

PORTUGAL

July and
August
2020

Sharing the Hope to the Deaf



Hello partners in Christ,

I'm standing in front of the camera with lights shining on me and the window blind drawn.

Mark 4 was the chapter I was recording but I was stumped with a specific mouth form needed to associate with a sign to signify the tiniest seed in the world.

Finally, I got through it and sat down to review my videos on the computer. I burst out laughing at my facial expressions trying to remember the mouth form I needed.



Mark 4:26-27 says, ***“And he said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.’”*** This little nugget was swishing around in my mind reminding me that God is working in the hearts of the Deaf here though we may not see it.

After multiple calls with Carlos, who is my go-to for help with signs, facial expressions, and creating new signs or descriptions, the first four chapters have been filmed and are ready to edit. Pray for him as he has heard the gospel multiple times and now, I am using this book to keep the gospel in front of him. He is a perfect definition of the seed planted. It is taking its time to germinate. I continue to sleep, rise, and cultivate the soil in the field

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PRAYERS

- ❖ Salvation for João, Telma, Carlos, Ricardo and his two girls, Júlia, João, Sérgio, Carly, Carlos (Denise's husband), and many more.
- ❖ Translation of Mark Master's program: Greek starting Aug 24
- ❖ More opportunities to meet with the Deaf and share the Gospel.
- ❖ Portugal's recovery from CORVID-19 and God's continued work among the Portuguese people.

and waiting as God works in the dirt. This month I will continue to work on Mark 5-8. Pray that I remain diligent and focus on these chapters.

POST-COVID19

Though the COVID19 restrictions are loosening, we still practice social distancing and wearing masks for indoor gatherings, which still affects church services and ministries. Our deaf services haven't met in person since March. We continue to post our services on Facebook and YouTube and meet virtually through Zoom. The Zoom attendance has fluctuated in the last couple sessions and then we hit the month of August, which is our Portuguese vacation month, when everyone takes off from work and spends a few weeks with their friends and family elsewhere or at the beach. Pray that we can meet face to face soon, hopefully next month.

We praise the Lord for news we are getting from the deaf who view our deaf service videos. We also know that there are a few Deaf who watch our weekly hearing services that are shared online. While David Booth preaches, his wife, Sarah interprets in Portuguese Sign Language. The Scripture for those who are hearing and deaf, is out there in the virtual world all over Portugal (including Brazil!). Pray that the seeds of the Gospel that are planted, will one day bud, grow, and become ripe for the harvest.

The COVID19 Summer has been interesting. Now COVID19 Fall is approaching and that means my master's classes will be starting on August 24. I will be balancing my Mark translation, other ministries and my first Greek class. Thank you for your support financially and prayerfully! I'm thankful for God's Word and the treasures found within it. I pray that the Deaf will soon find them too!

In Christ's loving promises,

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