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SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT TRAINING

Since March, I have been attending a class called “Scripture Engagement Strategy & Methods”. I go online on Zoom to take this class for 2 hours every Friday morning. I’m taking it through Dallas International University in Texas. I am very thankful to be taking this class and that there are sign language interpreters joining the class to help the Deaf attendees understand it.

Scripture engagement is helping people find translated Scripture in their languages, but more importantly, it’s encouraging them to interact with the gospel in ways that will transform their lives. I, along with a few others, am taking this class for training. I am taking it as a Scripture Engagement Specialist in training working with the SIL Global Sign Languages Team. In the near future, I hope to be able to serve wherever this is needed within the GSLT. I want to be able



to bring into practice what I have learned from the training and apply it. My hope is to focus on Deaf women and children so that I can continue to share the gospel with them.

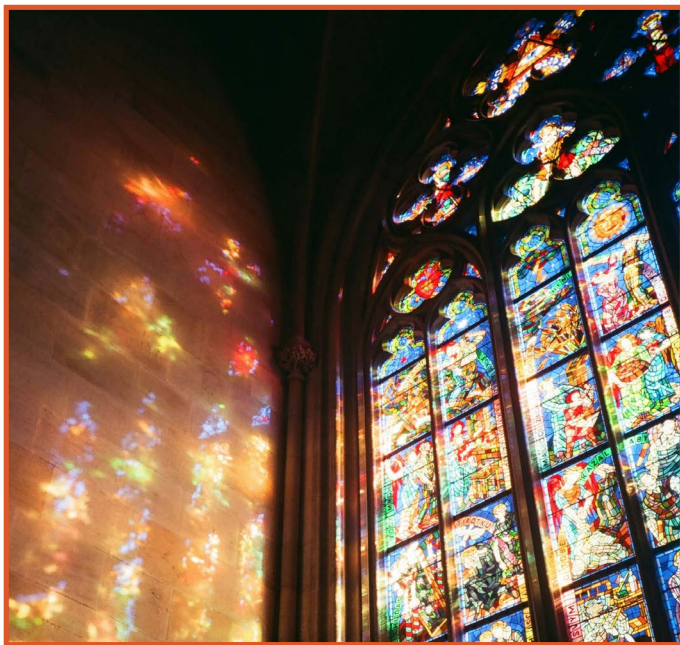
So far, I’ve found this class to be very interesting as I learn about how to engage with the Scriptures, how to apply them as well as how to observe and ask questions working with a translation team and the community they are working with. There are eight different conditions to take into consideration when promoting the translation within the community that it is intended for. Some of the questions we must consider are:

- Which language does the community want to see God’s Word in?
- What are some ways to encourage them to keep using the translation?
- How do they want it translated and stored? A video in sign language via social media or on a thumb drive or on a DVD?



One of the biggest impacts that this class has had on me is the fact that some of the translations are not being used due to lack of awareness or some other reason. Another highlight is seeing how creative people can be in order to get God's Word to their communities! Some people use the stained windows of the cathedrals, or the walls of synagogues in story form, or different objects that their community would want to engage with and learn more about God. I was also fascinated by how they would translate Scriptures in the past that would fit their particular culture, such as using tangible items that they have!

I would appreciate prayers as I continue to attend this class. I desire to understand what I am learning and to be able to apply it in the future as part of my training to become a Scripture Engagement Specialist. Pray for wisdom and guidance for my mentor and I as we discuss and plan for the future.



SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT IN ACTION

Sita was born Deaf and came from a remote village in Asia. She fell in love with a Deaf man, and they got married. They had two children together and lived as a family. After some years, her husband left her. She felt alone and rejected, and life became very difficult for her.



During this difficult time, one Deaf believer stayed in contact with Sita. This person would message her and encourage her from time to time. These small acts of care helped Sita feel that she was not alone. One day, this believer showed Sita a Bible passage about the sinful woman who came to Jesus.

This story touched her heart deeply. She saw that the woman came to Jesus with her broken life, and Jesus did not reject her. Instead, Jesus accepted her with love and compassion. This gave Sita new hope. She realized that whenever problems come into her life, she can go to Jesus. Today, Sita knows that people may leave her, but Jesus will never leave her. She continues to approach Christ with faith and trust in Him.



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