



Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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New DVD on Health Now For Sale

Signs of God's Love #7 DVD is now finished and ready for sharing. We are excited about this new program.

This program is hosted by Esther Doss. The message of this DVD is on the simple eight gifts from God for good health.

The *Signs of God's Love* DVDs have all been shot in the outdoors using lessons in nature to direct thoughts to God's truths in the Bible. Again, this DVD is no different. This time, Esther uses relaxing scenes of the Ozarks as the setting for exploring the gifts for good health including a lake, a beautiful rocky overlook above a river, a mountain stream, and an old church built in the early 1900's. Several of the simple

health secrets can be found outside (such as fresh air and sunshine) so the outdoor theme was perfect.

By the time you read this newsletter, the DVD program will have already been shared with hundreds of Deaf people at expos in Dallas, TX and Indianapolis, IN. Many of these people look forward to seeing a new DVD each year. You may wish to order your copy or even extras for sharing with friends.

It is our hope and prayer that this DVD will lead people to not only learn about God but rather make decisions to love Jesus with all their heart and follow Him all the way.

We deeply appreciate the North American Division and our donors who sponsored this project.



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Signs of God's Love DVDs

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From the Speaker: Who Can Carry You?

“Bel and Nebo bow down. Their idols are carried by animals. The statues are only heavy loads that must be carried; they only make people tired. These gods will all bow down. They cannot save themselves but will all be carried away like prisoners. Family of Jacob, listen to me! All you people from Israel who are still alive, listen! I have carried you since you were born; I have taken care of you from your birth. Even when you are old, I will be the same. Even when your hair has turned gray, I will take care of you. I made you and will take care of you. I will carry you and save you. Can you compare me to anyone? No one is equal to me or like me. Some people are rich with gold and weigh their silver on the scales. They hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god. Then they bow down and worship it. They put it on their shoulders and carry it. They set it in its place, and there it stands; it cannot move from its place. People may yell at it, but it cannot answer. It cannot save them from their troubles” (Isaiah 46:1-7 NCV).

Who is able to carry you if you could not able to walk in the wilderness? Maybe a very strong man can carry you, but only for a while.

During a backpacking trip, I carried a backpack that weighed about thirty-five pounds. I could carry it but my left foot was hurting badly. My foot had an old injury. After one mile of walking on rough, hilly trails I could not stand the pain so I had to stop and rest. Of course I was discouraged because my pride was hurt; I was not able to prove that I could carry my load all the way to the campsite three miles up the trail. I felt that I could not go any further. But a young man in our group had sympathy for me and he grabbed my pack. With my backpack and his, he now carried about 80 pounds. But he walked quickly as if nothing had burdened him at all. Then I walked with a limp as we continued on to the campsite. That young man arrived there long before we did. I was impressed and envied him.

My experience reminds me of Isaiah 46:1-7. People of the past carried their idols on their backs or on wagons. People made or bought the idols they worshiped. Their idols burdened them even though they want to do something for their gods made of animals, gold, silver, wood, and stone. Carrying dumb idols is the same as carrying guilt and sins on our back. Sin burdens us. Sin can crush us. Many people are trying to find forgiveness through doing many burdensome works in order to satisfy God. They try to escape the realities of guilt and sin in their lives. Their works do not bring them true peace with God.

They are actually carrying the burden of guilt and sins. Some punish themselves by carrying the burden by hurting themselves and doing the works. They think that by doing this they are pleasing God. But our beloved God does not teach us this.

Like my experience with someone who helped me while I had pain that kept me from carrying my backpack, we need Someone to carry our burdens. Only Jesus, our God, can do this. He has offered to help us for we cannot escape the burden of sins by ourselves. Here is His promise of hope and relief: “Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Accept my teachings and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives. The burden that I ask you to accept is easy; the load I give you to carry is light” (Matthew 11:28-30 NCV).

