

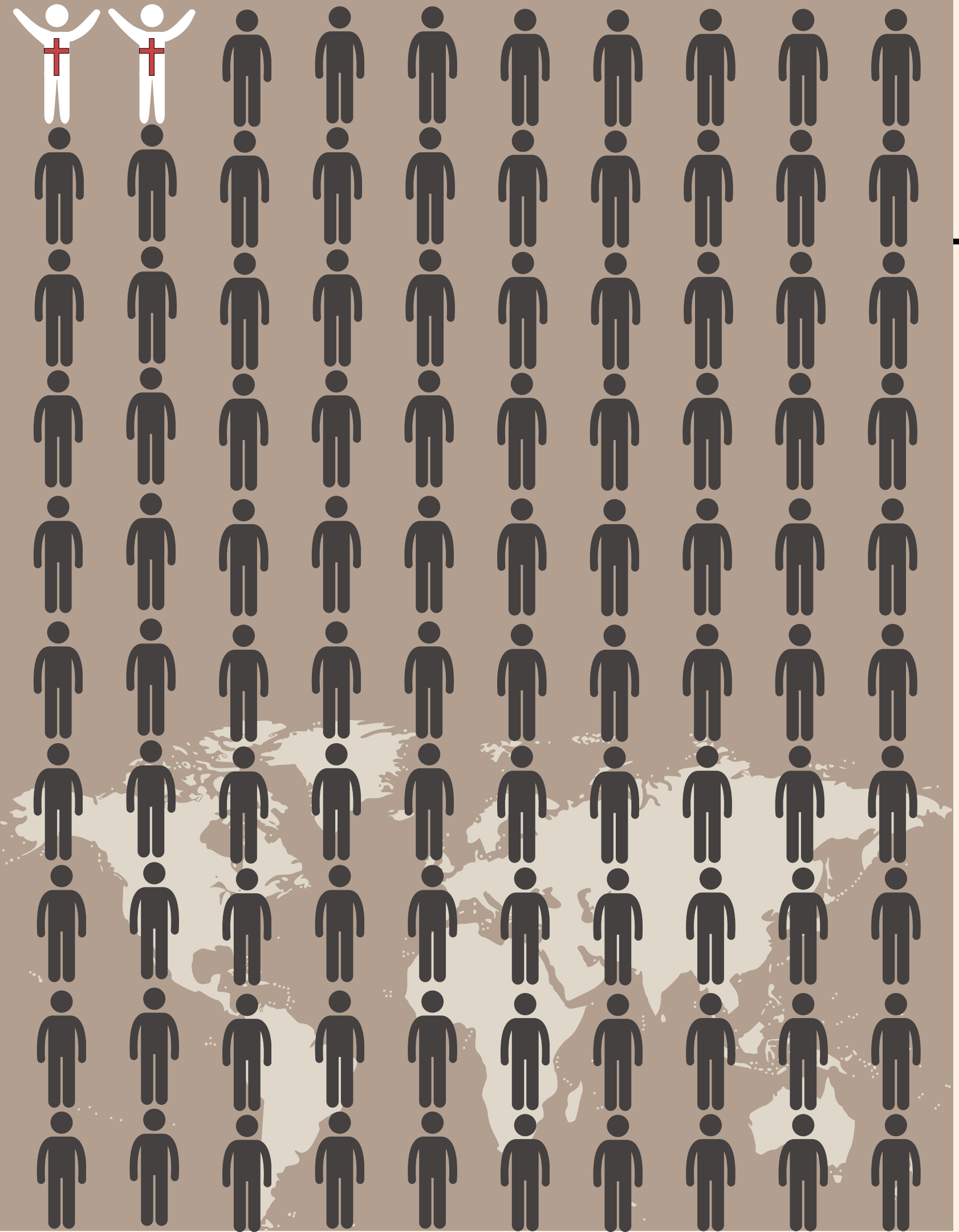


Signs of Love
Until Love is heard by all.

