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telling HIS STORY in sign language
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DEAF CAN'T



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"Many people tell me, 'Deaf can't..., Deaf can't...'
but you are saying, "Deaf can!"

Roman* is a Russian Deaf man who works in Deaf ministry in Russia. I listened to Roman's words translated from Russian Sign Language (RSL) into English, and I couldn't help but well up with emotion. As Roman spoke about DOOR's proposed RSL project in front of a number of Russian organizations, some were unaware that

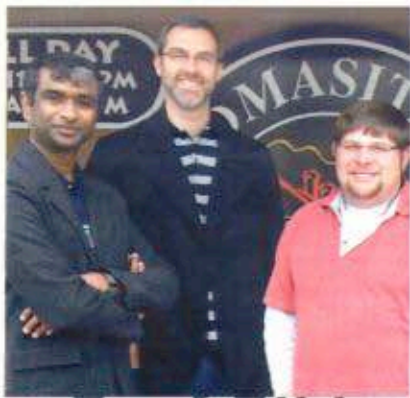
a huge majority of the Deaf in Russia struggle to read and need access to Scripture in RSL. They didn't know that there are **no translated resources out there** for non-literate Deaf to access the Bible in sign language. And they didn't know some of these same Deaf people who have constantly been told throughout their lives, "You can't do that because you are deaf!" can actually be trained to **translate Scripture, to share God's Word with the Deaf around them, to plant churches, and to train up other leaders.** God has gifted them in unique ways, and they are just as important to the Body of Christ!

I met Roman at a March meeting that DOOR hosted in Central Asia to discuss plans for an RSL translation. Not only would that translation serve the Deaf in Russia, but Deaf people in 14 other countries also use RSL. That means **millions of Deaf will have access to Scripture** in the coming years, even in countries where the Gospel is not welcome.

The Gospel can have **such an amazing impact of hope and empowerment** to the Deaf community around the world! Will you join us in praying for Roman and others who will eventually work on the Russian Sign Language translation?

*God chose what the world thinks is unimportant and what the world looks down on...so that no one can boast in in presence...Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."
1 Cor. 1:28, 31*

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Deaf Bible

Recent Happenings:

- In February, Rob traveled to NM to meet with Deaf Bible, and to AZ for DOOR's spring board meeting.
- In March, Rob traveled to NC for a mission's conference and then to Kyrgyzstan to help with the start of a Russian Sign Language Translation.

The past four months have been hard, and yet God has been good. We have been in our house for 6 months in Michigan, and **we're starting to feel like we're planting roots. Here are some praises:**

- We so appreciate our co-laborers in DOOR. They have been such an encouragement to us!
- We've finally plugged into a church in the area! We love their heart for evangelism and discipleship, and we look forward to deepening relationships there.
- All of us are now in a weekly Bible study (BSF or Precepts).
- We love our Classical Conversations families. Homeschooling has been one constant in the midst of all this change.
- Our kids have started praying regularly on their own for our colleagues and other missionaries.

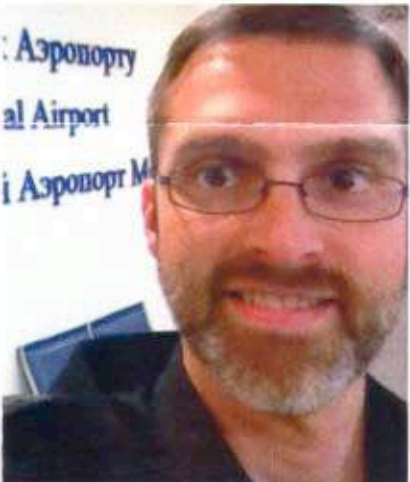
These great things have been accompanied by hard things, too. Please be praying for:

- Strength and perseverance during periods of travel and separation. Rob's position in DOOR requires quite a bit of travel, and we are working on balancing that with family life.
- Wisdom in planning for school and kids' activities for next year.
- Provision for a second car. We are only at one car presently (our van), and it is having issues.

Plans Ahead:

- Our family is flying to Kenya at the beginning of April. We are excited for the opportunity to go!
- Rob will travel to Texas for a Bible translation conference in April as well.
- Our India teams are expanding, and Rob will attend a celebration in India in May.

What is God doing in your life? We would love to hear from you! **Thank you SO MUCH** for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. **You** help us support bringing God's Word and Christian fellowship to the Deaf around the world.



Kyrgyzstan



Family Time

D.O.O.R. International's vision 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 of many Deaf people (and a few hearing people).



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