Jesus is the same God who spoke to prophet Isaiah. Forgiveness relieves us from the burden of sins. Also forgiveness by God relieves us from the resistlessness in our lives. That is what Jesus is trying to say to us. While Jesus Christ hung on the cross, He took our sins and put them on Himself. This heavy load of sin crushed Him and He died for us. Now He is in heaven. He continues the work of carrying burdens for us. We must surrender self and our burdens to God in order to find true peace and joy. Do not carry your idols of self anymore. We are powerless to do right with God and be free from the burden of sins. Let us be honest with ourselves about our spiritual conditions and confess to Jesus who is able to carry you for the rest of your life.

“All you people from Israel who are still alive, listen! I have carried you since you were born; I have taken care of you from your birth. Even when you are old, I will be the same. Even when your hair has turned gray, I will take care of you. I made you and will take care of you. I will carry you and save you. (Isaiah 46:3, 4, NCV).



*David Trexler
Speaker/Director*

An Important Side Trip

Kathy McCain and I left Arkansas to join David and Francisca Trexler for a busy weekend. On April 12, we worked at the DeafNation Expo in Texas. But the four of us wanted to take best advantage of our time in this area.

On Sunday April 13, Pastor Trexler gave a presentation on prophecy at the Lewisville, TX SDA Church. After the meeting, the group went to Carmen and Cio Torres' home for a meal and fellowship. In the afternoon, Francisca counseled and talked privately with individuals. I saw some come out of the private meetings with tears streaming down their faces. This showed how important having someone they can talk to is. One told me that it felt good to tell someone what was on the heart.

Later, many of us went to Joe and Sandi Goodrich's home. Sandi has been a faithful servant of God, including in Deaf ministry. She spent many years interpreting and serving the Deaf. Sandi was diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease. The doctor gave her a short time to live. With a special diet, she has lived a year longer than expected, but life has been very difficult. After a short visit, we had an anointing service, putting Sandi in God's hands and asking for healing if this was in His perfect plan. The time together was very emotional for all of us.

That evening, we traveled to Oklahoma. We were concerned about driving into a very bad storm. We prayed for God's protection. We were amazed at how the very edge of the storm went over the freeway as we came through. There was little rain and we were safe.

Monday morning, we were given a royal tour of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD) campus in Sulphur, Oklahoma. I was especially excited because this is the school that my dad attended and graduated from. My dad died just four months ago, so my heart was touched when I saw several pictures of him. We met some students and visited with some staff. We were very impressed with the school and their program.

We had a special treat of having Sue Galloway giving us the tour of the school museum. Sue is Laurent Clerc's great-great-great granddaughter. Many of us are familiar with Thomas Gallaudet. But, Laurent Clerc has a very important place in Deaf history. Called "Apostle to the Deaf People of the New World," Laurent traveled back from Paris, France with Gallaudet in 1816 and together they co-founded the first school for the Deaf. Clerc, a young Deaf man and teacher, knew that he may never see his family again, but he wanted the Deaf in America to have a language. And so today, we have American Sign Language. I must admit that I was rather excited to meet one of Laurent's descendants.

Then that evening, we went to the Arbuckle View SDA Church near Sulphur. A delicious meal had been



Oklahoma visit: (l to r) Tommy and KaAnn Varner, Scharla Becker, David and Francisca Trexler, Zackary Wells, Kathy McCain, and Amanda Wells.



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Esther Doss (right) stands with Sue Galloway. Sue's great-great-great grandfather was Laurent Clerc, a French Deaf man who came to America in 1816 to teach Deaf children.

prepared for us and we had a great time becoming acquainted with a Deaf member, KaAnn Varner and her husband. KaAnn Varner is the Superintendent of OSD and her husband is a coach. We also met Zackary Wells, the friendly Deaf teenage son of a recent baptized member. Hats off to Scharla Becker for being such a great host and organizer of our time in Sulphur. Scharla is a hearing SDA member and high school teacher at OSD. She knew the Trexler's when she was living in Lincoln, Nebraska.

This was a very important side trip after the DeafNation Expo. The Deaf members here are isolated and far from a large Deaf group. Even attending a Deaf camp meeting is at a great cost to them, so they rarely attend. We were also very pleased to meet the new faces and make new friends in Oklahoma.