A LOOK AT

DEAF CHURCH VS. INTERPRETED SERVICE





DID YOU KNOW...

of the 70 million
deaf worldwide

98%

DON'T know Jesus!

This makes them one of the largest
unreached people groups in the world!

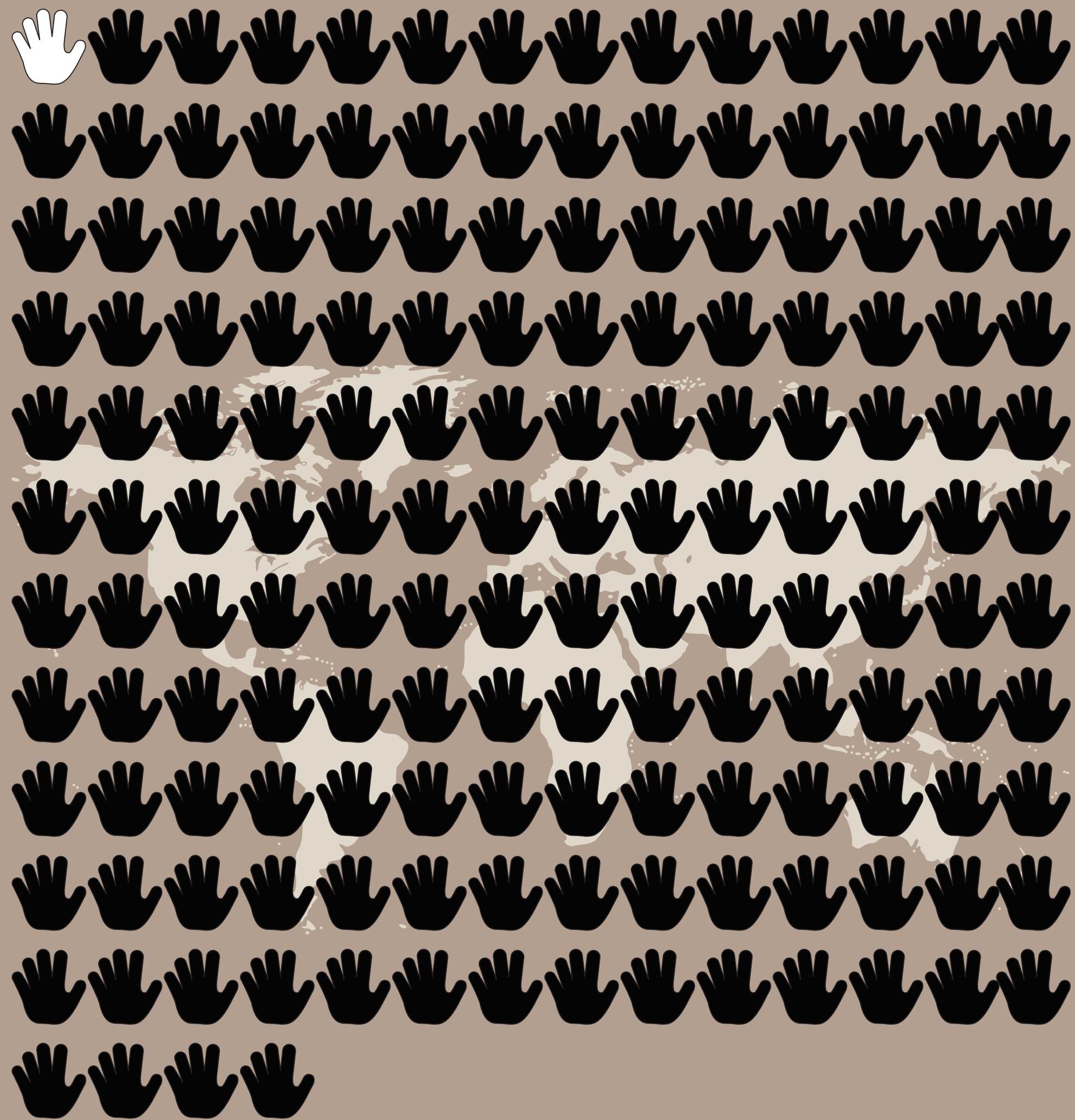
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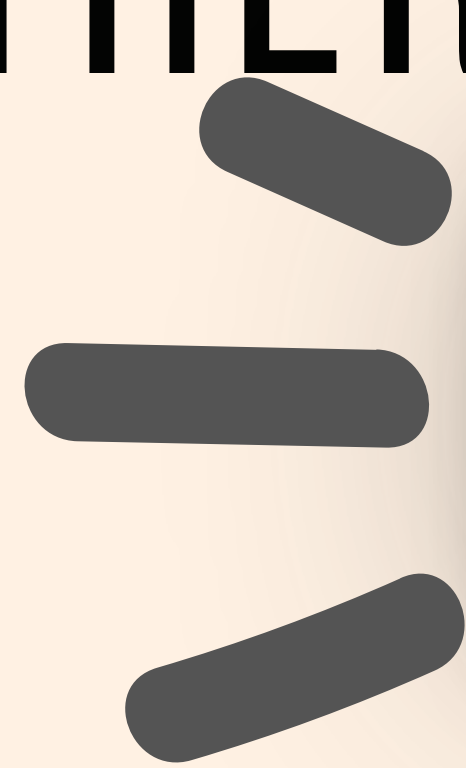
complete Bible translation.

