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New Signs of God's Love Video Shoot

God has blessed our Church with the health message, often called the right arm of the gospel. Today, more and more people are showing an interest in learning about health. Right now, 68% of Americans are overweight. Also, 19 million Americans have been diagnosed with diabetes, with many millions more who are pre-diabetic. People are looking for ways to prevent sickness or to improve their health.

Nowadays, health information is easy to get, thanks to the Internet, but little has been done in American Sign Language. The newest DVD project that 3ADM is working on will help change that.

Signs of God's Love #7 topic is on the Eight Laws of Health. Esther Doss is again the speaker for the



Photo by Chip Doss

Esther Doss speaks about temperance during the video shoot for Signs of God's Love #7.

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program. She will explain the simple things that God has given us to keep us healthy or improve our health.

Like all Signs of God's Love DVDs, this one is also shot in the beautiful outdoors. Esther will share with the viewers the beauty of various places in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas, showing the brilliant Fall colors.

The health information on the DVD will be simple and to the point, with tips for how to live healthier lives. Also, Bible verses are used, pointing the viewer to the God who made our bodies. And the DVD ends with the hope of the Second Coming of Jesus.

When He comes again, we will no longer keep doctor appointments, need medicine, use band-aids or wheelchairs. We do have hope for a better future.

The entire video has now been shot and the editing process will begin soon. Keep an eye out for an announcement that the DVDs are ready for purchase in a future newsletter. They will be excellent for sharing with friends.

These DVDs will be used for the gospel bags given away at Deaf expos next year. These DVDs continue to attract the many visitors to our booth. They like the getting DVDs in ASL and appreciate the outdoor scenery and topics.

From the Speaker: Spiritual Revival and Our Past

“Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lamp stand from its place—unless you repent” (Revelation 2:4, 5 NKJV).

Do you stop and think about your first love experience that you had with God in the past? Do you still remember the experience of discovering Bible truth that led you to be a baptized member of the remnant church? Is it a happy memory? Or is it a memory of regret because you are think you may have been deceived by the church? In my heart I hope you still feel warm as you think back over your first experience with God. My memories of how I joyfully found the truth are refreshing, no matter that I have also experienced trials and sufferings in the church.

Actually, I was not perfect. And I still am not perfect. I am the same as you. The truth we learn is progressive (growing). Remember, the truth never changes. We learn through digging in the Bible. It should be that way for all of us as we grow in Christ. We all should fight to be faithful to The Lord and be in Christ daily. This way, we can learn more wonderful truths about our beloved Lord. The more we grow in Christ the more we love Him. The more we love Him the more we are willing to obey Him, even against our opinions and feelings.

When we become discouraged or depressed we need to look back to the happy moments with The Lord in the past. Remembering my first love with The Lord gives me a lot of encouragement when I feel down and neglected. Sometimes we neglect The Lord when we are discouraged which can lead to giving up faith in God. That is the same as leaving the first love as seen in Revelation 2:4.

Discouragement is not the only thing that causes us to lose our relationship with The Lord. Being busy, worldly fame (or being popular), worldly goals, worldly entertainment, and even doing good can hurt our love relationship with The Lord. In Revelation 2:5 Jesus calls us to repent and do the first works. That shows God is very patient with us when we lose our relationship with Him. God is still wooing us back to Him.

I know some wounded people who still love their guilty spouses who left and went after another person. The innocent spouses were hurt. But they were forgiving. They prayed that the guilty spouses would come back to the first love again. That is the same way with God. He loves us very much. He is hurt when we sin against Him for any reason.

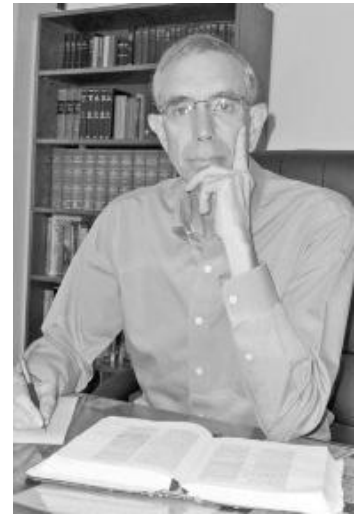
There are ways to prevent losing our first love with The

