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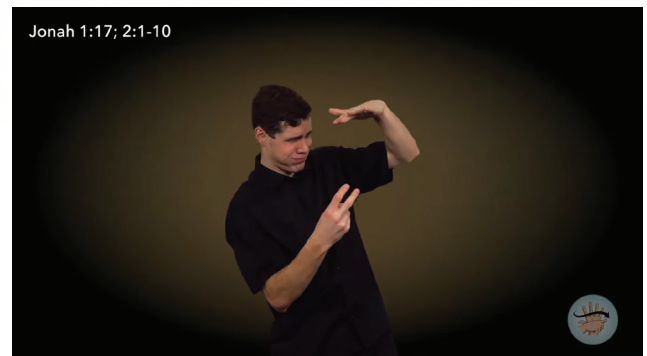
- Please pray for the team developing resources. We are excited about how various resources are shaping up, but it will be an ambitious schedule. Some health issues among the family members of the team have added some small delays, but God has been good in providing healing.
- Pray for the CITs as they learn from their mentoring and other training opportunities and work on specific projects this year.
- Pray for good collaboration for this workgroup, FOBAI, and other opportunities where we can work well together on specific action steps.
- Please thank God with us for the new SLTT programmer and pray that the development team will find good solutions to issues for teams with unstable internet or who cannot use the internet for various reasons.

We hope you had a blessed time remembering the death of Jesus and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. We thank God for the time we were able to have with our kids, their friends, and our church family. **Because Jesus lives, we have hope to help us respond to the needs of today and tomorrow.** The promise of the resurrection allows us to look up and see with eyes of faith a day when sin and all its consequences will one day be in the rearview mirror and not something we wrestle with day-to-day.

My work with DOOR this year continues to focus on supporting the development of more resources, working with consultants-in-training (CITs) through CEDAR, and supporting the SLTT (Sign Language Translation Tool).

SIGNED RESOURCES

The team I have been working with is focusing on 15 new passages to translate for American Sign Language (ASL) Chronological Bible Translation, signed summaries of the 66 books of the Bible, and a basic summary of church history. **This month, the team released the [book of Jonah](#).** Chapter 2 of Jonah is poetry, so it was a good challenge to discuss and look at how to apply ASL poetry to translating Jonah 2. We also had the privilege of getting technical feedback from ASL poetry researcher and instructor Eric Epstein.



CEDAR

With CEDAR, I am focusing primarily on weekly mentoring. We have two sessions: one that focuses on our spiritual lives and one that focuses on building their consultant competencies. For our spiritual focus, we are working through the book *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer to reflect on how Jesus exemplified an unhurried, intentional life and how we might apply that to our work. **This has been both encouraging and challenging as we look at how to maintain that ministry/life balance.**

In addition to working with these two CITs, I am also part of a workgroup that includes other Bible translation partners who are also interested in training and technology. I am a part of the consultant training subgroup. Other subgroups are looking at training translators and developing technology. My colleague who works with the SLTT is involved in that last subgroup. **We hope this workgroup will develop more ideas and activities that can improve the work of sign language Bible translation.** The picture below is of our first in-person planning retreat we had in January.



Thank you for partnering with us in Bible translation for sign languages and making it possible for us to serve our colleagues and translation teams in their work.

SLTT

Recently, we launched a landing page for those who want to understand what the SLTT can do. This is available at <https://go.slтт-bible.net/>. **We are excited about how God is continuing to use this program to support sign language Bible translation teams as they develop their translations and use this software for various aspects of their translation work.** God has blessed us with one additional programmer in March. Along with being responsive to the on-going needs of our users and squashing those pesky bugs, a major focus for this year is addressing situations where teams have unreliable internet or are not able to use the internet for various reasons.

FOBAI

DOOR is a member of FOBAI, which is the Forum of Bible Agencies International, a network of Christian organizations that promotes Bible translation and Scripture engagement. I had the privilege of attending the annual meeting this year in Brazil. This year, we updated the translation consultant qualifications (available on their website at <https://forum-intl.org/resources/translation-standards/>). **During these meetings, we were able to learn what God is doing in the Bible translation space and discuss successes and challenges we are experiencing.**



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