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International Congress for the Deaf in Spain

The International Congress for the Deaf and Deaf-Blind was held May 13-16 in Seville, Spain. The theme was "Through My Hands" with two hundred thirty Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and hearing in attendance.

For several months I debated if I should go to Spain. At first I felt the trip was not necessary for 3ADM. I was concerned about the cost and my workload for the ministry. And I did not want to fly a long distance in a cramped seat.

As time went on I was impressed to consider going there. Several Deaf members thought my wife and I needed to represent the Deaf ministry in the USA and to give encouragement to other Deaf people and leaders. A friend in Germany told me



Photo by Larry Evans

Deaf Congress visitors walk down a street in Cordoba, Spain. On the right is the Great Mosque of Cordoba. It is now a Catholic cathedral. It is more than 1,000 years old. On the left is the Catholic Bishop's palace.

about fellow Deaf members I met in France three years ago. They were going as well. That increased my desire to see old and new friends from other countries and show support for the first international event. Also Eva Menezo, our Adventist Deaf friend from Madrid, Spain, hoped we would visit her and her parents.

I looked at airfare prices earlier and they were too high. But later, I was surprised to find a good fare and flight plan. I quickly purchased the tickets before the seats were sold out. We would fly to Madrid to visit with Eva. Then, we would take a train to Seville for the Congress.

Now fast forward to Spain. We

arrived in Madrid and met Eva and her hearing parents--Juan and Louisa Menezo. Juan is an expert of Spanish history. He wrote a book and chart on the history and leaders of Spain. He took us around Madrid and other towns nearby for two days. We visited old parts of Madrid and its cathedrals and monastery. The sightseeing was fantastic. Francisca learned that her ancestors were from northern Spain based on the last names.

On May 13 we, along with others going to the Congress, took a fast train to Seville. It took us only 2 1/2 hours. Then a bus took us to the hotel which sits on a

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Speaker's Dialogue: The World in Trouble

You heard about ISIS, mass murder, riots, immigrants, civil war, rape, human trafficking, drugs, Sex Revolution, hedonism (seeking self pleasure), cheating, starvation, natural disasters, global warming, economic problems, divorce, mental disorders, health problems, and more.

For many years leaders and scientists tried to make a perfect world without all of the above problems. Each time anyone tried to make a perfect place someone suffered as a result. For example, Hitler believed he could save Germany from embarrassment and defeat caused by World War I. Hitler's Nazi government improved the economy, military power, technology and confidence of the population. But despite the positive changes people had less freedom and minorities who were peaceful, good citizens were persecuted.

Some hoped Communism would turn Russia and China into Utopia (an imagined place where everything is perfect). But freedoms of speech, religion, and expression were not allowed. Many people suffered in what they called Utopia. Leaders made strict laws and oppression was used to keep peace in society and crime and joblessness low. Did it work? Many people are poor and suffering in this "utopian society."

Problems are not only in countries with dictators (ruler with full control). But free countries also have many problems. Why cannot the leaders around the world get rid of human suffering and evil? The answer is SIN.

"No one is right with God, no one at all. No one understands. No one trusts in God. All of them have turned away. They have all become worthless. No one does anything good, no one at all. Their throats are like open graves. With their tongues they tell lies. The words from their lips are like the poison of a snake. Their mouths are full of curses and bitterness. They run quickly to commit murder. They leave a trail of harmful actions. They do not know how to live in peace. They don't have any respect for God" (Romans 3:10-18, NIV).

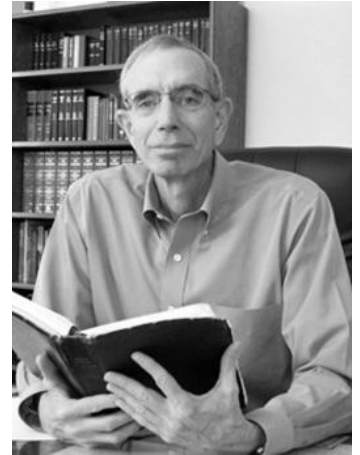
"The heart is more deceitful than all things and desperately wicked; who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9 MEV).

Many laws are made to control people's behavior so we can have peace and happiness but we are rebellious sinners who reject God's law of love. Even good and honest people try their best to live right but fail many times. We all have sinful natures.