Completed in 2020 in American Sign Language.

*Ethnologue 2022
Wycliffe Bible Translators reports more than 350 sign languages being used today.



THERE ARE



MILLIONS



OF DEAF MINISTRIES

SO WHY ARE 98% OF DEAF UNREACHED?

WE NEED A SHIFT IN

FOCUS



DEAF CHURCH

A flourishing multiplication movement of the Deaf as a people group exhibiting the qualities depicted in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5: supernatural, tempered, joyful, sacrificial, generous, regenerate, worshipful, and apostolic.



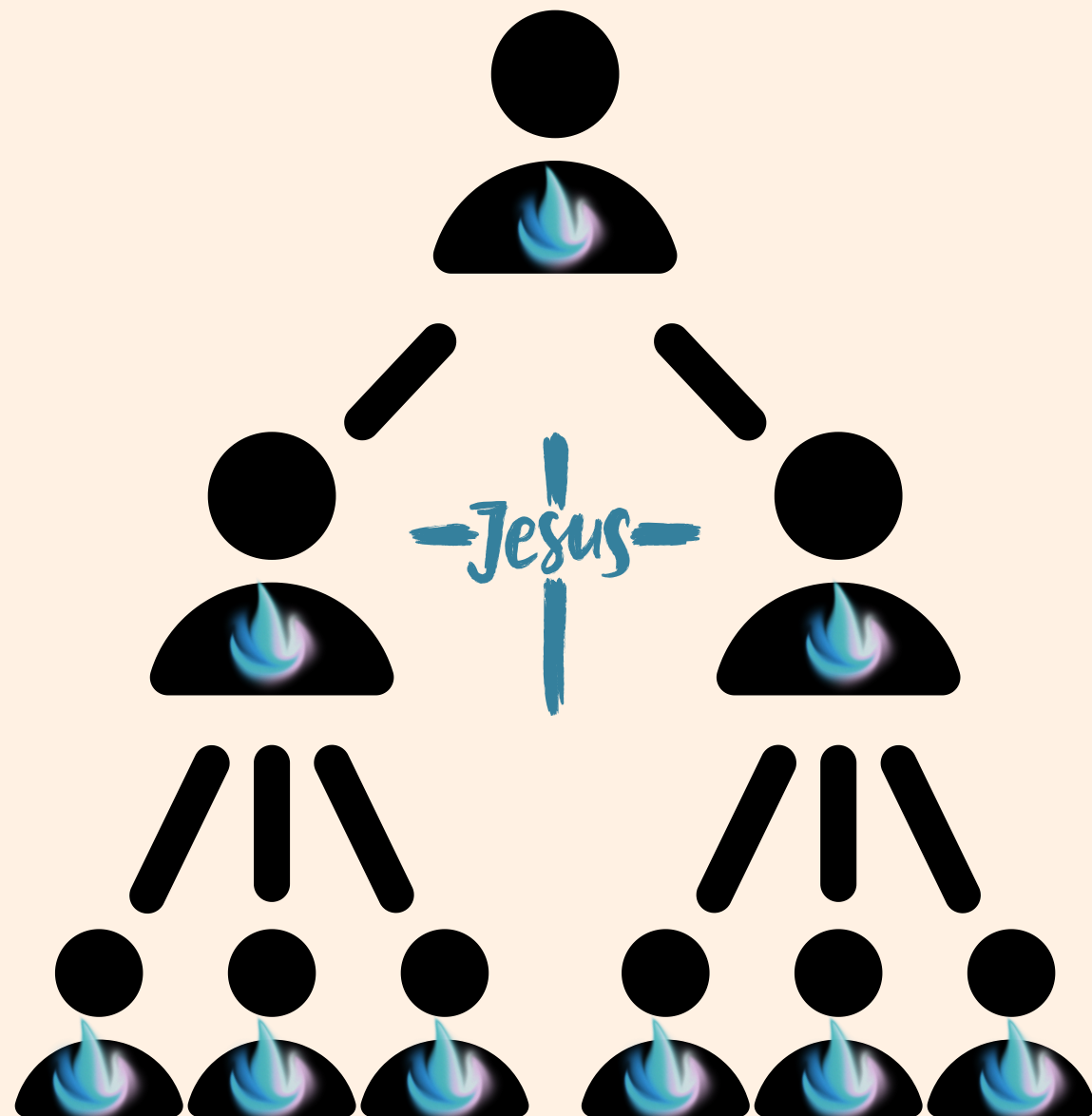
INTERPRETED SERVICE

Deaf attend church as an integrated service where they receive teaching, preaching, praise, and prayer through an interpreter. There is a constant need to get these two groups connected (the Deaf and Hearing).



