



# Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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## Can You Hear Us? Continues to Impact

Ten years ago, then 3ADM Director Jim Hovey asked Esther Doss to create a brochure for hearing people to be given away at conventions. Esther sat down and made notes of what she wanted to tell hearing people about deafness, Deaf ministry, and 3ADM. Then she tried to fit it all in a small brochure. She had far too much information! So she sent Jim Hovey an email telling him of her problem. She joked about how she should write a book instead of a brochure. To her surprise, he said, "Go for it!" The little booklet was titled *Can You Hear Us?*

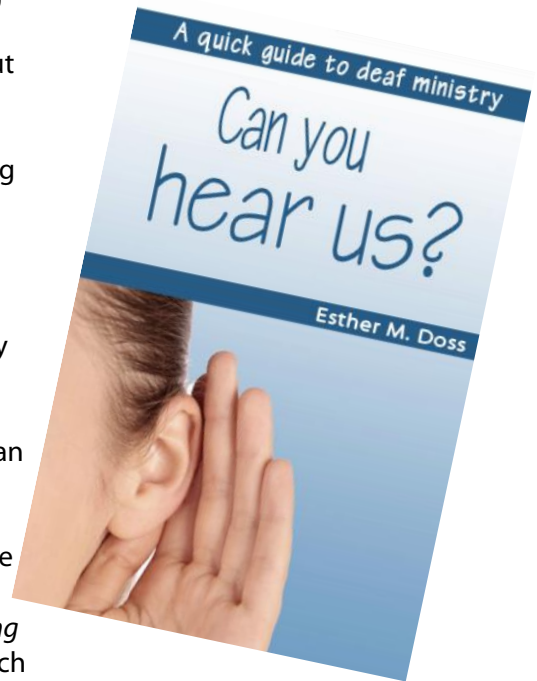
We never dreamed that the simple booklet would be so helpful to many people. Hearing people told us how they learned so much about the Deaf world. The little books were passed around in churches. A Deaf member told Esther his

heart-touching story. He was going through a very difficult time in his life. He decided to visit a church, but told God that if the people was not friendly to him that he would never go to church again and stop keeping the Sabbath. He did not know that most of the members had read and passed around one copy of *Can You Hear Us?* When he visited that Sabbath, everyone was very friendly to him. He went to that church for some years.

While he was the North American Division President, Elder Don Schneider was touched deeply by the booklet that he decided to invite David Trexler and Esther Doss to appear on his 30-minute *Really Living* program on the Hope Channel, which was aired a number of times.

Most surprising is how God is using it in other countries around the world. We gave away thousands of copies at General Conference Sessions. Also, church leaders and all of the Deaf Ministry/Special Needs directors for each division have received, read, and used the booklet. We will never fully know the impact the booklet has had and how it has helped grow the Deaf work in other places.

A family in Brisbane, Australia were interested in Deaf ministry. They ordered a copy of *Can You Hear Us?* They ended up sharing it with several people in the church, including their pastor. Because of the information and inspiration of the book, God led them to organize the



Australian Deaf Camp Meeting and Deaf ministry is beginning to grow in that country.

Also, a blind woman in Romania has decided to translate *Can You Hear Us?* into Romanian to grow the Deaf ministry there. It has also been translated into French for use in France.

We are amazed and are humbled at how God has used a simple booklet that was supposed to be a simple brochure to help grow the Deaf work in North America and around the world. Please pray for Deaf ministry in all parts of the world and for Three Angels Deaf Ministries.

You can order copies of the booklet from us. Ten copies are \$15 which includes shipping.

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## Speaker's Dialogue: Shock and Awe of the 2016 Election

Shock, Surprised, Disappointed, Despair, Awe, Stunned, Crushed, Unbelievable. These are the words we heard about how the supporters for Clinton felt on the evening of November 8. Trump won the election by an upset. The pollsters were completely wrong with their predictions of the election results. Some said it was a miracle that Trump, who was criticized for his unacceptable behavior during his campaign, won the election.

Now, let's talk about the war between Christ and Satan. The holy beings of the entire universe are watching the events on earth. We also watch what things happen daily. We all experience shock, disappointment, awe, discouragement, joy, etc.

Do you realize that God's angels and the evil angels experienced the same thing? When Adam and Eve sinned, heaven was filled with sadness. Adam and Eve suffered shock and hurt. And I believe that they were shocked and grieved when Cain their firstborn killed their second son, Abel. The holy angels were shocked as well. They did not expect this to happen because such an act had not ever happened in all of the universe. Only God knew it would happen. He was not surprised at all.

