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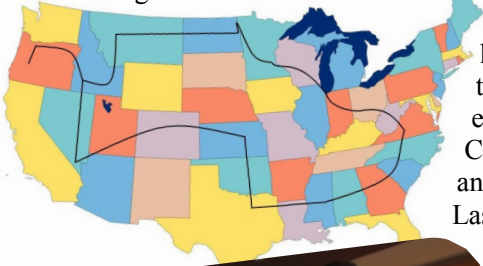
Preparing to bring God's Word to the Deaf in Asia

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*"In that day the Deaf will hear the Words of the Book."  
Isaiah 29:18*

Dear Precious Friends and Family,

Greetings from sunny Caldwell, Idaho. I'm sitting here at the table in my comfy downstairs apartment where I can look outside my window and watch the sun rise over beautiful Lake Lowell and the magnificent Boise foothills. This morning there's a chill in the air and a dusting of fresh snow across the landscape. What a beautiful world we live in! I've been blessed to see much more of this world than I ever expected to. My travels last fall took me to the east coast where I spent a month in Virginia and the Carolinas. Then I traveled through the southern states and stayed in Dallas for a few weeks. After that I traveled to Las Vegas via Wichita and Denver visiting folks along the way.

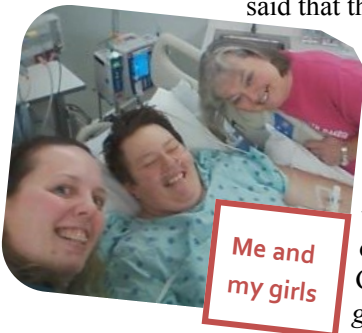


In Las Vegas I boarded a plane that took me to Kenya and then to Ghana where I was privileged to meet some of our Deaf brothers and sisters from around the world who are actively engaged in Sign Language Bible translation. I was encouraged when I saw the work they were doing with virtually no resources. These ambitious men and women have committed themselves to the business of making God's Word accessible to the Deaf around the world in much the same way that John Wycliffe and William Tyndale made it accessible to English speakers hundreds of years ago. It was humbling to be in their presence!

Upon returning to the US I traveled home for a brief visit over Thanksgiving and then headed to Oregon. While in Portland I fell down a flight of icy steps and injured my right leg. I drove to Eugene with a badly swollen leg and the next morning decided I should have it looked at. The doctor informed me that I'd broken my fibula and reluctantly agreed to put me in a walking boot rather than a cast. We were both hoping this would make it possible for me to drive home to Boise. Alas, I quickly discovered that driving in the boot even for short distances was dangerous. Consequently my daughter, Sue, flew from Boise to Eugene to drive me home. While we spent the night in a motel in Portland my car was broken into. The thieves didn't get anything of any real value (Thank God my laptop was safely locked up in the trunk!), but it was discouraging. After returning to Boise I enjoyed the Christmas season with my family. Shortly after New Year's I saw my doctor again and she declared me completely healed. (She actually said that the x-ray showed no evidence that my leg had ever been broken!)

## Praise the Lord!

I was just beginning to get back to work when my oldest daughter, Ann, was hospitalized with a genetic heart condition. After several days of testing and many discussions with a battalion of doctors it was finally determined that she needed a pacemaker. Ann is out of the hospital now and has returned to her college classes. It impressed upon me again the truth of just how fragile life is and how important it is for us to live in the present, following the path God has laid before us. Psalm 90:12 says, "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." \*



I am very grateful to those of you who have committed to financially support the work of Sign Language Bible translation. Your faithful and consistent giving has made it possible for me to get the training I needed these past two summers and do the speaking I've been able to do around the country. Everywhere I go I tell people about the needs of the Deaf church for a Bible in their language. I've seen firsthand the growth that can happen here in the Boise valley where a small group of Deaf Christians have begun using the ASL Bible. It's so exciting to see God in action! Like you, I want to see this growth take place in Deaf churches around the world. **Thank you for your faithfulness.**

## SO WHAT'S NEXT?

Currently I'm working part time at my 'day job' in order to pay my bills. Because my partnership level has increased (I'm almost to 40% of my monthly budget), I'll be reducing my hours there so that I can focus more on the growth of my partnership team with the goal of leaving for my overseas assignment in September 2012. *It is absolutely essential that I have my partnership team 100% intact before that time!*

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I'm planning another grand adventure that will take me to your part of the country. I'd like very much to meet with you and your circle of friends to discuss how you can help send me into the work of bringing God's Word to this most unreached people group. I hope you'll start thinking now of who you can invite to join us and I'll be talking to you soon!

Blessings,

*Carole*

\*I know this because I have God's Word in my language.