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Mark and Vesta have served in Europe and Asia in their efforts to reach Deaf people. Mark's a whiz at sign language. But Vesta's parents were Deaf; she learned to sign before she learned to speak English. When Vesta was 8, she would read the Bible and sign the verses for her father. She saw how the gospel made him a better man when he became a believer.

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