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A BOTTLE OF PEPSI

I continue to enjoy providing support to the Romanian Sign Language (LSR) Bible translation team (TBSR) by doing their quarterly reports. They have been translating the Gospel of Matthew. **As they continue to work on the book of Matthew, the team has been learning from their translation process and it has been life changing. Here is one story:**

Nicu, one of the translators and also the pastor of a Deaf church in Oradea, gave a sermon at church on Matthew 10:42 about the cup of cold water. A Deaf man from Arad was attending that day, and he came up to Nicu afterwards and shared the following. One day, he was driving his wife and mother-in-law around. His wife told him not to ask his mother-in-law for anything. When they stopped, the mother-in-law went into a store to buy something.

He was in the car waiting when a poor person came up to the car and asked for something to drink, but he had no money on him and nothing to drink, and he was thirsty too. **The poor person went away, and came back with a bottle of Pepsi.** He came up to the car and offered to share half of the Pepsi with him. The Deaf man was shocked because the poor person was willing to share his Pepsi with him! **The poor person thought of others before himself and more than himself just like in the verse.**

THE CENTURION'S FAITH

Recently, I had a wonderful opportunity to serve the TBSR team while they did some community checking for a few days in Brasov, eastern Romania, in a beautiful setting with mountains around us. I was thrilled to be able to serve the team and the Deaf their breakfasts. I also served them twice a day during their breaks with coffee, tea, drinks and snacks. **It was a joy to be able to support the team in this way, to be there for them, and to meet their needs.**



During the community checking as they reviewed videos of the book of Matthew translated into LSR, they were watching Matthew 8:5-13:

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly."

Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"

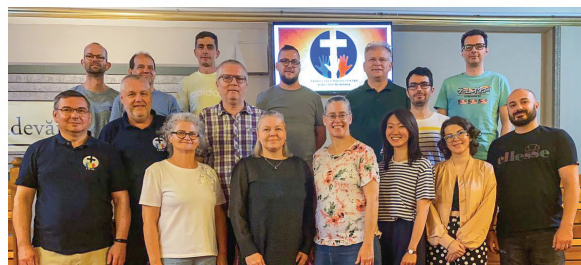
The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.

One Deaf person in the group asked, "Did it really say that after all have gathered to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of Heaven that they would then be all thrown out in Matt 8:11?"

This was an opportunity to explain that Jesus was sharing that because the Roman centurion had faith in Him, he would be there in the kingdom of Heaven to eat at the feast. The Deaf at the community check understood that people who believe in Jesus, including the Roman centurion and us, would be there but the Jews who had rejected Jesus would not be there. We were profoundly impacted by this thought! We would be there because we had faith in Jesus and believed in Him!



Prayers are appreciated as the TBSR translation team continues to work on the book of Matthew. Pray for strength, health, energy, and motivation for the team, including the consultants, video editor, and others who are directly involved with them. Pray that I can be of support for the team as I continue to write up their reports, submit them, and assist the team as needed.



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