



# The Eberle Family

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Greetings, all! We hope this letter finds you well as we enter the first month of 2026. We are healthy and happy, and reflecting on 2025. It was a rich year, in which we've seen things gain a lot of traction. As a result of God's blessing and a lot of work, we're seeing DOOR grow in several ways.

## DEAF FULL BIBLE INITIATIVE

As a partner of the ETEN alliance, DOOR is participating in the Deaf Full Bible Initiative. This project is a collaboration between six different organizations to accelerate the completion of fifteen strategic full sign language Bibles. It is our hope that the completion of these Bibles will catalyze progress in other New Testament and smaller projects. Additionally, we've set the ambitious goal of completing these Bibles by the end of 2030, just five years from now. While all of these languages have some progress, many are a long way from completion and will require many changes to meet this goal. Pray with us as the coordinators of this project will meet in Dallas in February to work on these plans.

## NUMBERS IN MOTION

At the ETEN Summit in November, Dan got to share some really amazing statistics. After many years, we feel we really have a handle on the global state and progress of SL Bible Translation. Here are some really exciting numbers we were able to share:

**Globally, across all sign languages, about 230,000 Bible verses have been translated!**

This represents the equivalent of around seven full Bible translations! While only one language has a complete translation (American Sign Language), more and more languages are getting at least a portion of God's Word in their heart language. This is progress to be celebrated!

If you ever want a quick look at some of the data behind these numbers, you can head to <https://2033.deafbiblesociety.com/2033/project-progress> for a high level overview, and an at-a-glance view of which languages have translation underway.

**All of these verses being translated means more and more Deaf people have access to at least some Scripture. Our current estimate puts this number at about 45% of the world's Deaf population!** This represents unprecedented progress for Deaf communities. Pray for DOOR and other organizations working to get this number to 100%.

We've mentioned the All Access Goals, a major ETEN milestone towards ending Bible poverty. While this isn't a 100% completion goal, it's a step along the path. **For the first time, we have a reliable estimate of where sign languages are in relation to that goal; current estimates say that we are on track to reach this goal by 2053.** While this isn't quite on time, that number is constantly improving, and not long ago that date would have been decades later. Pray for perseverance for all Bible translators!

## A KEY TOOL

You might wonder what tools sign language Bible translators use in their everyday lives. Actually, you probably don't wonder, but we're going to tell you anyway! A key tool in the SL translation toolkit is named Sign Language Translation Tool (SLTT). SLTT is essentially a workspace for video drafting, note taking, and feedback. It enables translators to create drafts or upload videos, and then collaborate online with other team members. Some team members might suggest changes by annotating the video with notes or icons; others might sign a video clip revising a particular phrase, which is then superimposed over the first draft, and a translation consultant can give feedback as they review the text for Biblical accuracy. Since video is more difficult to work with compared to text, this tool is critical for sign language projects to make good progress. SLTT also offers some exegetical resources, such as a database of Biblical key words, and art and images of places and objects from Biblical times to help translators visualize what they're translating. All of this is held within a web browser, allowing teams to work alongside each other from around the world.



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Check out this tool for more information here!  
<https://go.sltt-bible.net>.

This is just a snapshot of what the last few months have held for us and DOOR. If you'd ever like to hear more, let us know, and we're always happy to have a phone call or visit your church or small group.

**Blessing to you all in 2026!**  
**Dan, Sarah, and Ezra**



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### ABOUT DOOR

DOOR International's mission is to bring God's Word and reproducing Christian fellowship to the Deaf of the world. DOOR is a non-denominational, non-profit 501(c)(3) Christian mission organization.

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