth would not be possible. Thank you for coming alongside us and serving God in this way over the past 15 years.



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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 of many Deaf people (and a few hearing people).

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