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Dear friends and family,

Our trip to India last month was a success! We thank you all for your prayers! This was the first trip no one got sick and it was the easiest adjustment to jetlag ever. We made contact with several government officials and staff of schools for the Deaf. They exhibited a high interest in the West Bengal Sign Language vocabulary videos. We are excited to see a major change in philosophy of the use of sign among the deaf. Previously sign use was discouraged in most schools and by the government officials who oversaw Deaf education and the consultation of parents of deaf children. The government office now has a sign language department that promotes and teaches sign language. They were all very pleased with the opportunity to utilize the vocabulary video clips in educating the Deaf and workers among the Deaf.

As I stated in our last correspondence, we had yet to complete the dictionary before the trip. I now have about 2500 vocabulary video clips made, about 2070 uploaded to YouTube, and 900 linked to the website. I have about 250 more vocabulary videos to make. To find clips on YouTube just



Russell and Ana – On our way to a school for the Deaf in a bike rickshaw.

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type “West Bengal Sign Language WBSL” in a search engine or in the YouTube search menu. The website is: [www.westbengalsignlanguage.com](http://www.westbengalsignlanguage.com). You won't be able to access all the YouTube videos via the website until I have completed the links to them. Please let me know if you find error for me to correct. I intend to finish the website by mid-December!

Ana's ideas of making our own website for the dictionary and the QR code book directing people to the video clips has been the break through to making it available to everyone. Uploading the clips to YouTube not only increases the accessibility of the vocabulary video clips but prevents major bog down on the website.

Please continue to pray for the completion of this dictionary and its use. I know that this is in the Lord's hands. Also join Ana and I in prayer for our next steps together as a couple and what the Lord has planned (Jer 29:11).

We love you all and thank you for the sacrifice you all have made for many years to bless the Deaf in India.

For further support into the ministry, please send your check to:

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