



# The Eberle Family

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## LIFE UPDATES

Hello, friends and family! Our hoped-for quiet in December never quite materialized, but God has been with us in so many ways over the past few months.

In December, I was grieved by the resignation of a close friend and co-worker. His departure had a big impact on the Bible translation movement. While I still keep in touch with him, he is sorely missed; this was closely followed by another co-worker leaving just a few months later, so there have been a lot of changes lately.

In other news, we purchased a used car, and Dan's new niece, Jane Elizabeth Soller, was born on April 14! We have been dealing with a large tree that fell on our fence and shed, which has become complicated and taken longer to resolve than expected, so please pray for speedy resolution.

Our biggest news is the arrival of a foster child! We have been certified foster parents for years, but have only had short-term respite care placements until now. A precious 5-year-old boy (we just celebrated his sixth birthday!) was placed with us while Dan was away on DOOR work in South Asia and Dan got to meet him when they picked him up from the airport. We don't know how long the placement will last, but we're currently focusing on showing him a lot of the care and attention he hasn't had. There are some major challenges, but we're figuring those out together, and a lot of joys. Pray for us as this is probably the hardest

thing we've ever done—and that's really saying something! The most immediate impact of this is that many of our family travel plans will be canceled, and Dan will be traveling mostly by himself. Please keep Sarah in your prayers as solo parenting is really tough.

## GLOBAL OPERATIONS

It takes a lot of behind-the-scenes work to keep DOOR running! We have staff in many countries, and keeping everything going smoothly can be a challenge. DOOR is organized around our primary ministry areas: Bible translation and church planting. However, Bible translation experts don't necessarily make great IT specialists, curriculum designers, sign language interpreters, accountants, trauma counselors, web designers, or cross-cultural living coaches. These roles are needed to help our organization thrive. In March, Dan spent a week in South Asia working with local leaders to improve the underlying systems and relationships that they rely on. Even tasks



MEETINGS WITH THE GLOBAL OPERATIONS TEAM

which seem simple (such as paying all of our staff!) can be challenging given the global nature of DOOR and constant changes in national regulations, taxation, hiring processes, and so on. The time in South Asia was focused on examining and prioritizing some of these issues so that we can better serve our staff.



A SPECIAL LUNCH IN SOUTH ASIA

## MEETINGS AND UPCOMING TRAVEL

Dan will travel in May to Dallas, Texas, and Kenya. In Dallas, he'll be leading the 55 Table meetings, discussing plans to complete several sign language Bibles by 2030. In Kenya, he'll be organizing and participating in a week of security training for DOOR's executive team to help our staff mitigate risk while traveling.

## SEARCHING FOR SIGN LANGUAGE BIBLES

Sign language Bible translation is still a relatively new undertaking. There are not many places where someone can go to find

information about what content has been translated and where to find it. In the hearing world, many apps and websites are available to find enormous amounts of scripture content. But for Deaf sign language users, the options are far more limited. When people go looking for a verse, chapter, or book of the Bible, chances are it isn't available in their language. In these cases, they will often look for the same content in another language they know; for instance, a Rwandan Deaf person might check to see if a chapter has been translated into Kenyan Sign Language, which they might have picked up as a second (or third!) language. In this kind of situation, the best option is often a Google search, which can be very hit and miss, especially if the sign language they're looking for is associated with a different written language than the one they know.

To help with this, we will be launching a tool where users can search for sign language scripture content by book or language. This means that someone can click on the book of James, and see all the sign languages that have published James. They can then filter by a map showing where those languages are. Finally, they'll see a list of which chapters of James are available with links to the content. This tool will also be helpful for people who want to share the gospel with Deaf friends, but don't know where to start looking for the content to share. Pray with us that this tool will be beneficial to the community!

**Thanks,**  
Dan, Sarah, Ezra, and one more!



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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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