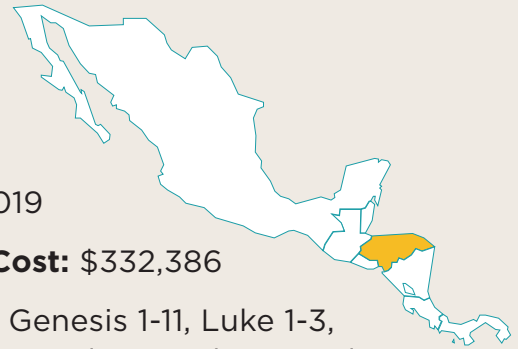




Language: Honduran Sign Language

Users: 70,000



Dates: 2016-2019

Total Project Cost: \$332,386

Project Goals: Genesis 1-11, Luke 1-3, supplemental materials

HONDURAN SIGN LANGUAGE

AMERICAS — HONDURAS

THE PEOPLE

There is no official record of the number of Deaf people in Honduras. But it's estimated that up to 70,000 Deaf use Honduran Sign Language to communicate.

They are scattered throughout Honduras, although many prefer to live in urban areas where it's easier to find others who use the same language.

Culturally, the Deaf view themselves as members of a vibrant community with its own unique language and identity. However, they face challenges when communicating with the society around them.

The Deaf often feel frustrated, excluded and unimportant when efforts aren't made to communicate with them in a language they naturally understand.

Almost all Deaf Hondurans profess a belief in God, but for a majority of them, their belief doesn't impact daily life. Without access to Scripture, many struggle to understand their faith and grow in it.

Honduran Deaf people need God's Word in their own sign language.

THE PLAN

A highly qualified Deaf team is now translating the very first Scripture into Honduran Sign Language!

Sign language translations aren't written — they are produced as videos. This process generally takes longer than for written translations. The team must film the signed Scripture, then check, edit and revise it, and finally publish the recordings.

The translations are complex, taking into account body position, movement, facial expression and even eyebrows!

The Honduran Sign Language team is split into two translation groups — one is translating Genesis 1-11, and the other is working on the first three chapters of the Gospel of Luke.

The team will also produce supplemental materials about people and places in the Bible, and children's stories based on Genesis.

A national council of Deaf Christian leaders in Honduras helps give direction and input on the project. They represent the needs of local Deaf churches and communities.

THE IMPACT

"The Deaf community of Honduras is thirsty for the Word of God," says a project adviser. "Without translated Scripture they lack understanding of who God is and how they can be his children."

Translated Scripture materials will be used in Deaf churches, Deaf ministries and more. These resources will help Deaf pastors preach with greater confidence and understanding of the Word. And Deaf believers will be better able to apply what they have learned from Scripture in their daily lives.

Scripture products will be distributed for use as soon as they become available. Through the partnership with the national council of Deaf Christian leaders, the translated Word can be quickly spread throughout the Deaf community in the country.

The team will also train local Deaf leaders on how to use the Scripture products.

Your prayers and investment will help Deaf Hondurans access God's Word in the language of their heart for the first time!