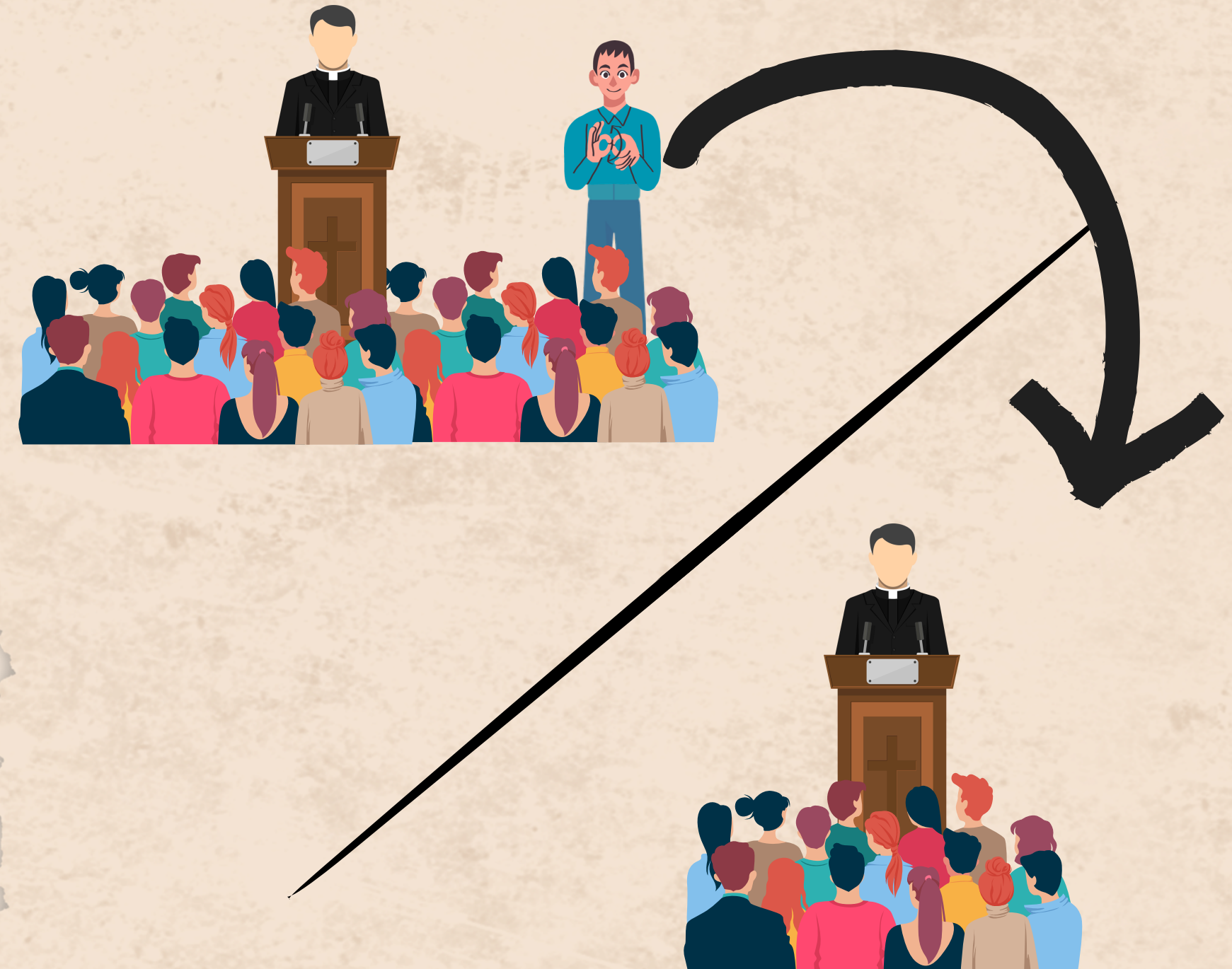
DEAF CHURCH

When we make disciples, baptizing in the name of The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey all He has commanded us, the result will be church growth. We are to make disciples who make disciples. We believe doing this requires empowering the Deaf. We accomplish this by equipping them, resulting in an autonomous and indigenous ministry.



INTERPRETED SERVICE

The ministry will never result in empowered autonomy because if it did there would be no ministry.



