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Mission Moment

In the United States, last month, September, has been recognized as the very first *International Day of Sign Languages* by the United Nations General Assembly.

Ministries and organizations have sought to raise awareness on the realities of the Deaf community and eradicate some common misconceptions.

One of the top misconceptions from many hearing people is that they think there is one universal sign language that is used throughout the entire world. There are actually over 400 different sign languages! Just like we know most countries have their own language, it's the same for sign languages. Today, there is still not one sign language that has a complete copy of God's Word.

That's where The **Deaf Bible Society** comes in. They realize how false assumptions about the Deaf have led to ineffective missions, making the Deaf the least-reached people group.

The goal is to translate the Bible into sign languages, that Deaf people would be able to experience God's Word in their heart language. Because Deaf people are so visual, it is necessary for them to have video Bibles where they can watch a person signing God's Word.

The **Deaf Bible Society** and hundreds of their prayer partners have been praying for the Deaf communities' awareness of sign language Bibles to lead to their active involvement in the Church.

Please join our prayer partners to help us reach more Deaf people with God's Word in their language.