



# Deaf Pathway Global ANNUAL REPORT 2020

*Deaf Pathway Global is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization*



# OUR REALITY

**70**  
MILLION DEAF PEOPLE

*1,423 Deaf die daily.*

**182**  
DEAF PEOPLE GROUPS

*Each with its own sign language.*

No churches  
exist in their  
communities!

No Bible  
exists in their  
natural languages!

# OUR VISION

*Deaf Pathway Global is working to produce  
a minimum of 300 Bible stories for each Deaf people group.*



**A Deaf child holds in her hands  
SCRIPTURE  
her heart can hear!**



# OUR MISSION

Transforming lives through Deaf-driven innovative approaches to Bible translation, thereby ***empowering Deaf persons to utilize and share God's Message*** in their natural language.



**DeafWay Bible™**





Deaf Pathway Bible™

## 2020 AT A GLANCE

TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUES

**\$1,014,574**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

**\$380,475**

DEAF PEOPLE GROUPS WITH ACCESS TO  
BIBLE STORIES IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE

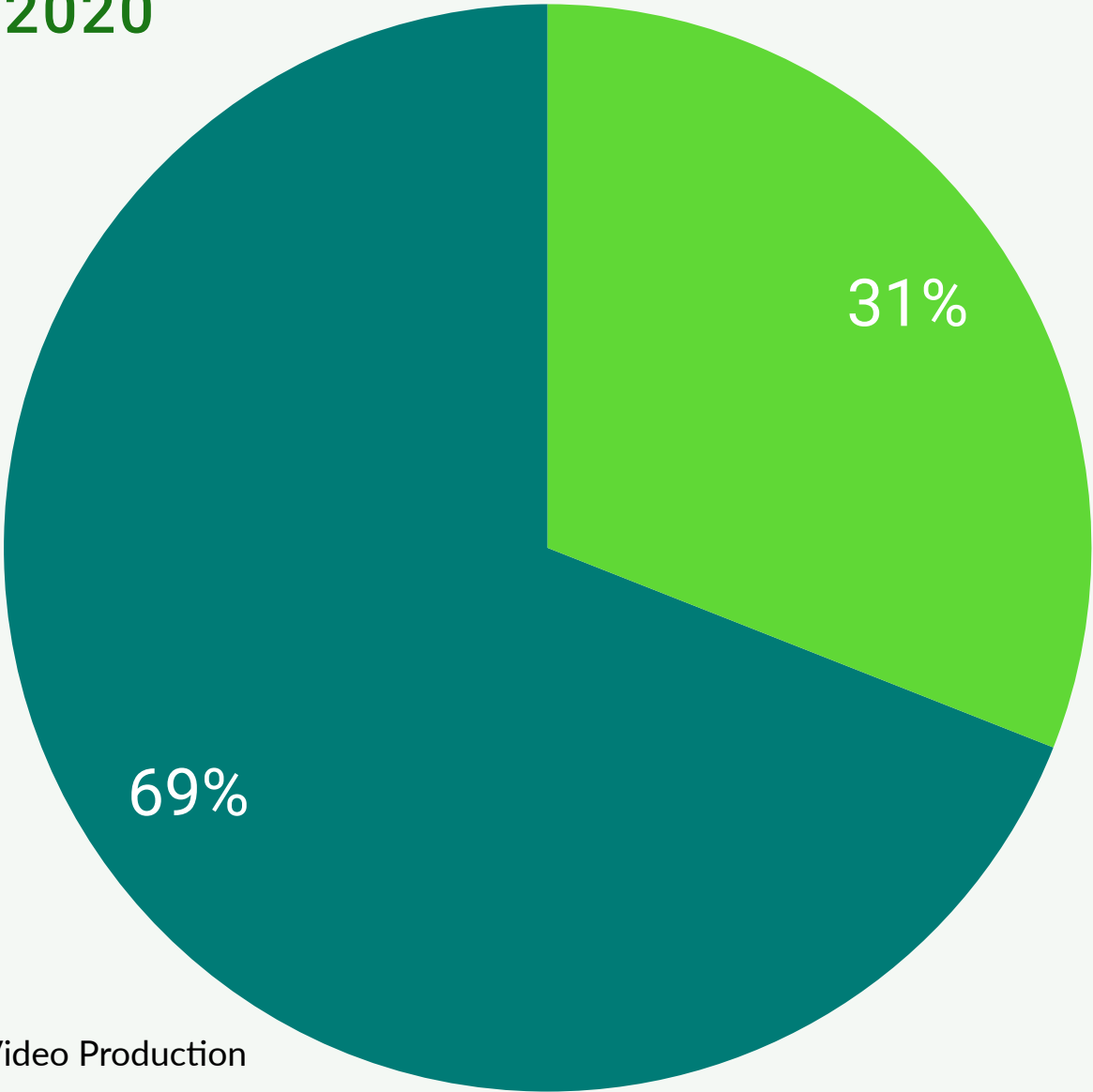
**13** 1 language added in 2020

**34** Translation Resource Packages

*\*Data as of December 31, 2020.*

# Total Expenditures in 2020

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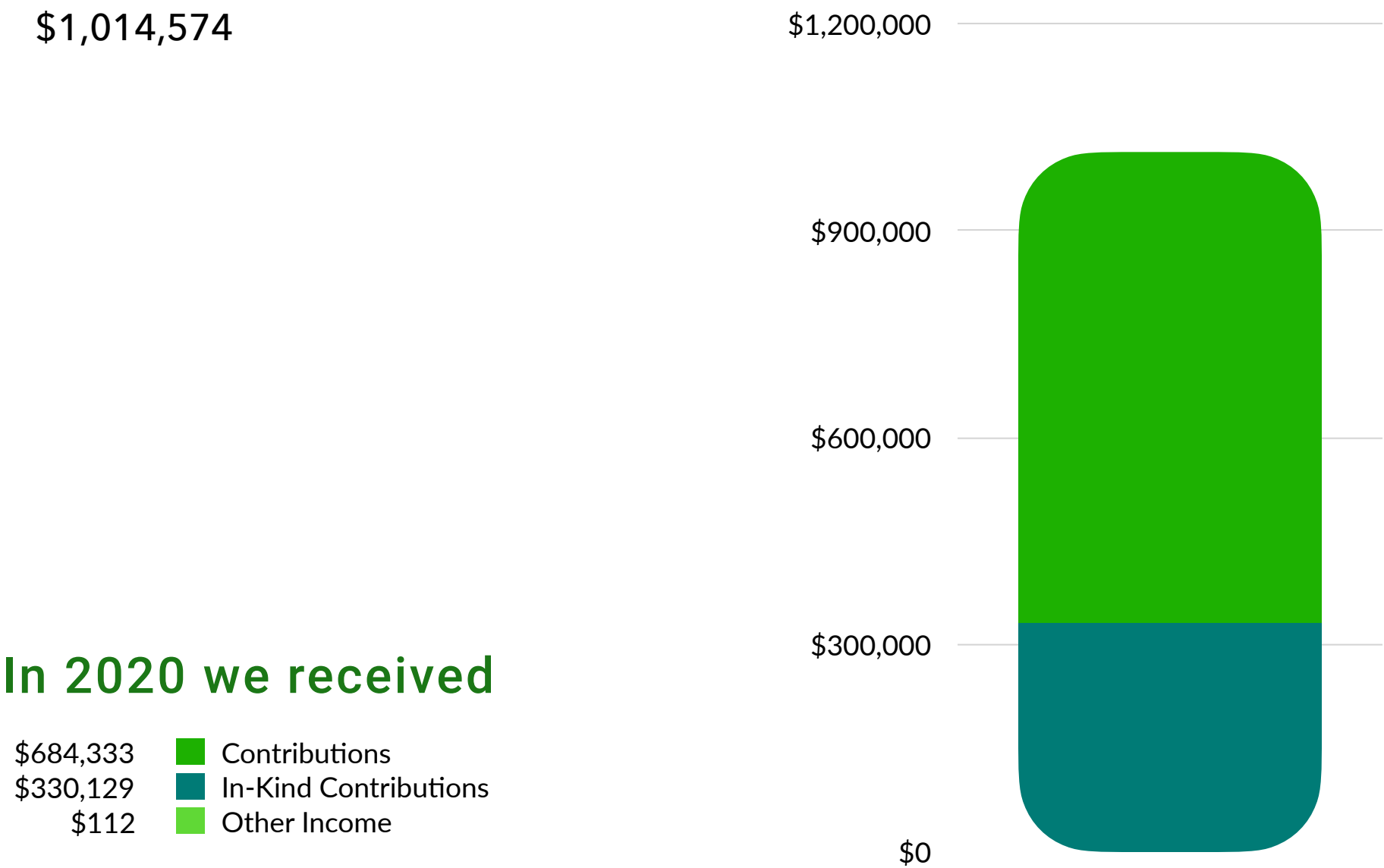
## In 2020 we invested

- 31% \$117,880 Supporting Services
- 69% \$262,595 Bible Translation & Video Production

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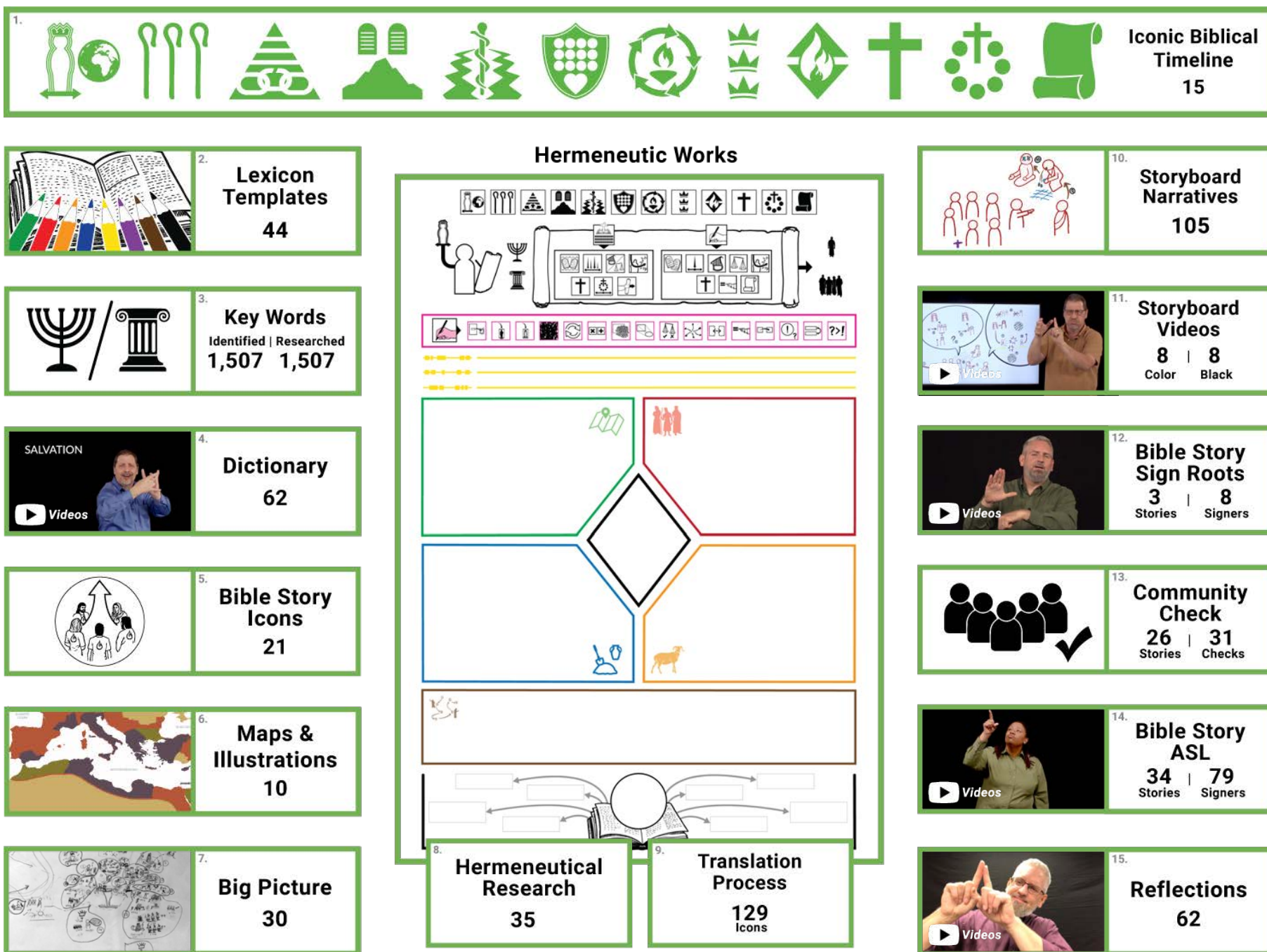