Lord:

1. When discouraged, read encouraging texts in the Bible.
2. When you read the Bible, think back to happy moments with The Lord. For example, think about when you discovered the truths of the Bible, how God delivered (saved) you from disasters, how God helped you to solve problems, and etc.
3. When you seem too busy to spend time with God, set a goal of reading the Bible for fifteen minutes and a good devotional book. Doing this will increase your faith in God and increase your desire to study the Bible.
4. Repent everyday and be refreshed with the Holy Spirit.
5. We need to remember that God does not promise to deliver you from trials (difficult problems), but He is always with us. God helps us through the trials. This is important to prevent us from discouragement and lack of faith in God.
6. Sing! Ellen G. White said that singing to The Lord is very helpful in uplifting our minds and hearts to God.
7. Witness to someone and help those who are hurting, suffering, and in need. Caring for others helps us to forget our own sufferings and pain.
8. Finally, exercise or go nature watching. We always admire the way birds behave when we watch them in the outdoors. Bird watching or nature viewing is the cleanest TV show!

“Just as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have spoken these things to you in order that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be made complete” (John 15:9-11 LEB).

*David Trexler
Speaker/Director*



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Do not forget to let us know when you change your address. You may email or mail us your new information.

New Project with Amazing Facts

At the end of 2012, we completed the updated basic set of Amazing Facts Bible Study Guides, with new pictures and a few changes to content. Also, the new set has two additional lessons compared to the old one, for a total of 14 lessons. The new lessons are very attractive.

Now, we are working on adding another 13 lessons, the Amazing Facts Advanced Bible Study Guides, which explores deeper subjects such as prophecies in Daniel and Revelation. We are most grateful to Amazing Facts for working with us in making this project happen. This new project is just now at the very beginning stages and will take some time to be completed. Please pray for us as we move forward in the adaptation, editing, and printing.



Sermons on DVD Program

Most Adventist Deaf members live in areas where there are not any other Deaf members, let alone a pastor for the Deaf. Many attend the local hearing churches and some are blessed to have interpreters while some others are forced to handwritten notes. Many Deaf members find a quiet spot to sit and read their Bibles and other materials during the services. How they long for a speaker that speaks their language!



One way that our ministry is trying to meet this need is with our Sermons on DVD program. Each month, a DVD with a sermon in ASL is sent to the subscriber list. Deaf members who live in an area without a pastor for the Deaf or Deaf group can request a subscription at no cost to them. Currently, there are about 120 on our subscription list; this is nearly half of the Adventist membership in North America. We get comments frequently about how much viewers are blessed by the DVDs. They let us know that the DVDs are viewed repeatedly and shared with Deaf friends or family. We are working toward archiving these sermons on our website so that they will be available to more people, both in America and around the world.

We really appreciate the North American Division and donors for providing funding for this project so that we can provide the DVDs at no cost to the subscribers. Contact us for more information on this program.

Deaf Bible School News

The Deaf Bible School continues to grow. Due to outreach at expos, we continue to gain requests for our correspondence Bible school. Some former students have been baptized as a result of studying with us.

From January through August of this year, 27 people have completed their Bible studies. At the end of August, 135 people are enrolled in our Bible School.

Some study both God's Way and the Amazing Facts courses and want to continue learning. They are given an option to study face-to-face through video phone. Right now, five people are studying with Francisca Trexler. Four volunteers are studying with seven others.

Francisca reported that two individuals who have completed their studies with her are now teaching Bible studies to others.

A recent God's Way graduate from Missouri told us that she has learned so many things that she had never known before. She wants to continue studying, so she is now working through the Amazing Facts Bible Guides with us.

Another lady from Connecticut wrote, "Oh I learned many new information from the Bible. I am so glad that I have the Bible lessons. And I look forward to continuing to study with you." Finished with the God's Way course, she is now studying the Amazing Facts Bible Guides.

One of our students in Arizona did not want to miss any Bible studies when she moved, so she called us personally to be sure that lessons would be sent to the right place.

A Florida woman has completed God's Way and Amazing Facts Bible Study Guides. She said, "I am hungry to know more about God's love and the truth from the Bible. I am so happy with what I have learned from the Bible." She is now studying with Francisca by video phone.

