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CATCHING YOU UP

CEDAR – 2025 marks the beginning of DOOR’s three-year strategic plan, with CEDAR as one key component. This program focuses on training for expert translation roles, currently emphasizing Deaf consultants-in-training. Stuart serves as CEDAR’s director. God has provided two new staff members: Heather Zimmerman, Associate Director, and Jacob Alexander, Instructional Designer. Both bring extensive experience in instructional development and design. Ruth Anna Spooner now leads resource development with Tyler Sorenson as interim video editor. We plan to recruit additional members this year. The “people icons” mark areas where we are praying for God’s provision of new staff.



Stuart Thiessen
Director



Heather Zimmerman
Associate Director



Curriculum Development



Resources Development



Instruction



Jacob Alexander
Instructional Designer



Ruth Anna Spooner
Resources Development
Administration



Tyler Sorenson
Interim Video Editor



MINISTRY TUNE-UP

This summer, DOOR provided Stuart and Linda with an opportunity for a ministry tune-up for people who have been in ministry for a while to process the highs and lows of their ministry experience and return better equipped for continued ministry. We thank God for this opportunity. **Please pray** for us as we continue to process and apply things learned and continue to work on our inner life in the midst of ministry.

STRATEGIC MINISTRY COUNCIL

Recently, Stuart went to Kenya to participate in DOOR’s Strategic Ministry Council (SMC). They meet virtually each month and once a year in person. It is always a blessing to learn from colleagues and see perspectives on issues that face DOOR. We also saw a presentation of Bible Hand, a resource released by Deaf Harbor for learning the timeline and land of the Bible. **Thank God** for the release of Bible Hand. **Please pray** for the SMC.



EVENTS THIS FALL

Thailand - During the last two weeks of October, Stuart was in Thailand for a DOOR consultant meeting and the bi-annual Bible Translation Conference. This year, the theme was Ethics in Bible Translation. Both meetings were very beneficial. **Please pray** for next steps from the consultant meeting and continued dialogue about information learned from the Bible Translation Conference.

Indianapolis - Now, Stuart is in Indianapolis until November 16 to work with the CEDAR Resources team. A key resource we are developing is a

documentary on the translation process using the book of Ruth. This video will allow translators and consultants-in-training who have not done translation themselves to be able to watch the entire translation process from drafting to final approval. Stuart will be involved in providing final feedback for the translation. **Please pray** for the Resources team and for Stuart as we finalize this important resource video.

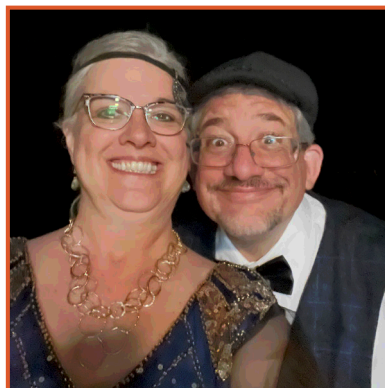
We greatly appreciate your prayers for the work being done as well as praying for Linda when Stuart is gone for long periods like this.

FAMILY UPDATE

This year, we had the opportunity to celebrate Stuart's parents' 60th wedding anniversary and Stuart's mom's 80th birthday. We appreciate seeing how God uses family to help us become the people God created us to be.



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.



JUST FOR FUN

Earlier in October, we had a 1920s-themed date!

SLTT

The SLTT (Sign Language Translation Tool) is the software that we use for drafting and checking sign language Bible translations. About 80% of sign language Bible translation projects use the SLTT to develop their drafts and to receive feedback on their translation. We have just submitted funding proposals for next year's development plan, so **please pray** that God will provide the continued funding needed for the SLTT.

Please pray for:

- Our work on developing the curriculum and the content for training
- The development of resources and for new members to join the team.



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