Was Satan surprised to see the Son of God humble himself and become a human being? "That the Son of God should come to this earth as a man filled him [Satan] with amazement and with apprehension" (The Desire of Ages, 115).

How did God's angels feel as they watched the great event of the birth of Jesus? They were amazed that God's people were not aware of this important event, even though prophets had foretold years before that this would happen. "With amazement the heavenly messengers [angels of the Lord] beheld [saw] the indifference of that people whom God had called to communicate [tell] to the world the light of sacred truth. The Jewish nation had been preserved as a witness that Christ was to be born of the seed of Abraham and of David's line; yet they knew not that His coming was now at hand" (The Desire of Ages, 44).

Most people of the world will be shocked to know that they are lost because they accept the false teachings about the coming Savior. They are not prepared because of their unbelief and carelessness. Satan's goal is to deceive and destroy everyone in this world. He is working hard, using many different ways, to keep them from having salvation in Jesus Christ. This is why God gives us the Bible to help us know the difference between truth and lies. If we accept the Bible as the truth we will not be shocked and grieved. But, if we reject the Bible as the

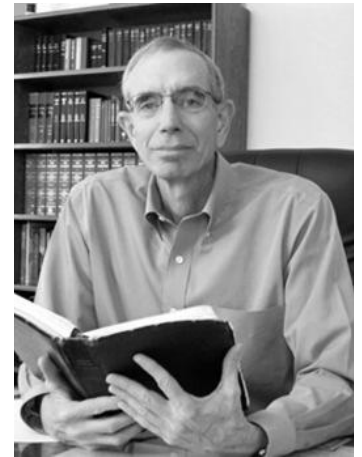
word of God, we will be eternally lost. We do not want that!

It is sad that Satan is clever. He twisted Biblical truth about the second coming—such as the secret rapture. Expecting this to happen, those who believe in the secret rapture will be completely shocked when Jesus comes.

Now, what about you?

You may know thoroughly what the Bible teaches and expect to either see Jesus' second coming or be raised from the dead when He comes. But is it possible that you as a Seventh-day Adventist member may be shocked, learning that you are lost? Yes. Remember Jesus' parables in Matthew 25.

We read in the Bible that Jesus often said that we must, "watch and pray." It is my prayer that we will not experience shock and awe because we learned that we are lost due to deception and carelessness in our daily life. God, the heavenly angels and righteous beings from other worlds have a great desire for all of us to be saved at all costs. Let us not disappoint them or we will be greatly disappointed with the eternal consequences. "Since you were raised from the dead with Christ, aim at what is in heaven, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Think only about the things in heaven, not the things on earth. Your old sinful self has died, and your new life is kept with Christ in God. Christ is your life, and when he comes again, you will share in his glory" (Colossians 3:1-4, NCV).



*David Trexler*

*3ADM Speaker/Director*



*Esther Doss is with Carleeta Manser who became an Adventist while living in the USA for a year back in the 1980's. A sweet reunion in Australia!*

## Australian Deaf Camp Meeting

Esther Doss was invited to be the guest speaker for the 2nd annual Australian Deaf Camp Meeting at Jindabyne, Australia October 28-31. She had an amazing time with the small group of Deaf members and friends.

Esther flew into Sydney, Australia. The next morning, she took the train to Canberra with Deaf-blind member Carleeta Manser and her interpreter Wendy. They had a great time visiting and Esther practiced the AUSLAN (Australian Sign Language) alphabet and some signs. AUSLAN is very different from ASL!

The camp meeting was held at an Adventist camp on a beautiful mountain slope in the Snowy Mountain Range, just a few miles from snow skiing resorts. A mile away, the beautiful Lake Jindabyne is fed by the Snowy River (made famous in the USA due to the 1980's movie *Man From Snowy River*). Campers met in a room surrounded by windows. Often campers looked out the windows to see all kinds of wildlife and took many photos of kangaroos, wombat, emus, ducks, rainbow lorikeets, king parrots, and more. Many kangaroos feasted on the fresh lawn and held boxing matches for campers to see. Everyone said that they felt like they were in the Garden of Eden. What a great place for a Deaf Camp Meeting!

On the first night, Esther introduced herself and showed photos of her family and various Deaf ministry and camp meetings in the USA. Then she gave three presentations on following days. Her final presentation encouraged them to become actively involved in ministry. For Sabbath school, the group divided into small groups: AUSLAN, oral deaf, and hearing. Members also led in devotionals and round discussions. Sabbath, campers enjoyed a nice hike down to the lake, walking through the Eucalyptus forest (bush) and through meadows (savannah grasslands) and amazing views. Lots of wildlife was

seen: emus, fox, countless kangaroos, bearded lizard, and more.

