

# THE SORENSON FAMILY

SERVING WITH DOOR INTERNATIONAL

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## WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

In March, we were saddened to receive the news of Jan Tausen Zachariassen's passing. Originally from the Faroe Islands, Jan was one of my students at the DOOR Hungary Leadership Training Center back in 2001. After completing his studies, he became a valuable member of our staff at the DOOR Hungary center.



After our time together in Hungary came to an end, Jan went on to be a key leader in the formation of the European Deaf Christian Bible Translation and a leader in his home church. He helped get the Danish Sign Language Bible translation project off the ground, and was known for his gentle spirit and servant leadership.

We know that he is home with Jesus now and was received into heaven with the words: "well done, good and faithful servant." However, the Deaf ministry movement in Europe will miss him very much.



## UPCOMING TRAVEL

Mark is traveling a bit less frequently this year, but here is a schedule of his upcoming travels. Please pray for safe travels and good health.

- Kenya in May for Executive Team meetings
- Florida in July for a meeting with a Bible translation partner
- Dallas, Texas in July for 55 Table meetings
- Kenya (again!) in the fall for our Strategic Ministry Council (SMC) annual meeting
- Another Executive Team meeting in the fall (location yet to be determined)
- Arizona in October to meet with some of DOOR's longtime partners

## CELEBRATING DAVID JUDAH

Our youngest is finally a high school graduate! With that, all of our children are finished with school. We've had at least one child in school for the past 26 years. It feels surreal to be finished with that season of our lives.



As the baby of the family, David was able to experience something none of our other sons did: he played high school football. He played linebacker for our local school for two years, and at his senior banquet, won the Hornet Award, which is awarded to the hardest working kid on the team. We're very proud of his work ethic and everything he's put into his schooling and walk with Jesus. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for him. Please pray for him as he seeks God for his next steps.

### **DOOR 40 YEAR REUNION**

Last year in August, most of us were able to travel to Dallas, Texas, to reunite with old and new faces who have been a part of DOOR's history. This was the first time in DOOR's 40+ year history that we've had a reunion like this!

A special moment for us was meeting the 102-year-old Deaf father of DOOR's founder. Many years ago, J.E. Bice wanted to become a pastor, so he met with the hearing pastor of his church and expressed his desire to become a shepherd of God's flock. The hearing pastor told him that he couldn't be a pastor because he was Deaf. J.E. Bice's daughter, Vesta Bice, went on to start Texas Reaching Deaf, a local ministry that would eventually become DOOR International as we know it today. The heart and vision behind DOOR has remained the same all our 40+ years—we still emphasize the importance of "Deaf Reaching Deaf for Christ."



Many of the attendees enjoyed learning more about DOOR's history and seeing the impact God has made over the past 40+ years on the Deaf communities of the world through the faithful men and women who have served!



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#### **ABOUT DOOR**

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