



SEEDS of FAITH

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

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TOGETHER IN FAITH, TOGETHER IN PURPOSE

As we step into 2026, I'm feeling grateful and excited about the direction God is leading us here in North Carolina. This new year brings fresh opportunities to grow, build deeper relationships, and serve our community in meaningful ways. Our hearts aren't just about expanding outreach, but to strengthen connections, raise up new leaders, and create spaces where everyone feels seen, valued, and included.

I continue to see God's faithfulness in Deaf Community Fellowship (DCF). It's hard to believe we are now in our tenth year of this church plant among the Deaf community here in North Carolina! Over the past nine months, Rob, Arlene, and I have intentionally stepped back to transition leadership to the Deaf leaders we've been training. It has been such an encouragement to watch them grow in confidence and take ownership. Seeing them lead is a huge blessing.



DCF continues to meet weekly, and our Deaf leaders are faithfully serving using the Chronological Bible Translation (CBT). Participation and engagement are growing, and it's exciting to see the Deaf learning and leading together. The only pause we had was during a stretch of snowy, icy winter weather that caused us to cancel three weeks in a row. Thankfully, everyone stayed safe, and we were able to resume meeting soon after.

PRISON MINISTRY

As mentioned in my recent newsletter, God has opened a unique door for me to minister to a Deaf woman who is currently in prison. My colleague, Rob, asked if I would visit a Deaf woman who is in the women's correctional facility here in Raleigh. After several months of going through the approval process, I was finally cleared and have had the opportunity to visit her several times. I also talk with her via video relay several times a week.

She shared her testimony with me. She signed to me: "God saved my life and now I am focused on Him. I want to learn God's Word, and while I am here, to show other inmates about Him." She is attending a Bible study with an interpreter; however, she told me she doesn't really understand. I explained about the Chronological Bible Translation and Deaf Bible studies. We are praying together to try to set up a Bible study using the CBT at the prison, and to

reach other Deaf with the Gospel. I am in the process of making appropriate contacts. Please pray that we get approval to do this and reach more Deaf people.



Learning how to teach from the ASL CBT

2026 GOALS

- LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOPS
- ESTABLISH DEAF BIBLE STUDIES

Right now, I'm in the early stages of exploring a partnership with a church in Raleigh. The pastor initially reached out about starting an

American Sign Language (ASL) interpreted service. After meeting with him several times and sharing DOOR's vision, my experiences with CBT, and stories from Deaf individuals of how studying God's Word in their own language using the CBT has impacted them, the pastor began to catch a new vision. Instead of focusing on an ASL interpreted service, he is exploring the possibility of starting Deaf small groups.

I'm asking God for wisdom, discernment, and clear direction for each step. I truly want whatever develops to be led by Him.



Deaf leaders learning how to lead worship

DOOR's vision is to see Jesus transform every Deaf person and community through a relationship with Him.



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