Submitted by Esther Doss

Seed Planting During the Spring Deaf Expos

Jacksonville, Florida—March 15, 2014

Jacksonville was host to the DeafNation Expo for the first time ever, so this was a new area for 3ADM to work. Over 3,100 people gathered from surrounding areas to tour 65 booths. One of the 65 booths belonged to Three Angels Deaf Ministries. This year's Deaf booth ministry has started with enthusiasm!

We had many visitors who were delighted to get the free bags. Some of them were curious about the words *Three Angels* on our banner and asked us what they meant. It was an opportunity to tell them that we were there to share the everlasting gospel with the Deaf in preparation for the second coming of Christ. They were surprised that we do not live in Florida as they wanted to know the location of our ministry locally. They were impressed with us for sacrificing our time and money to go to a distant place to share the gospel with the Deaf.

Soon after the event we received at least five enrollment cards from Deaf people for God's Way Study Guides.

David Trexler

Greensboro, North Carolina—March 22, 2014

After a few years of absence, DeafNation Expo returned to Greensboro which attracted at least 2,800 people from several states such as Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia. Our experience there was much better than in the past when we met Deaf people of other faiths who were unfriendly to us Adventists. However, this year was different and many were very friendly and warm toward us. Like in Jacksonville some of them asked about the meaning of the banner. We had good spiritual discussions with some visitors. We drew many Deaf people despite the fact I forgot to bring the DVD player for showing the *Signs of God's Love* DVD. The Lord did a great work in touching the Deaf and hearing visitors.

We were delighted to meet several Deaf Adventists at our booth. Some of them stayed with us for fellowship for a while since we have not seen them for a long time.

Two ladies came to our booth. The hearing lady asked questions about our ministry while her Deaf mother talked with Francisca. Francisca was thrilled to know that the mother came from Monterrey, Mexico where she knew many Deaf Adventists. It was a small world! Now, Francisca keeps in touch with the Mexican lady for spiritual lessons.

Only Francisca and I worked in the booth at both Jacksonville and Greensboro events. The days were long and tiring. But we were surprised at how fast the time flew because we were so busy with many people who

wanted to talk with us. We had very little time for a break! After this event, nine people signed up for Bible studies with us. That is good news. We no longer measure the success of the work only through how many gospel bags we gave away. The success is partly based on the number of interests in our Bible school. Of course, we have no way to measure how many Deaf people have become interested in the truth through *Signs of God's Love* DVDs. Some of our visitors tell us that they enjoyed them. We know that while they were enjoying watching the DVDs, they were learning truth.

David Trexler

Overland Park, Kansas - April 5, 2014

Bruce and Susan Buzzell from St. Louis and I met in the Kansas City area to work in 3ADM's booth. Bruce and Susan knew a number of people due to living a few hours away and Bruce also met old school mates.

A lady stopped by our booth and recognized me from a DVD that she had seen. Her pastor had picked up the DVD at the DeafNation Expo in Chicago, IL some time ago and showed it at the Assembly of God Deaf Church where she attends. Several times we have heard that our DVDs are shown in churches of various denominations. Praise God! We never know where our DVDs and other giveaway materials will go.

While a woman studied our banner, I studied her familiar face. She asked about the words *Three Angels* on our sign. After we told her the meaning, she said, "I have never heard that before. Where in the Bible can I find that?" So I pulled out my Bible. She repeated to herself, "Revelation 14: 6-12." She then asked, "Do you know Francisca and David... I do not remember their last name. They are good friends with a friend of mine in Indiana." I signed David and Francisca Trexler's name signs. "YES! You know them?" she asked excitedly. "I met them at the DeafNation Expo in Puerto Rico last year."

Turns out that this woman's friend in Indiana has been studying with Francisca through our Deaf Bible School and has been sharing what she learned with this lady and others. I found out that this lady is from Tulsa, Oklahoma. She attends the same Deaf church that my Dad did. We had met before! Funny how this same woman from Oklahoma traveled with a friend from Indiana to Puerto Rico and met the Trexlers and now met us in Kansas. We had a very nice visit and, of course, she took the bag we offered her.

We had some great conversations with people, encouraging them to walk with God.