A car out of alignment tends to go to the right or left. To go straight, we must control the steering wheel. But it is still out of alignment. What does the car need? A mechanic who can fix the problem.

The Apostle Paul wrote clearly about our sin problem.

"I know there is nothing good in my desires controlled by sin. I want to do what is good, but I can't. I don't do the good things I want to do. I keep on doing the evil things I don't want to do. I do what I don't want to do. But I am not really the one who is doing it. It is sin living in me that does it. Here is the law I find working in me. When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. Deep inside me I find joy in God's law. But I see another law working in me. It fights against the law of my mind. It makes me a prisoner of the law of sin. That law controls me. What a terrible failure I am! Who will save me from this sin that brings death to my body? I give thanks to God who saves me. He saves me through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 7:18-25, NIV).



Like all of us, Paul had the sin problem. We cannot escape our sinful nature. But we can resist it through faith in Jesus. Paul quoted God's promise that we can have victory over sin: "This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds. I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God. And they will be my people." (Hebrews 8:10, NIV).

John agreed with Paul: "In fact, here is what it means to love God. We love him by obeying his commands. And his commands are not hard to obey. That's because everyone who is a child of God has won the battle over the world. Our faith has won the battle for us" (1 John 5:3-4, NIV). This is talking about the person who surrendered all to God and let the Holy Spirit dwell in him. That is how we get the power of God to overcome the power of sin our lives. Praise the Lord!

Because of our faith in Jesus Christ we can live in the kingdom of God where sin will not cause us to suffer. "I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth were completely gone. There was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem. It was coming down out of heaven from God. It was prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, 'Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

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Signs of God's Love #9 Completed

The newest DVD in the *Signs of God's Love* series is finished and ready for use. This is a very interesting program focused on how old the Earth is. Esther Doss is again the host of the program.

The entire DVD was shot in the beautiful state of Arizona. The Grand Canyon is world-famous for studying geology and the age of the earth because of the thousands of feet of exposed canyon walls. For this reason, Esther goes there to see what can be learned.

She also goes to places like Meteor Crater where a huge rock from outer space flew into the crust of the Earth. One of her favorite places is the 1,000 year old Indian ruins at the Wupakti National Monument. Here she tells some stories that local Native American tribes passed down from generation to generation, including those of a world-wide flood.

The dinosaur tracks would be another of Esther's favored spots. Most were much bigger than her feet. But some were also huge! She said it was so amazing to see proof of dinosaurs walking right where she stood.

A funny thing, while Esther told the Bible story of

Noah and the great flood, clouds above opened up and began to rain! If you look close, you will see the raindrops.

Esther shares many important points and to help us figure out if the earth is young or old. Why is this important? Some scientists say the earth is young, just as the Bible teaches. Others teach the popular idea of evolution. Clearly both cannot be right. What we choose to believe will strongly influence how we understand the Bible. Is the Bible trustworthy?

This is a very important study. As far as we know, no other DVD like this has ever been created for the Deaf in American Sign Language. This is truly a unique program.

This DVD is being shared at our booth at Deaf expos. It is our hope that this DVD might draw the interest of truth seekers. May Deaf people who watch this program recognize that God is indeed our Creator who loves us and will soon come to Earth to end suffering and death.



Signs of God's Love #9 DVD Prices

\$7.00 each

Quantity Orders for Sharing!

20 or more \$6.00 each

100 or more \$4.00 each

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The World in Trouble, Cont.

There will be no more death. And there will be no more sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be. He who was sitting on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down. You can trust these words. They are true.'" (Revelation 21:1-5, NIV).

Our home is in heaven and later on the new earth where we will have no more suffering, pain, and death forever as God has promised. Would you like to live there? Then I invite you to give your heart to Jesus Christ and follow Him.

David M. Trexler

Deaf Bible School

We continue to see good results from the efforts of the Deaf Bible School. In 2015, two of our students were baptized. Already this year in 2016, another two people have been baptized!

Francisca Trexler is our main Bible teacher. With so many studies, she can not do it alone. Some young adults have become her dependable helpers: Lauren Brown, Margie English, and Sheelah Kimbrough. She is thankful for them!

