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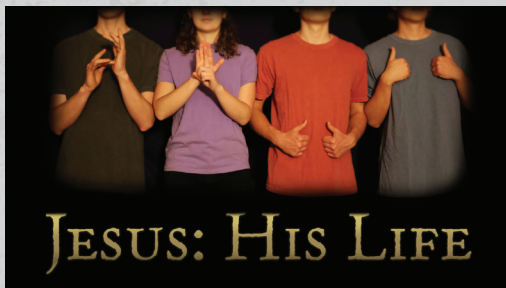
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JESUS: HIS LIFE

The red carpet premiere of The Jesus Film in ASL was followed by a conference held by Deaf Missions. **More than a thousand Deaf people and ASL users were in attendance.** To commemorate this historic occasion, our four youngest children created an original song in ASL about Jesus' life. This was done as part of their Deaf Harbor Youth Music series, and it was a beautiful accompaniment to the movie! **To watch this song, go to this [link](#) or scan the QR code below.**



THE JESUS FILM in ASL

In April, our whole family had the privilege of traveling to Texas for the red carpet premiere of Deaf Missions's The Jesus Film in ASL. Our son, Tyler, played the disciple John in the movie. It was an experience that we will never forget.

This film was made by the Deaf for the Deaf, and it was the first time the Deaf community had ever seen the life of Jesus told in their language through the lens of Deaf culture. With an all-Deaf cast and primarily Deaf crew, this is a unique milestone in Deaf history we are celebrating! The film is subtitled for anyone who doesn't know ASL.

One major difference between this film and the many films made for a non-Deaf audience is the heavy emphasis on facial expressions. We (Mark and Lyndalou) were profoundly moved by seeing the specific emotions written all over the actors' faces throughout the movie. We are grateful for subtitles that provide access to spoken language films, but we miss out on a lot of nuances which are conveyed through the actors' tones. **In this film, we felt that we had complete access to the emotional range expressed in the feature.**

The film will be in theaters across the country for special showings beginning June 20th.

We encourage you to go watch the film for yourselves, especially to find out how Jesus signed while He was nailed to the cross! Go to <http://jesusdeaffilm.com> to see where it's showing near you. After you see it, we welcome you to reach out to us so we can have a conversation about it. We'd love to hear your thoughts!



BRAZIL

Immediately after the conference, I (Mark) traveled to Sao Paulo, Brazil for the annual meeting of the Forum of Bible Agencies International (FOBAI).

FOBAI is an essential part of making sure translation projects worldwide—spoken, written, and signed—are quality translations and will provide access to the gospel for many people groups. I am part of the Deaf Development Group subsection of those meetings, and we covered topics such as

- Identifying standards for translation consultants
- The differences between certain translations
- The criteria for sign language translation consultants, such as being required to know at least one sign language



I always enjoy being part of these meetings and meeting other people who work in the same field globally. We are all serving God in our respective mission fields.

CELEBRATING Stephen

Our sixth child, Stephen, recently graduated from high school with both a high school diploma and an Associate's degree from Anoka-Ramsey Community College due to taking college classes in his last two years of high school. Stephen is our tenderhearted child, with a deep love for God and lots of empathy for people, especially the

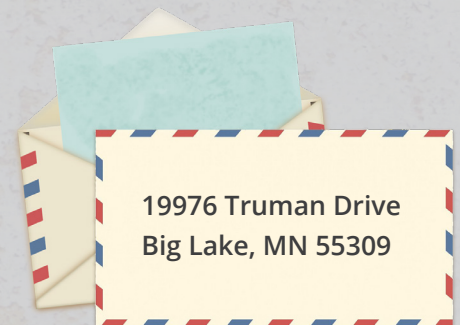


lost. He also loves anything to do with music and has a passion for creating worship music that glorifies God.

His plan for this fall is to join the Youth With a Mission (YWAM) program in Jamaica. He will undergo three months of training in Jamaica at the YWAM Deaf World campus there before traveling to another country (undetermined as of now) to perform missions work for two months.

If you'd like to send a card of congratulations to Stephen, mail it to:

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Or send him an email at marks@doorinternational.org. We are very proud of him and thrilled to see him following God's call on his life!



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