# Total Public Support & Revenues in 2020



# 2020 Deaf Pathway Global Annual Statistical Report

Our goal in 2020 was to complete 42 Bible translation packages. Each package contains the translation of a Bible passage and multiple biblical resources to undergird Deaf Bible translation teams as well as Deaf church planters worldwide. The following elements of Bible translation packages were newly developed in 2020.



These resources will be available on the Deaf Pathway Roots app.





The Deaf Pathway Global lead team is based  
in the heart of Tennessee.

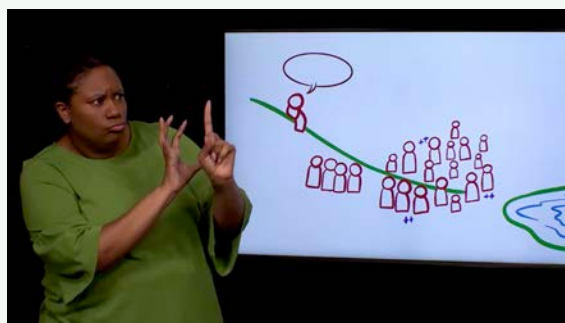
We are passionate about every Deaf person  
and every Deaf people group  
having God's Message in their language.



# OUR TEAM

The Deaf Pathway Global team is comprised of generous, hard-working, Deaf people who are committed to providing a process that leads to clear, accurate, natural, and acceptable Bible translations in multiple languages with an accelerated timeline.

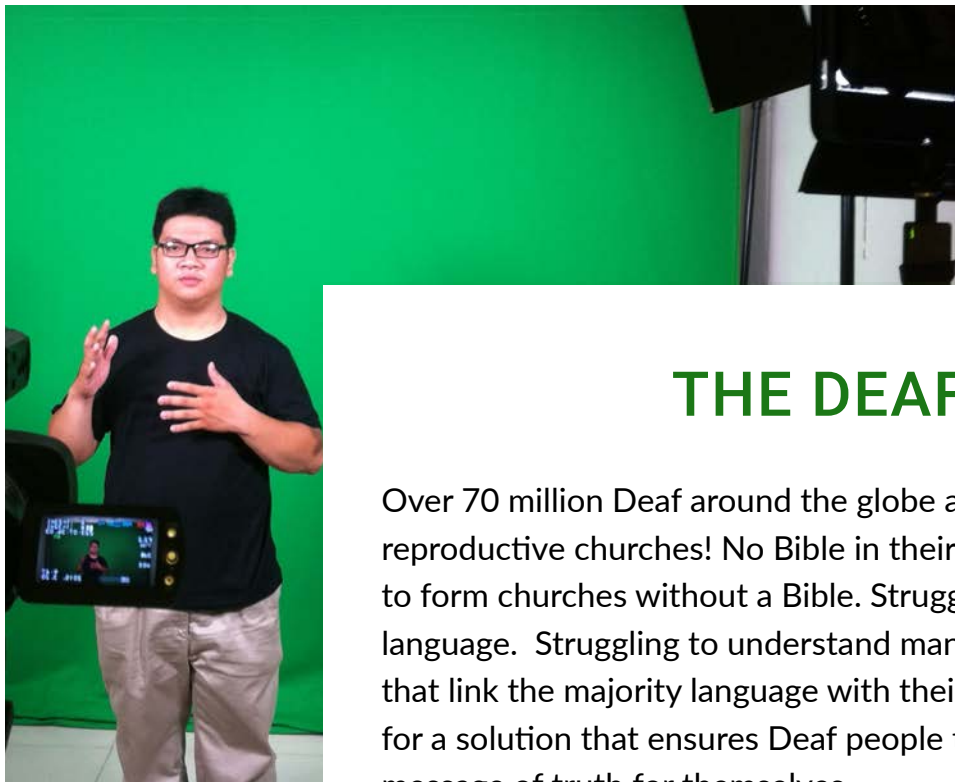
This wide-ranging group of experts have various backgrounds in translation work, including working knowledge of Greek and Hebrew, church planting, Deaf-centric theological training, experience in Deaf communities in the USA and around the globe, and a clear understanding of the foundations of sign language and how it works within the Deaf psyche.









