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I am a missionary with D.O.O.R. International., Deaf Opportunity Outreach. I work with the 2x2 evangelism of Deaf Believers Fellowship (church planting) with Deaf in the United States. My calling and passion is to empower and equip Deaf Christians for worship, service and leadership in both ministry and in their lives — "Deaf reaching Deaf for Jesus Christ."

My Testimony:

I was born in Iowa and later, as a young girl, moved with my family to Long Island, New York. While attending Word of Life Ranch in Schroon Lake, NY, I accepted Christ as my Savior when I was 13 years old and dedicated my life to serve the Lord. After spending some time at Nyack Missionary College, I married my high school sweetheart, George Knakal. We were married for 39 years and raised 5 children together. Presently, I have 13 grandchildren.



In 1986 the Lord called me into Deaf ministry. Following the Lord's prompting, I attended Suffolk Community College, earning my degree in American Sign Language/Interpreting and Deaf Studies. I established and coordinated a Deaf ministry for 29 years at Island Christian Church — 17 years as a full-time staff member. The Lord instilled a deep desire in me to empower and equip Deaf Christians for worship, service and leadership in both ministry and in their lives. It was exciting to see this vision become a reality as I served at the church: "Deaf reaching Deaf for Jesus Christ," and this desire in my heart is still strong today.

When my husband, George, passed away in 2009 after a 19 year battle with cancer, I earnestly sought the Lord's guidance in the next chapter of my life. Following the Lord's leading, I sold nearly all of my possessions and my home of 35 years in New York. I was willing and ready to hear where the Lord would direct, and ready to go where He would send. While I waited, I continued to serve the Lord and reach the Deaf on Long Island as well as in Trinidad and Tobago with the gospel of Jesus.

In 2013, I felt that the Lord was presenting me with the opportunity to work with D.O.O.R. International. In 2014 as a missionary with the Deaf, DOOR sent me to their Bible Training and Translation Center in Kenya where I was trained in their 2 x 2 program, CBS (Chronological Bible Storying) and Deaf Believers fellowship.

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