Here are some comments from three of our students:

"Thank you for your friendship even though we don't talk or write much. But I am thankful. I treasure it. I am so blessed to have you and David in my life. Someday I will get to meet you both. That is one of my goals. I will start saving money so I can go to a SDA Deaf camp meeting."

"Thank you so much for doing what you have been and will be doing. I am so blessed by 3ADM."

"I appreciate your help. Thank you for encouraging me to continue to pray. I enjoyed God's Way very much and now am loving the Amazing Facts Bible lessons. I pray for 3ADM so that it will continue and keep spreading God's Word."

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hill overlooking beautiful Seville. We were thrilled to meet the other attendees. About half of them were Deaf. They were from the United States, Spain, France, Switzerland, Italy, Poland, Germany, Portugal, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Ukraine, Brazil, Latvia, Kyrgyzstan, and South Korea. The country with the largest number of people was Germany. We were happy to see our old friend from there. He went to the Milo Deaf Camp Meeting back in the early 1980's.

The Congress was hosted by the Spanish Union Conference and Euro-Africa Division. Taida Rivera and Corrado Cozzi led the Congress. Many volunteers greatly helped them keep the packed programs run smoothly.

The main speakers of the Congress were Pastors Douglas Silva from Brazil and Jeff Jordan from the USA. During the twelve meetings, the speakers greatly encouraged us to have a close relationship with Jesus.

Carlos Martinez, a pantomime from Spain, performed a program that everyone loved. The grand finale was a Broadway type musical featuring Biblical characters. All of the programs were interpreted according to the countries' sign languages. Each country's group had their own interpreters.

After the Congress was over, some stayed for a few more days for some meetings and to tour the area. We had several very interesting field trips around Seville and Cordoba. Spain is rich in religious history, reminding us of the *Great Controversy*. In fact, Seville was the headquarters of the Spanish Inquisition. Many people were oppressed for one's belief resulting in torture and death. Christopher Columbus is entombed in the large Seville Cathedral. And Cordoba is where Christopher

Columbus asked the king and queen to sponsor his trip to the New World.

We stayed with Eva again after the Congress. Juan and Louisa took us to Toledo which has an important history. With sadness we bade farewell to the Menezos who gave us a better understanding of Spain and hospitality to make us comfortable while we were in their country. We thank our beloved God and Jesus Christ for Taida Rivera and Cozzi Corrado and their team for a successful, historic International Congress for the Deaf and Deaf-Blind.

True, we are separated by distance and somewhat by language but we are united in Jesus. By faith we look forward to the day when we will never be separated again.

David Trexler



Photo by Larry Evans

Most countries have their own sign language, so many interpreters were needed. This man is interpreting in Polish Sign Language. Below: A lady from Germany signs a congregational song.



Photo by Larry Evans

Pictured below left to right are Deaf ministry workers: Karen and Pastor Douglas Silva from Brazil (both Deaf), Pastor Jeff and Missy Jordan from Tennessee, and Francisca and Speaker/Director David Trexler from 3ADM.



Photo supplied by David Trexler

Deaf Day in Tucson

Photo supplied by David Trexler



Group photo from Tucson, Arizona.

Knowing that David and Francisca Trexler would be in Arizona for vacation, Geraldine Pacheco in Tucson, Arizona planned for a special Sabbath on April 23 with the local Deaf. She contacted the Fil-Am SDA Church in Tucson to see if they would have room for the group to meet for Sabbath School and Worship Service led by David Trexler. A great group of about 20 people met, Deaf members and non-members and many were Francisca's old school friends. Some came from far away as the Mesa/Phoenix area.

As it turned out, most of the church members were gone on a camping trip in the mountains for Pathfinders that weekend. The hearing church wanted David Trexler to give the sermon to both the hearing and Deaf. This was a pleasant surprise and the Deaf and the hearing worshipped together. Afterwards they had a great fellowship dinner.

Three Baptized in Virginia

April 23 was a beautiful Sabbath in Fredericksburg, VA. Three Deaf and a CODA were baptized! Surely the angels sang in heaven! We welcome to our family these precious souls: Barbie Rauch, Marion Worrell, and also Brian. One of Douglas and Renee Haig's children (CODA) was baptized as well.

Marion is really from New Jersey and was already a baptized Christian. But after moving to Virginia, she learned more about God's Truth. She learned about the Sabbath which was a real blessing to her. After learning a lot she wanted a new life in Jesus and His Truth.