The next day, the group traveled past ski resorts to Charlotte Pass, which is as far as you can drive into the Snowy Mountains. They parked at the pass which is just below Mount Kosciuszko, the tallest peak in Australia. The mountain could not be seen because of the clouds. They were excited to see snow. Many had seen snow only once before while a few had never seen it before. Most braved the wild storm with its very strong winds and hiked to the river down below. But on the way back, heavy rain and small hail drenched the hikers. It was very cold! What a memory the group made in the wild, crazy mountain weather! Later that afternoon, campers saw rainbows three different times. Campers felt that God was blessing the camp meeting in a special way.

Esther was moved with how small the Deaf work is in Australia. There are very few Deaf members and no Adventist interpreters. Some of the Deaf members are oral, but most of them have decided to learn AUSLAN so that they can reach Deaf people. Right now, the Deaf work is very small. A small Deaf group are meeting at a church in Brisbane. The church hires an interpreter and the services are recorded. Then the videos are posted on YouTube. In Sydney, a church has their church services shown on television. They just added an interpreter in a box on the screen. The Deaf also now have the camp meeting. They have very little to work with, but they are trying their very best. Esther's heart was touched and she has since kept the Deaf work there in her prayers.



Photo supplied by Mark Davey

## Trexler Making New DVD

Three Angels Deaf Ministries is currently editing a brand new DVD. This program will be called *Last Day Events*. 3ADM Speaker/Director David Trexler is the speaker on this DVD program. This will be an ASL version of Doug Batchelor's popular *Final Events* DVD produced by Amazing Facts. Amazing Facts did put subtitles on their DVDs and it was a big blessing to Deaf people.

Each year for the past several years, 3ADM has produced a new DVD in the *Signs of God's Love* series hosted by Esther Doss. 3ADM needed to make new DVDs each year in order to have something fresh to give away at Deaf expos and events.

This year, the focus is a little different. 3ADM has taken note of signs of Jesus' second coming increasing. Most of the Deaf world is clueless about their loving Savior coming soon take His people to heaven and ending this sad cycle of suffering. The *Final Events* DVD is excellent for sharing this important truth. But many Deaf in the community will be more likely to watch the DVD if it was in ASL, not subtitles.

David Trexler flew to Arkansas in October for the video taping session. He will have a nice background and with many pictures, video and animation clips helping to explain what he is sharing. David took the script for Amazing Facts' *Final Events* and adapted it to match the Deaf culture. Much of the graphics and video will be the same as *Final Events*.

Currently, the editing is well underway. We hope to have this completed as soon as possible.

*Last Day Events* will be used as the main giveaway item at the upcoming Deaf expos in 2017 and will be excellent for sharing with your Deaf friends and family. We will let you know when the DVDs are ready for purchase.

We deeply appreciate Amazing Facts for allowing us to use their materials to create this new DVD and for the extra effort in getting us the animations and videos. We also thank the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists for the funding to make this DVD possible. But also, your support makes this and other projects happen. Thank you for supporting this ministry and for your much needed prayers.

## Trexlers Visit Northwest

David and Francisca Trexler came to visit and speak in Seattle, Washington on October 28-30, 2016. The weekend began on the Friday night with a tasty soup dinner. After supper, David Trexler led in sundown worship. This was a wonderful time of fellowship and seeing friends from afar! On Sabbath, 28 people attended the Deaf worship services. We had Deaf guests that were visiting Seattle from Portland and Bend areas. Sabbath afternoon we had a meeting with Francisca. She taught us about health principles and diet. That night our group went to Tim and Lynn Connolly's home where we had salad and more social time! It was a wonderful weekend of fellowship, meeting new friends and greeting friends not seen for a while. All the Deaf felt like they gained many blessings from the weekend.

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A few days later David and Francisca flew back to the Northwest again, but to Oregon this time. They were invited to visit with Deaf members and their friends for a week in Portland, Bend, and Salem areas.

They flew into Portland, Oregon and enjoyed a nice dinner with Don and Julia Sutton. After they ate, all four of them visited two non-Adventists in Portland.

First, they visited with Mahalia and her cute son. Mahalia used to live in Maryland and is a graduate from MSSD. She is the niece of Norman Ingram, a Silver Spring, Maryland Deaf member. Mahalia was thrilled to meet them and they had a nice chat. Then they went to see a Deaf Bible school student whom Francisca is working with. This visit was a blessing to this student.

