



# SEEDS of FAITH

Bringing God's Word & reproducing Christian fellowship to the Deaf

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## DEAR PARTNERS,

I can't thank you enough for the way you've walked alongside me in this journey with DOOR International. Your prayers, encouragement, and faithful support mean more than I can put into words. Because of you, Deaf men and women here in North Carolina are seeing and understanding God's Word in their heart language—often for the very first time. Equipping Deaf people to lead Bible studies is amazing, and it's incredible to witness lives being changed, hope being renewed, and entire communities experiencing the love of Christ in such a real way.

I'm so grateful to have you as a partner in this mission. Truly, I couldn't do this without you. Thank you for standing with me and with the Deaf community as we see God's Kingdom grow together.

Here are a few updates:

## DEAF COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

As DOOR missionaries, we've had the joy of partnering with the Deaf community here in North Carolina to help plant the Deaf church known as Deaf Community Fellowship (DCF), which is now in its ninth year. We are now preparing to step back and transition leadership into the capable hands of the Deaf leaders we've been training.

Over the summer, DCF has continued meeting weekly. In the past, our gatherings followed a more traditional church service format. We've since transitioned to a more relaxed, Deaf-friendly Sunday gathering that feels much like a home Bible study. Our Deaf leaders facilitate using the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT)

videos, and the discussions have been rich and engaging. It's a blessing to see Deaf believers actively using their spiritual gifts to share God's Word, encourage one another, and build up the body of Christ.



## TRAINING

In my last newsletter, I mentioned I am training a Deaf couple who live in Jacksonville, North Carolina. The Lord has led them to come to Raleigh to lead our study bi-weekly. It's a two and a half hour drive! I am also in the process of training four other Deaf leaders.

## NETWORKING

In July, I traveled to Lebanon, New Jersey, to attend a Deaf camp. While there, I had the opportunity to share Chronological Bible Translation (CBT) and Deaf methodology with the group, leading and teaching several sessions. The Deaf participants were engaged!

What made the experience unique was the contrast in teaching styles. Some pastors preached using "hearing methodology," projecting written Scripture on a screen and

explaining it with various supporting verses. In contrast, CBT presents Scripture chronologically and visually. One Deaf woman signed to me: "I understand CBT! So clear! The words on the screen are confusing for me. English is hard. I need to talk about it when I don't understand. I don't like just sitting and watching the pastor with no chance to ask questions."

It was an amazing five days of meeting new Deaf friends and seeing hearts touched. The Deaf pastor who organized the camp invited me to return next summer to teach CBT again. I plan to do so with some Deaf leaders from DCF!



## PRISON OUTREACH

God has opened a unique door for me to minister to a Deaf woman who is currently in prison. After several months of going through the approval process, I've finally been cleared, and my first visit with her was in September. Please keep me in prayer as we meet. Pray that everything goes smoothly and that God is glorified through it all. I'm excited and expectant to see what He will do.



## PRAYERS & A PRAISE:

- Pray for the availability of two Deaf leaders to teach CBT at the Deaf camp next year.
- Pray for two men who are seeking God's direction about being trained as leaders.
- This spring, I was so grateful for the chance to visit my daughter Kim and her family in Germany. It was such a blessing to be there in person and share in the joy of my grandson's high school graduation. The time together was truly special and a memory I will always treasure.



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## ABOUT DOOR

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