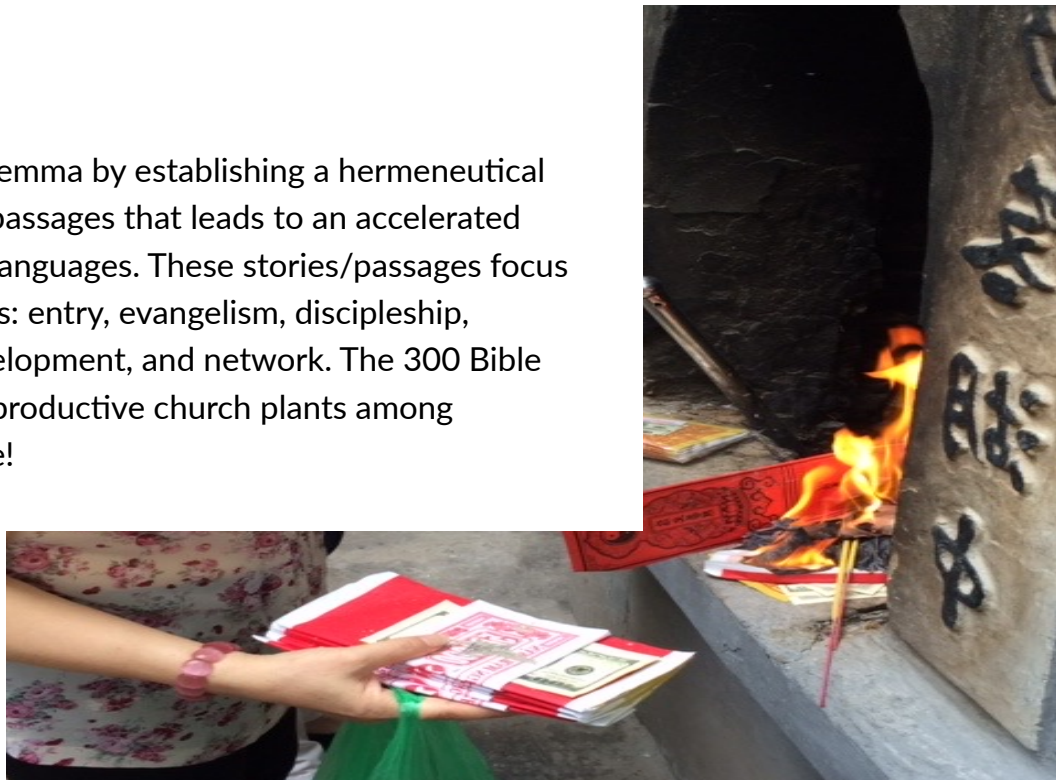


## THE DEAF DILEMMA

Over 70 million Deaf around the globe are facing a dilemma: No indigenous reproductive churches! No Bible in their own natural sign languages! Struggling to form churches without a Bible. Struggling to read the Bible in the majority language. Struggling to understand manually coded attempts at Bible translations that link the majority language with their sign language. The Deaf are hungry for a solution that ensures Deaf people the opportunity to access God's message of truth for themselves.