Esther Doss

Irving, Texas - April 12, 2014

Kathy McCain and I traveled to the Dallas area to help the Trexler's with the booth. This is one of my favorite locations for DeafNation Expo because the people are so warm and very friendly. 3,300 people swarmed the hall. We saw many new faces. But many *old* faces also stopped by allowing us to continue developing real friendships with them.

A couple recognized me from our booth in Las Vegas two years ago and came up to say a big hello. This couple lives in Ohio but were in Texas to be with a dying brother. This man shared his testimony with me two years ago. He was a pastor but had a terrible experience and did not receive the needed support from the church members. Frustrated, he ended up walking away from the ministry and God. A short time before meeting him in Las Vegas, the man came back to God and church. I remembered that he was emotional about his experiences. He assured me in Dallas that he was continuing to grow in Jesus as was his sweet wife. We had a pleasant reunion and shared our love for Jesus.

We also saw several Deaf SDA members at our booth. Several stayed for a while. We caught up on some news and gave them encouragement.

The day was very busy and is now a blur. May the Holy Spirit use the seeds planted to grow much fruit!

Esther Doss

Reaching Deaf Souls Beyond Deaf Expos

Not only do we share seeds of truth with people we meet at expos, but the seeds are shared! Many people go home and share the materials with friends. Just recently, we received this letter:

"I am writing to order some of your DVDs for the deaf....My deaf friend met your wife at the deaf expo in NC recently and was given a DVD - #6 of the series Signs of God's Love - he really enjoyed it and has shared it with me to view and enjoy. What a blessing your ministry is! May God continue to richly bless you and your staff!"

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In Greensboro, a lady signs up to receive The Deaf Messenger, a magazine that is mailed at no cost to interested Deaf people.

Photo by David Trexler



The booth is busy in Irving. Francisca, Esther, and Kathy are all busy with booth visitors.

Photo by David Trexler

SNEC Deaf Camp

August 28 - September 1, 2014
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Remembering Owen Troy



In the mid-1990's the GC and NAD had set up a new online SDA Forum. It was exciting news because Deaf members could better communicate with others and church leaders by using the Internet. So, as soon as the forum sign-ups were open, I joined and became member #51. As soon as the start-up kit arrived, I got online and at that time, there

were only a few people online.

I chatted with a few NAD staff, one of whom was Owen Troy, Communications Director of the NAD. Owen asked me questions about Deaf Adventist membership, where we lived, and more. I mentioned the West Coast Deaf Campmeeting would be held soon at the Rio Lindo Academy in Healdsburg, CA. Owen was thrilled to hear the news because he planned to be in the area at the same time. Sure enough, Owen came to Rio Lindo, staying 3 days/2 nights with us all. He asked questions, offered suggestions, and gave us excellent ideas to think about. But what I remember most was his encouragement for Deaf members to set up a non-profit Deaf ministry.

When Adventist Deaf Ministries was founded on April 1, 1998, I had the pleasure to be one of three people to sign the Articles of Incorporation. On that day, Owen was on my mind due to his encouragement to do this a short time before. I knew we were headed in the right direction.

Over the years, my wife and I bumped into Owen many times, exchanged emails, and got his input on many things. Chatting with Owen was always a pleasure. Owen always wanted to know how things were going with the Deaf work and made us feel like royalty.

We will always cherish those times with Owen. He had a positive impact on many others, including Deaf ministry. We look forward to seeing him again when Jesus comes soon!

Jim Hovey

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Meetings Bring Interests

The Revelation of Hope evangelistic meeting was running for three weeks at the Madera SDA Church, about 20 miles north from Fresno, California, from February 7 to March 1. One Deaf lady received a handbill in the mail. She became interested to know what it was all about. She called the church to see if there would be an interpreter available. The church found an Adventist interpreter named Razonda Munyaradzi. The Deaf lady did not come alone. She brought four other Deaf people with her. Her husband is a Deaf pastor of a Sunday-keeping church.

As a result of the meetings, 24 hearing people were baptized. As for the deaf people, they want to continue to learn more before they are baptized. The Fresno SDA Deaf group and Razonda are continuing to support them. Pray for them as they continue with the Bible Studies.

Bob Plubell



Deaf members, Deaf visitors to the evangelistic series, and an interpreter share a meal after worship services at Madera SDA Church in California.

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