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CATCHING UP

Hello, everyone! It's been a while since our last newsletter. We'll catch you up on what's been happening since November, which is quite the task! In January, we went to Costa Rica for our executive team meetings, where we finalized our three-year strategic plan. We're working to increase our capacity in the areas of translation consultants (which means more Bible translation, faster) and Deaf missionaries (which means more churches planted, sooner). Things are kicking into high gear, with new staff members coming onboard and some exciting initiatives. **This means more work and responsibilities for almost everyone, so please pray for our organization through these changes.**

In February, Dan headed to Dallas for the 55 Table meetings, where he and another leader were chosen to step into leadership roles within that network. **Please pray for that transition in June.**

Dan's grandmother, Barbara Earling, passed away and he was able to attend and help lead the memorial service in Baltimore. It was an excellent time with family.

March and April were kept quite busy caring for Sarah's mom, Esther. Since last summer, she's been dealing with a lot of undiagnosed pain, in addition to needing a shoulder replacement. When she finally underwent the surgery, the surgeon discovered an infection in the shoulder joint, and was unable to complete the replacement. Esther is now recovering and receiving medication to combat the infection; it's unclear at this point if the shoulder replacement will be attempted again in the coming months. **Pray for her, as she's dealing with most of the pain and recovery of a major surgery without the benefits a successful replacement would have brought. Pray for Sarah as she seeks to care for her mom well during this time.** Also, we're pretty sure a few of us got COVID, and we're dealing with a variety of lingering symptoms.

In our free time (wait, really?) we've been fixing up a free car we got, working in the yard, enjoying the weather on our bicycles, and 3D printing things. We still really enjoy playing board games, Ezra is growing like a weed, and we've been doing a little bit of foster parenting respite for some friends of ours (twins under 1 year old are a lot of work!).



Esther's birthday celebration!

Sarah and Dan got away for a night to celebrate an early 17th anniversary, where we enjoyed some terrific Mexican food and sushi (not at the same time).



UPCOMING TRAVEL AND PROJECTS

- **May** - Michigan for executive meetings, Dallas for 55 Table strategic planning meetings. Ezra will be coming along on the trip to Dallas to spend time with our dear friends, the Joneses.
- **June** - Possible trip for global operations planning
- **August** - Dallas for a DOOR reunion and executive meetings
- **September** - Kenya for Strategic Ministry Council meetings

The major projects we're working on right now are diverse, as usual! We're working on a major overhaul of DOOR's website, including a brand-new donor experience. If you support DOOR financially, the coming months will bring a streamlined process, including the ability to edit your recurring donations and see your donation history. There will be fresh new design, improved communication, and education as well.

We're spearheading a project to assemble a database of all of the world's scripture products published in a sign language. Currently, there's nowhere you can go to see what languages have a specific book, chapter, or verse of the Bible published. While there are databases that contain some of that information, they're incomplete and not accessible to the general public. Our dream is to create something that is quick and easy to use, free, and helpful to everyone. It's an important part of our mission to see God's Word available in each and every sign language.

A few newsletters ago, we mentioned working with YouVersion to get sign language content onto their app. We're getting closer! We have submitted some of DOOR's content for the YouVersion app. While sign language content is a new and challenging concept for YouVersion, we're hopeful! **Pray for the technical and relational bugs to all get worked out, and that this can become an exciting new platform for Deaf people to interact with Scripture.**

Blessings!

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