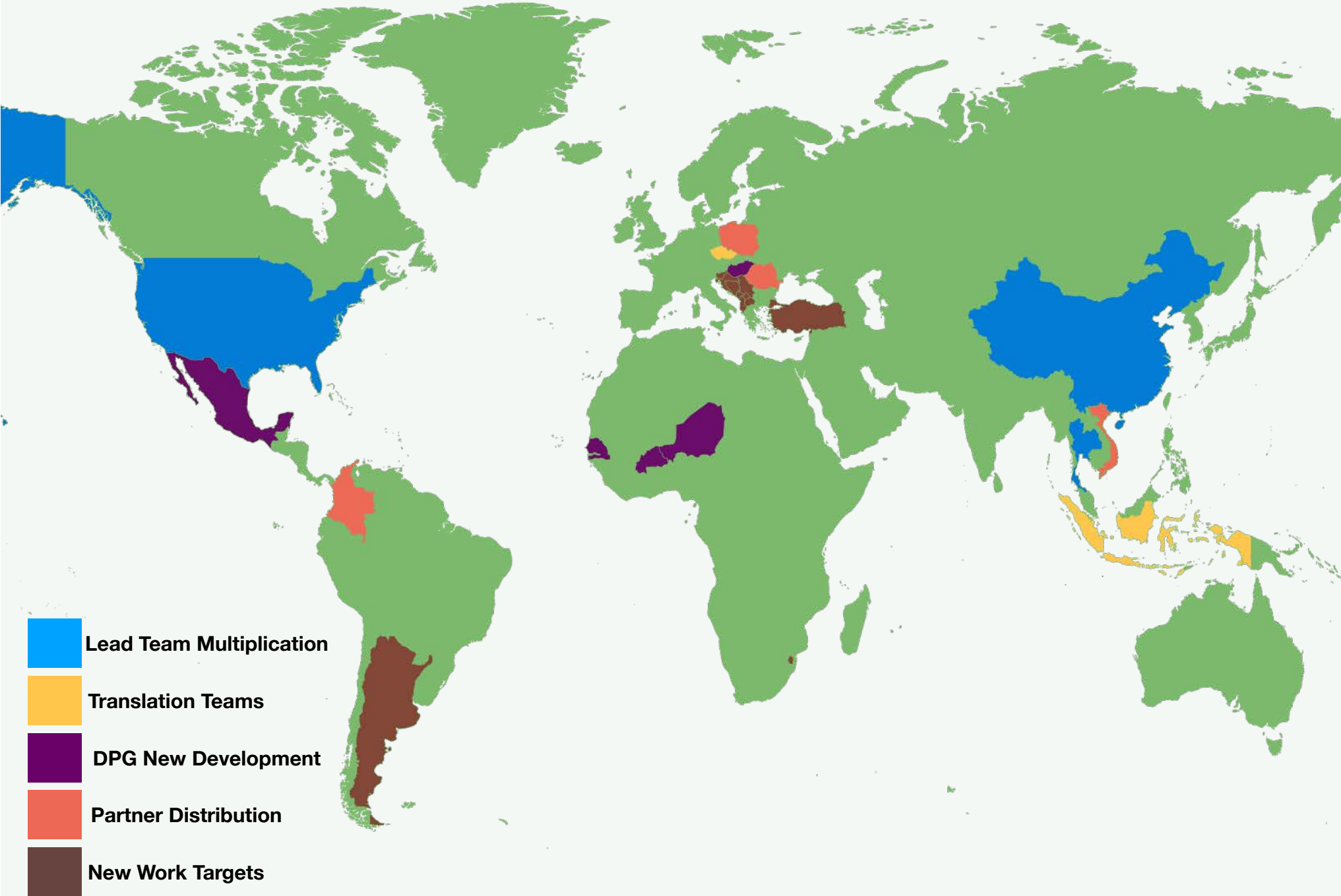
**We're working to change that!**






Deaf Pathway Global is addressing the dilemma by establishing a hermeneutical foundation for at least 300 Bible stories/passages that leads to an accelerated Bible translation process in multiple sign languages. These stories/passages focus on multiple aspects of the task of missions: entry, evangelism, discipleship, healthy church formation, leadership development, and network. The 300 Bible stories will lead to multiple indigenous reproductive church plants among unreached Deaf peoples around the globe!





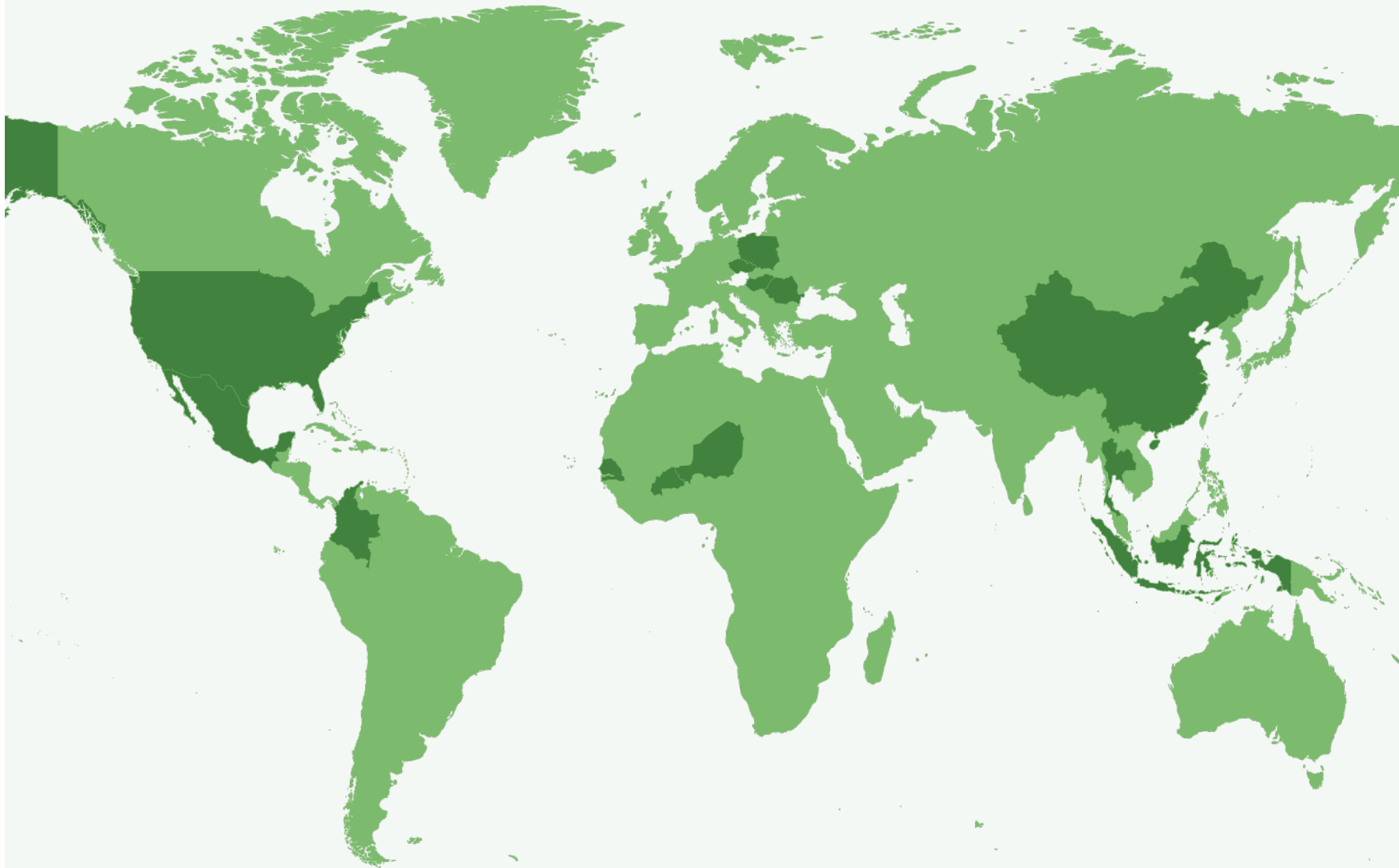
# STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT



			Translation Total	App Total
	<b>LEAD TEAMS MULTIPLICATION</b>	In these countries, we are working in partnership with a team of trained Deaf Bible translators and Deaf church planters who are Focusing on the translation of 300 Bible stories into the natural language of their people. They also are looking beyond their people groups to assist others and start new projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United States</li> <li>• China</li> <li>• Thailand</li> </ul>	<b>820</b> <b>285</b> <b>165</b> <b>103</b>
	<b>Projects BIBLE TEAM HEALTHY DEAF CHURCH</b>	In these countries, we are working in partnership with a team of trained Deaf Bible translators and Deaf church planters who are Focusing on the translation of 300 Bible stories into the natural language of their people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indonesia</li> <li>• Czech</li> </ul>	<b>19</b> <b>115</b> <b>29</b>
	<b>NEW DEVELOPMENT</b>	In these countries, we are working with individual Deaf persons or partners towards a strategy and translators that will result in 300 Bible stories in their natural language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mexico</li> <li>• Senegal</li> <li>• Hungary</li> <li>• Burkina Faso</li> <li>• Niger</li> </ul>	<b>27</b> <b>6</b> <b>60</b> <b>6</b> <b>6</b> <b>27</b> <b>6</b> <b>7</b> <b>6</b> <b>6</b>
	<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>	For several years, Deaf Bible translators have endeavored to translate the Bible into their native language. This has resulted Bible stories crafted and filmed in the natural language of the Deaf. Due to varying circumstances, these Bible stories were not accessible by the Deaf community. For these countries, we have worked to provide a wordless app to distribute and share these Bible stories.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colombia</li> <li>• Romania</li> <li>• Poland</li> <li>• Vietnam</li> </ul>	<b>20</b> <b>55</b> <b>40</b> <b>7</b> <b>20</b> <b>10</b> <b>18</b> <b>0</b>
	<b>TARGET</b>	We are in dialogue with leaders from these countries and region where there is an interest to partner with us to accelerate the translation of 300 Bible stories into their people's natural language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eswatini</li> <li>• Argentina</li> <li>• Turkey</li> <li>• The Balkans</li> </ul>	

\*Data as of December 31, 2020.

# DEAF PATHWAY GLOBAL AT WORK



 indicates countries where Deaf Pathway Global is at work





**Coalition of Deaf International Leaders**  
Remotely Working Together to Translate Bible Stories in 13 Languages



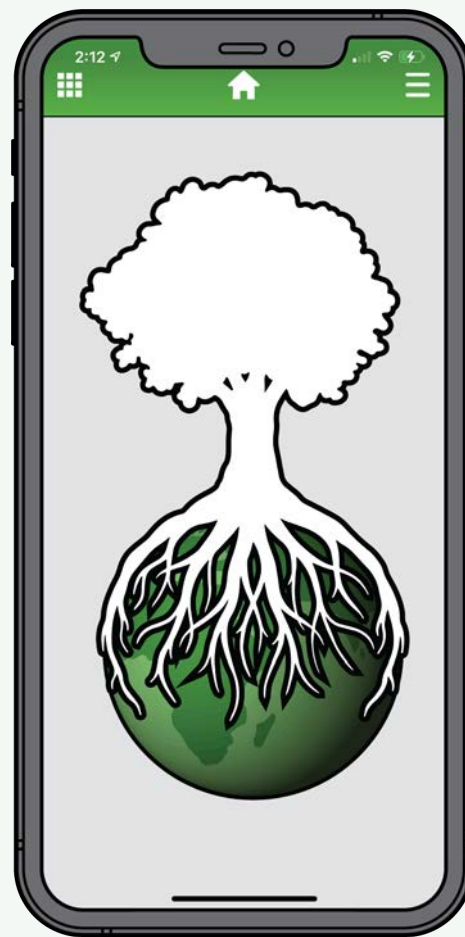
# The Message of God's Hands to the Deaf Heart

For the Deaf, by the Deaf



## DeafWay Bible

A web-based app that delivers the word of God via iconic navigation and videos.



## Deaf Pathway Roots

*under development*

A web-based app that Deaf Bible Translation Teams will utilize to share Biblical Resources.

## OUR SIGN LANGUAGES



In 2020, we were able to distribute Bible passages/stories in 13 different sign languages on the DeafWay Bible app. While the total number of completed stories/passages for each sign language varies, this is our initial attempt to ensure that Deaf people in over 200 countries around the world will have access to God's message of truth in their natural languages.

- American Sign Language
- Burkina Faso Sign Language
- Chinese Sign Language
- Colombian Sign Language
- Czech Sign Language
- Hungarian Sign Language
- Indonesian Sign Language
- Mexican Sign Language
- Niger Sign Language
- Polish Sign Language
- Romanian Sign Language
- Senegalese Sign Language
- Thai Sign Language

Deaf Pathway Global continues to work toward a full Bible in American Sign Language.



Bible stories are available in thirteen sign languages in iOS and Android.

