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Hello, everyone! Happy 2024. Every time we sit down to write one of these letters, it moves us to reflect on all the ways we have seen God work in our lives over the last few months. This most recent season has brought some precious time with dear friends, exciting maturity in DOOR's leadership team, a pleasantly mild New York winter, new coworkers and structural changes, and a slew of new challenges. We celebrate and give praise that God has been with us through it all.

BALANCING MINISTRY AND RISK

As we make more and more progress in bringing God's Word to Deaf people groups, we are beginning to run out of "low-hanging fruit". Essentially, a larger percentage of the languages with no translation project and little-to-no local churches are based in limited access countries, where the governments or local religions are hostile to the gospel. Sometimes simply gaining access to the country can be a challenge. **In an attempt to prepare for more and more engagements of this kind, we are attending the Comprehensive Awareness Security Training (CAST) course, which focuses on threat assessment, abatement, and mitigation when traveling in the field.** It addresses some very real dangers of working in many of the countries we plan to travel to in the near future. The course is scheduled for early March; pray with us that we would learn a lot and continue with boldness in our mission.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Rising ministry and living costs, as well as some partners being unable to continue supporting us, means we need to revisit our ministry support. We are currently at a significant deficit in our fundraising. We have been asked to work on getting our monthly support back up to 100%. DOOR depends greatly on the personal relationships and financial support of its missionaries to recruit and provide excellent support for work among unreached Deaf people groups. **We would like you to prayerfully consider committing to or increasing a monthly gift to DOOR on our behalf.**



UPCOMING MARCAM* SURVEY

In April and May, we'll be heading to Marcam* for our next language survey. **The goal of this trip is to test the effectiveness of two different ongoing translation projects in neighboring people groups, in order to evaluate how widely usable the translations are.** This will be one of our longest survey projects yet at around six weeks, followed immediately by meetings in Michigan. After we return, another team of surveyors will pick up where we left off to continue the project for several weeks longer. **While this is a great opportunity to measure and expand the impact of our Bible translation work, it's also likely to be extremely taxing.** Please pray for us to have a special measure of endurance and patience as we embark on this marathon project.

As part of this upcoming survey trip, we'll be bringing along a childcare worker to continue Ezra's schooling while Sarah works on the survey team. Grace Kelley, a local teenager, came with us on our last survey trip and did awesome, and was a great blessing to all of us. **You can read a letter from her below:**

Hi, my name is Grace Kelley. I am finishing up my senior year in high school. I am hoping to go into missions, but I am not sure where or how God wants me yet. I went with the Eberles on their last trip and I am looking forward to going back. I'm thankful that God has put these opportunities in my life and that it is with people like the Eberles who have done such a good job of taking me under their wing and have been so kind to me. Thank you so much for your prayers!

Grace Kelley
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Grace will be raising funds to be able to support the ministry work on this trip, to cover her travel costs and expenses. We ask that you would consider making a contribution to enable her to go along on this trip. **Donations towards Grace's trip can be sent to:**

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