Then the Trexlers went to Bend, Oregon for a week, visiting with Arlan and Traci Howard and Don and Danielle Robedeau. During this time, the Trexlers surprised Jim and Bunny Hovey with a visit at the hospital. The day before, Jim had a very successful back surgery removing "spurs" on his lower spinal column. The surgery greatly relieved him from the pain that he had suffered for years.

On Sabbath, November 5, they went to Salem Central Adventist Church in Salem, Oregon for their Big Day. Francisca led the Sabbath School in the morning. David preached for the worship service which was live streamed using an iPhone and 3ADM's Livestream channel. After fellowship meal, Francisca presented on "Mind, Emotion, and Health." That evening the Trexlers stayed the night with Danny and Kathy Pineda in Independence before going back to Bend for more visiting with the Howards and Robedeaus until they returned home.

Photo by David Trexler



Joan Hodge-Wilson and her adult children at her 90th birthday party at a beautiful restaurant in Martinsburg, WV. Many friends and family members came to celebrated with her.



Photo by David Trexler

Elder Alfred Griffith was the guest speaker at the DEAR Retreat at Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Virginia October 20-23. His series was titled, "Happy, Healthy and Holy."

Photo by David Trexler



DEAF in Silver Spring, MD held their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 13. Over 40 members and friends attended.



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On November 2 the Trexlers visited Jim and Bunny Hovey at the hospital in Bend.

Photo by David Trexler



Francisca Trexler gives her presentation to the Deaf members at the Salem Central SDA Church in Oregon. Steven Nobles assisted by repeating comments and questions that the people shared.



Photo by Mel Neave

Jessica Perea, a pastor's wife with a strong interest in Deaf ministry, teaches the Beginners ASL class at Scenic Hills SDA Church in San Antonio, Texas.

## Hope Channel Deaf

At the end of November, the Hope Channel Deaf website is now ready for use! Hope Channel, a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, has 43 channels around the world broadcasting in 39 languages. Now, they have a special website just for Deaf people.

Featured on this Internet channel are programs either captioned in English, Portuguese, Spanish, French, and German. Also, the channel has programs in a variety of signed languages as well, including ASL, LIBRAS (Brazil), and German Sign Language. More will be added. There are four categories of programs: Nature, Family, Bible, and Health. Programs are still being added.

Dr. Larry Evans, the Special Needs Ministries Director for the General Conference, stated: "It is with a great deal of excitement that we can now announce that the long-awaited launch of the new internet Hope Channel Deaf is a reality! It is a historical mark in the Seventh-day Adventist Church's ministry to have a channel "with", "for" and "by" the Deaf. Given the past, it is almost unbelievable that this moment has come."

He goes on to say that so many people worked hard to make this possible. Versacare is an organization that gave a financial grant toward this project. Also, the Hope Channel itself has provided much support both with encouragement and technical support, including Stimme

der Hoffnung (in Germany). Dr. Evans added that the Deaf themselves have been supportive and helpful along with the efforts of the division Deaf/Special Needs leaders around the world, and many others.

Amanda Colgan has worked diligently on this project. Amanda is a Deaf member living in Massachusetts who has served on 3ADM's board, led in Deaf Young Adults for Christ, and serves on North American Division's Deaf Ministries Committee. Dr. Evans expressed personal appreciation and admiration for Amanda by saying, "She has worked diligently as an adviser and has provided much needed technical support. She, and other Deaf members, will serve as overseers of the new Hope Channel Deaf making sure that the content is especially geared towards the interests and needs of the Deaf. She will continue as the web content manager of the ADMI, Adventist Deaf Ministries International website ([www.AdventistDeaf.org](http://www.AdventistDeaf.org)). Amanda and Pastor Jeff Jordan, my Honorary Assistant for Deaf Ministries, represent and symbolize the much-needed gifts that exist among the Deaf to reach out to the vast global Deaf population. Only 2 to 4% of this group are Christian."

If you would like to see what Hope Channel Deaf has to offer, go to their website: [www.hopechanneldeaf.org](http://www.hopechanneldeaf.org).

### Donations

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## Livestreamed Sermons on Roku

In the last newsletter we announced that 3ADM is now offering live streamed worship services. You can watch this online by going to the 3ADM website: [www.3adm.org](http://www.3adm.org). We failed to mention that you can also watch live streamed church services on Roku! Also, recent services are archived on Roku. This may be easier and more comfortable for viewers.

For Roku, you need to add the Livestream channel. On the Livestream channel, scroll down to search and be sure to select account search. Then search for Three Angels DEAF Ministries. Then click on the 3ADM logo.

This is just another way to see worship services in ASL.

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