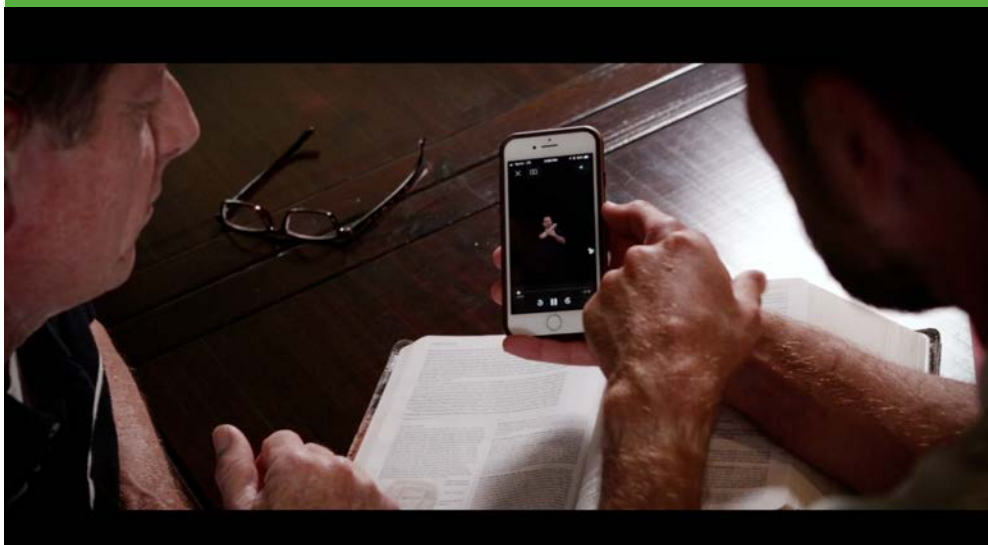
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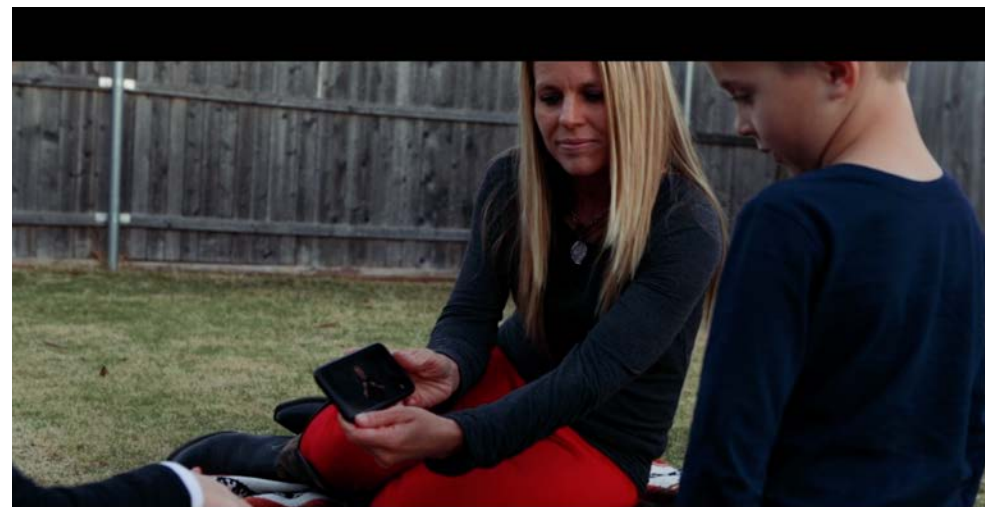




The Deaf man's struggle to read the words  
on the pages of the Bible  
dissipates when a video Bible with stories  
is placed in his hand.

**HIS HEART UNDERSTANDS!**





**How does a Deaf mother instill  
GOD'S WAY  
into the life of her son  
if she has no access to  
GOD'S WORD?**

**Through DeafWay Bible  
she is sharing GOD'S WORD!**



## OUR BOARD

Scott Harris, *Chairman* (Mission Increase Foundation)

Grant Lovejoy, *Secretary* (International Mission Board)

Victor Hou, *Treasurer* (International Mission Board)

Robert Moore (Gardner-Webb University)

Tanya Polstra (Silent Blessings Deaf Ministries)

Aric Randolph (Brentwood Baptist Church)

Betty Stirsman (Brentwood Baptist Church)

Don McDonald (Merrill Lynch)

## 2020 Deaf Pathway Global Partners

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**Brentwood Baptist**



# OUR VISION

A set of 300 scripture stories that provides foundational truths for the missionary task in each of the sign languages worldwide and the full Bible in American Sign Language.

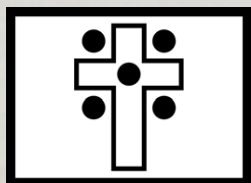
## 300 BIBLE STORIES

in each of the world's sign languages

ENTRY



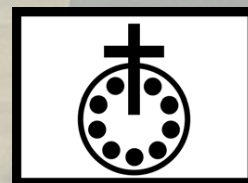
EVANGELISM



DISCIPLESHIP



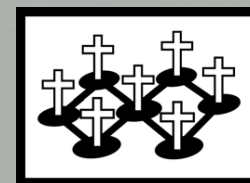
HEALTHY CHURCH  
FORMATION



LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT



NETWORK



The 300 stories provide a foundation for critical disciplines of faith





# ENTRY

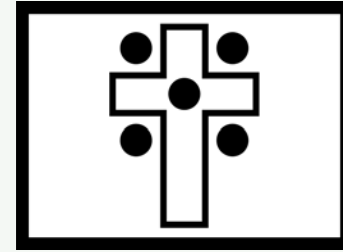
## DEAF CHURCH PLANTERS

### THAILAND

A young Deaf Thai couple recently graduated from our training program. Upon their return to home, they used stories to engage several unengaged Deaf communities.