Work Continues at Deaf Expos

This Fall, 3ADM continued the commitment of exhibiting at Deaf expos across the country. The 3ADM booth now has a different look with a colorful new banner. This banner has a picture of Jesus looking at our world and our familiar logo which is the sign for Jesus. You can see the new look in the photos.

Rochester, New York - September 21

We had a very good turnout at the DeafNation Expo held on the campus of NTID/RIT located in Rochester. The expo was swarmed with local people as well as those from Buffalo, Syracuse, Toronto in Ontario, Canada and many other places. Josiah and Monica Kelly drove down from Syracuse, to help at the booth. It was a blessing to have them as they met with the young people who stopped by. Also, Paulino and Dawn Patino, my wife Tina and I stayed plenty busy. We had a wonderful opportunity to meet people we knew. We gave away all the Gospel bags.

A lady we knew came by the booth. She did not accept the bag, telling us that she is a Jew. I gladly told her that we have something in common; that we both keep the Sabbath. Afterward, she accepted the bag.

The new banner and its beautiful picture of Jesus looking over the earth grabbed some attention. Several people took pictures of Jesus on the banner and expressed how beautiful it was.

People expressed their interest to know more about Jesus. We were grateful to get their contact information so we can have a follow up visit with them soon. We would appreciate your prayers for them.

Paul Kelly

Pleasanton, California - October 12

Gwen Tsujimoto, Elder Alfred Griffith, David and Francisca Trexler were busy with the Deaf visitors all day. Elder Griffith spent much time talking with a few Deaf persons who knew him. He encouraged them with the word of God. Gwen expertly shared the materials with those who were interested in them. She never took time off away from the booth as she loved to do the ministry.

A week after the expo, we received a few requests for Bible lessons. This shows that these people are interested in knowing more about God. We met some new people who have never been to the expo before. They were happy to find something at our booth for their spiritual needs.

The next day, David and Francisca Trexler were guest speakers at the Lodi SDA church. About 40 Deaf people came to listen the presentations. They had a



Boyd Garner, Barbie and Chuck McGehee were our booth workers at the expo in Portland, Oregon.

good fellowship dinner after David's presentation. Then, Francisca gave her presentation after the meal. Some Deaf members expressed that they were greatly blessed by the program. Some of them have lived isolated for a long time so the program gave them the opportunity to meet with each other again. The Holy Spirit was with us as He led us to be closer to Jesus, more than ever before.

David Trexler

Portland, Oregon - October 19

The 3ADM booth at the DeafNation Expo was wonderful. Boyd Garner, my wife Barbie and I have decided to let people come up to us and ask about our materials, rather than waving people over to the booth, allowing the Holy Spirit to draw people to us. We gave out 175 bags.

We met many former SDAs and had nice chats. It was so good to see them around.

We noticed that the people kept asking if the DVD inside the bags was the same as last time we were in Portland. We told them that the DVDs are new and they gladly picked them up. A Deaf lady told us she loves to watch *Sign of God's Love #6* and asked me for more. I could see the distributions of the DVDs are successful. The DVDs are very important for all the Deaf because they are much better visually.

Chuck McGehee

Chicago, Illinois - November 2

Chicago was the last city for DeafNation Expos this year. This DeafNation Expo had more religious booths than at the other expos. We were disappointed that fewer people took our bags than last year. Many visited the other religious booths and were turned off. Then they did

not bother to visit the other religious booths.

Seems that we use a different way of attracting people to our booth, compared to other booths. We let people to come to our booth to see our materials, without any pressure. We let them know that those materials including the DVDs were free. Most of the time they were glad to pick them up. We do not want to “force” them to take the bags or they might be thrown away. Jesus did not advertise His ministry. The public was attracted to Him because of the beauty of His character, the healing and miracles, and His message of God’s love to the world. We use Jesus’ model at our booths. We gave away fewer bags than before but we believe that it was the best approach to reaching souls. The world continues to change a lot as more and more people are not spiritual and not interested in religion. They are happy when things go well, but pray to God when things go wrong.

