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Dear friends and family,

Happy New Year.....and one month. May the Lord Bless you all!

We are glad to let you know we now have a page on Facebook, where we promote the use and spreading of the West Bengal Sign Language video dictionary. We have a few edits but soon you will be able to access the page by typing "empowering the Deaf through Bengali, English and West Bengal Sign Language". Our purpose is to use the social networks to open possibilities of people reaching this tool. We ask you to "like" it and give us feedback to improve it. Also feel free to tell your contacts about them. We would love to grow as a community that empowers the Deaf to be able to get better education and job opportunities.

We also have a Channel on YouTube (search for West Bengal Sign Language WBSL), where you can find the videos. The channel on YouTube is working well. We have had 4700 views of the videos from 44 countries and 29 subscribers. Ana also initiated a blog site (<https://empowering-the-deaf.blog/>).

I received a call from a colleague then a video conference with folks with the Deaf Bible Society. They are very interested in getting a Bible translation project going on the West Bengal Sign Language and I am thrilled to be able to consulting them! Praise the Lord!

Ana and I greatly thank you for your prayers and support. We will continue to keep you posted as God moves us forward.

Russell and Ana