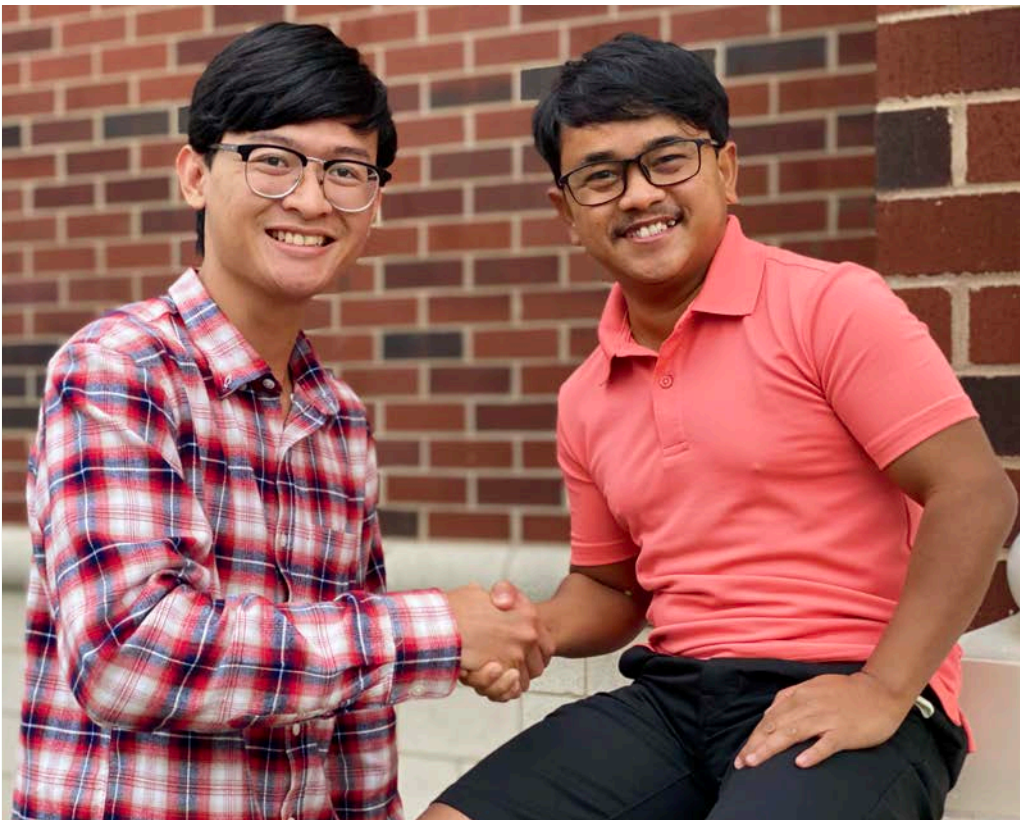
# EVANGELISM

DEAF BIBLE TRANSLATOR

## EAST ASIA

Upon learning a story set of Bible stories for evangelism, Barry has become more effective in evangelizing among numerous Deaf people in his community.





# HEALTHY CHURCH FORMATION

CHURCH PLANTERS

## INDONESIA

Utilizing our Bible story set on  
healthy church formation,  
Jody and Wawan are now working together  
to lead their fellowship groups to become churches.



# DISCIPLESHIP

MISSIONARY PARTNER

## WEST AFRICA

Several story sets of discipleship stories  
in the native language of the Deaf  
have provided our partners with  
effective, productive training and tools.





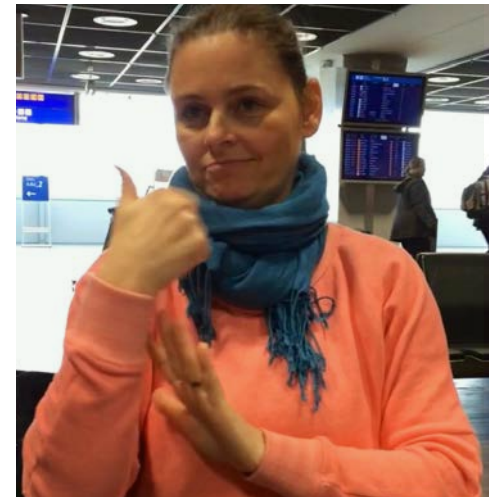


# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

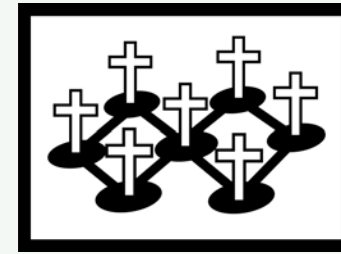
DEAF LEADERS

## EASTERN EUROPEAN DEAF

Select Bible stories on leadership have given  
our Eastern European Deaf partners  
a foundation to lead and train others to lead.







# NETWORK

DEAF MISSION

## ASIA

Daniel learns and shares Bible stories  
in an effort to pass  
the mantle of mutual accountability  
to established partners.

# DEAF-DRIVEN BIBLE TRANSLATION APPROACH

For the Deaf, by the Deaf

## **1) Scripture Translation**

The key element of our strategy is ensuring that clear, accurate, natural, and acceptable translation of Bible passages are made available in multiple languages. Our goal is to complete 300 passages in every sign language.

## **2) Church Planting**

Our work isn't complete when multiple Bible passages are completed in a sign language. We also seek to facilitate efforts to establish a local, indigenous Deaf church within the community where the translation work is being done. Sometimes there are no local believers in such a setting and this effort may take time but it is our commitment to see a church planted and to instill in the local group a vision for multiple indigenous church plants.

## **3) Leadership Training**

With the efforts of translating scripture and planting churches comes the added challenge of training leaders. Deaf Pathway Global's partners use the Bible passages that have been translated and contextualized within the local church to train Deaf leaders. The partners teach the whole missionary task: entry, evangelism, discipleship, healthy church formation, leadership training, and networking. Each of these elements are part of training coordinated with the church and supplemented with additional scripture portions in a language.

## **4) Scripture Resources**

When Bible passages have been translated, they are the product of extensive hermeneutical research by the team based in the USA. This research includes careful study of the passage using the original languages of the Bible, the determination of how the names, times, and places impact the setting for the passage, and what kind of contextualization of the Bible portion is needed to convey meaning and naturalness. Each of these elements can be captured and uploaded as additional resources while undergirding the passage in question.



## Strategic Engagement