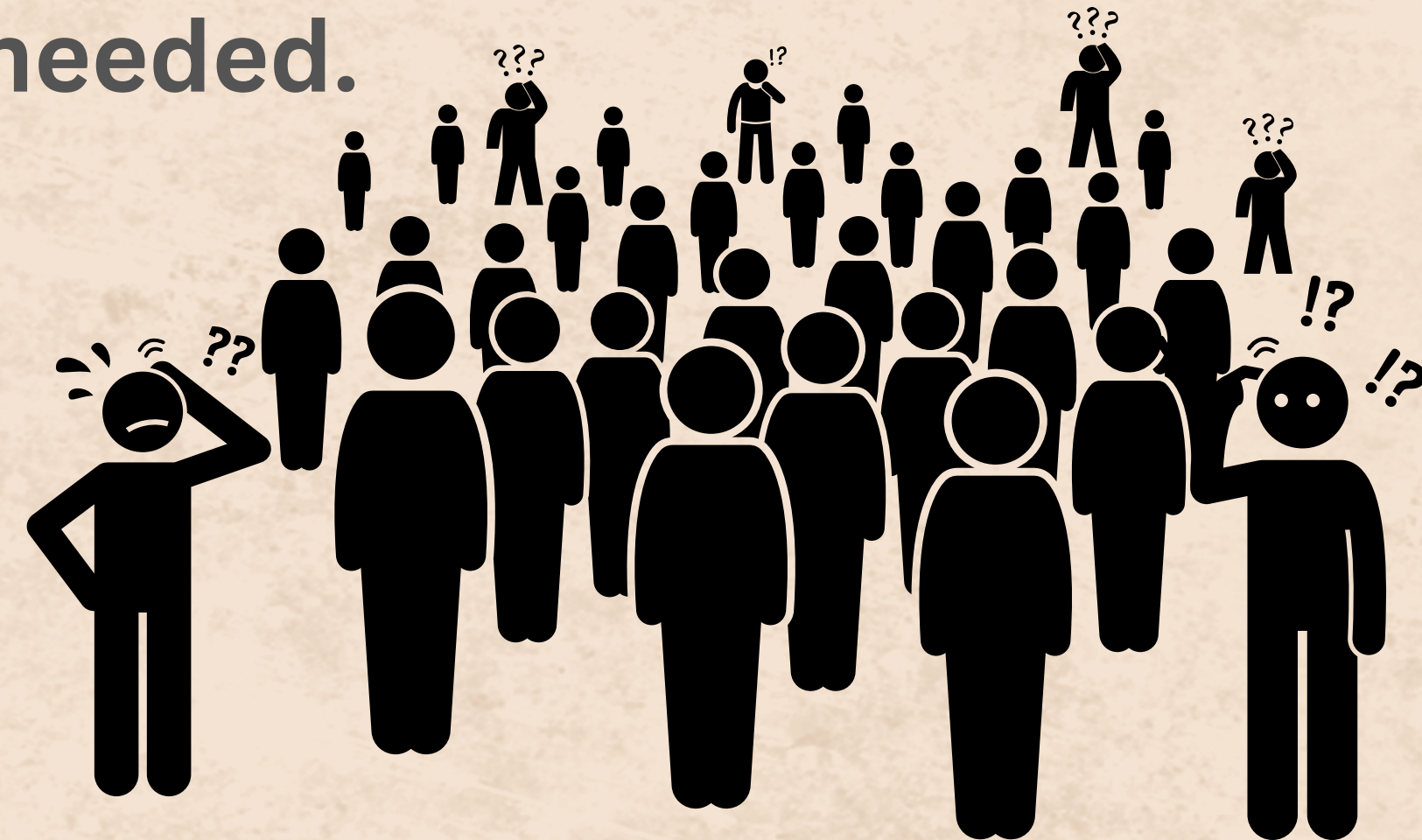
DEAF CHURCH

Deaf have their own gatherings, where worship is in their own (heart) language. Worship being praise, prayer, preaching, teaching, and companionship. **Their spiritual gifts are needed.**



INTERPRETED SERVICE

Deaf are welcomed into the hearing gathering where they receive the message, prayer, praise, and conversations second hand, and typically not in a fashion relatable to them. **Their spiritual gifts aren't needed.**



DEAF CHURCH

Deafness is an attribute to a people group, unique in culture, rich in language, vibrant in customs, and deserving of empowerment.



INTERPRETED SERVICE

Deafness is viewed as a handicap/disability. Therefore, the Deaf need interpreters to be a part of the church.



DEAF CHURCH

We understand that discipleship isn't about us working for God, rather God working through us. This is a movement that is fueled by Holy Spirit fire to ignite the hearts of His people. Once this happens, there's no stopping the movement. Deaf will be making disciples who make disciples. The church will GROW, and continue in The Great Commission.



INTERPRETED SERVICE

Everything is dependent on an interpreter. If there is no interpreter, there is no ministry. This does not lend to multiplication amongst the Deaf.



DEAF CHURCH

The church is not a place; it's us! As followers of Jesus gather, the church is present. No matter the size, wealth, education, or training, the church IS the church. Acts spells out the elements of a church gathering. As Deaf Christians gather, we encourage worshipping God through collectively deciding what elements they will do as the church.