Pictured on the right is Barbie Rauch with a beautiful, radiant smile.

DeafNation Expo Work



Photo by Francisca Trexler

Booth workers at the DeafNation Expo in Kissimmee, FL on March 12 (left to right): David Trexler, Mario and Ybon Romero, and Lawrence Kitt.



Photo by David Trexler

Visitors keep Francisca Trexler busy at our booth at the DeafNation Expo in Columbus, OH on April 16. The response there was very good. We were also in St. Paul, MN and Pomona, CA in April and May.

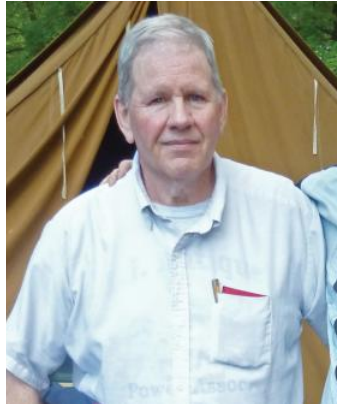


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Ed Raymond

Edward Raymond Jr., 69 of Attleboro, MA, passed away January 28, 2016.

Edward attended the Beverly School for the Deaf in Beverly, MA, and the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, CT. He was involved in sports, including wrestling and won many matches. He was the captain of both football and basketball teams.



He was a meat cutter and loved to study the Bible, herbs, and Native American culture. He loved going to Deaf clubs and other events and joined Deaf bowling leagues. He had sense of humor and loved to tease.

Ed's father was a protestant and his mother was a Catholic, so Ed grew up going to both churches. They taught him to love Jesus and to study the Bible.

In 2011 Ed met Jessica McGowan at a Deaf community event. She gave Ed a flyer about the DEAF (Adventist group in Southern New England) activities and invited him. Ed soon went to his first meeting and faithfully attended from then on. Ed also studied the Bible with Amanda Colgan. In 2012, he was baptized by Paul Kelly at the SNEC Deaf Camp Meeting in Massachusetts. Ed spoke of his love for Jesus and how his life had changed. Ed loved to study and talk about the Bible. He loved his friends and prayed for them.

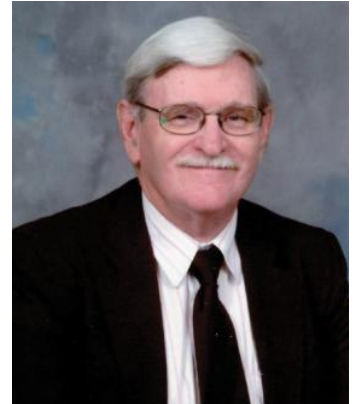
When he believed something was right, Ed stood strong. If he believed something was wrong, he would not stay quiet. When Ed found something good, he shared it. Ed made sure everyone in the group felt included as his friend.

We are saddened by this loss, but we will see him again very soon.

Winston Stephens

Winston Stephens of Dalton, Georgia passed away on May 20, 2016. He was 72 years old. He was born July 18, 1943 in Dalton and lived there all his life. He married Wanda Baggett in 1994.

He attended the Georgia School for the Deaf in Cave Spring and graduated in 1965. He then taught sign language class for 14 years at Dalton College.



He was a member of the Dalton SDA Church since 1968. He attended another church for some time because there was no one to interpret for him at the SDA Church. He met the Hands of Praise sign language group at a Methodist Church in 2000 and was so happy to know that they attended the Dalton SDA Church. He approached Linda Smith, one of the group, and said that he would be returning to the Dalton SDA Church. She asked him who was going to interpret for him. He answered that she would because if she could do the songs, she could interpret for him. A real friendship with the group grew. Other people also learned sign language and interpreted for him at church. Winston was a very patient teacher and showed a marvelous sense of humor in working with the group and other students.

Winston enjoyed and supported the Southern Deaf Fellowship Church since its beginning. He attended the services and camp meetings as often as he was able to.

He was president of both the Dalton Chapter of the Georgia Association for the Deaf and the Friendship Club. He was also in service for the Georgia Registry Interpreters of the Deaf in Atlanta. He was a former member of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf in Chattanooga.

Winston is survived by his wife, Wanda, three children, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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