We had several visitors who talked with us on the spiritual matters. A Deaf Christian couple came back to see us again and we talked about Jewish festivals—Passover, etc. as they believed in keeping the festivals. It is interesting to notice that more and more Deaf people are interested in keeping the festivals. We should be familiar with it so we can defend our faith. Another Christian Deaf couple came to see us and we were introduced to some of their friends with hopes to have a new friendship for Bible discussion in the future. This couple are not Adventists but they are very supportive of our ministry. We have been greatly blessed by them.

David Trexler



In Rochester, New York our booth workers were (left to right) Monica and Josiah Kelly, Dawn and Paulino Patino, and Tina and Paul Kelly. Notice the new banner in these photos.

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Elder Alfred Griffith encourages a booth visitor in Pleasanton, California. He spent much of his day talking with individuals for periods of time. Of all the expos this year, we have received the most response from Pleasanton.



Gwen Tsujimoto shares Jesus with a visitor to the booth in Pleasanton, California. Francisca Trexler is also shown here.

Joshua Piccerillo's Baptism

October 5th was a special day for the DEAF members at the Silver Spring, MD church. A young man from Lebanon, Pennsylvania, Joshua Piccerillo, was baptized. Joshua's Deaf mother, Lisa Milano, and his hearing grandmother, Lorraine Schell, a strong supporter of 3ADM, were there to witness the baptism. Also, his cousin, Terrance Nuein, was there. Joshua has a Deaf brother, Bryan, but Bryan was unable to attend. It was a wonderful day of fellowship for everyone.

Joshua was influenced by his Adventist grandmother, Lorraine. He is a graduate of our Deaf Bible School and he got some of our materials that encouraged him to follow Jesus Christ. He regularly watches Southern Deaf Fellowship's online worship service and the Sermon DVDs provided by 3ADM.

Joshua lives in an area that we call isolated even though there are many Deaf people living there. We call it isolated because there are little or no SDA Deaf brothers and sisters. He is a young Adventist who needs a lot of spiritual support and fellowship for his spiritual growth. Internet and video technology are crucial for keeping Deaf members faithful and in touch. Keep Joshua and other Deaf members who are also isolated in your prayers.

David Trexler



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Jordan Travels to Barbados

It was a pleasure to return to Barbados, a small island in east Caribbean, after not being there since 2005. Of course, it was great to see many familiar faces, deaf and hearing.

During the two week stay, we held the "My Friend, Jesus" evangelistic meetings at the local park near downtown Bridgetown. The average attendance was about 40, mostly hearing members of the Hearing Impaired Seventh-day Adventist Church. But during the weekend, the meetings moved to the big white tent which was set up on the campus of the SDA high school next to the Hearing-Impaired Adventist Church. There, we had about 70 worshipping with us. The Lord has truly blessed our efforts.

Because of the meetings, stronger ties formed between the members and the Lord. Several members who have been absent from church are now coming back, and relationships are being rebuilt. New interests are coming and worshipping at the church, and Bible studies are being requested. The elders are now busy doing the follow-up work, and they want me to come back for a reaping meeting next year. So God be praised!

The first Sabbath, we broke into four teams going out to visit the Deaf and invited them to our meetings. I joined with Gregston's team and we stopped by an outdoor bar in downtown where some Deaf meet to have some drinks and chat. We invited them over to our meetings but, unfortunately, none of them did not seem to be interested. However, the next evening, a Deaf woman from the bar and her little eight-year old son came to the meeting at the park! In fact, they came to the meetings faithfully and they worshipped with us on Sabbath. Isn't God good?!

On a side note, almost every morning at 6:30 I would walk down a mile to the beach from the East Caribbean Conference headquarters where I stayed and swam for about an hour. With my goggles on, I was amazed to see many different fish among the coral reef! Flat fish, fish of different colors, snakes (or eel?), and puffer fish. One time, a giant turtle swam underneath me so I decided to follow it. It was fun. It was good for my soul!

The Hearing-Impaired Church in Barbados is an organized church into the sisterhood of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They have about 60 members, both Deaf and hearing. They have officers such as elders, deacons, a treasurer, etc. Many hearing members know American Sign Language and are involved in Deaf ministry. A few members are also interpreters.

Jeff Jordan

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