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2017 Camp Meeting Schedule

For many years, camp meetings have been a huge blessing to Deaf people. Many Deaf traveled across many states to attend them. Some even drove from one side of the country to the other! Several attended all of them each year. They did not want to miss a thing.

Camp meetings have been a great way for Deaf members to make new friends and spend time with old ones. Many memories are made. These special memories include many baptisms over the years. We believe many Deaf members will be in heaven because of the spiritual refreshing experienced at camp meetings. Without them, many Deaf members would have stopped

growing in Jesus, wilt and die.

Once again, we look forward to joining like-believers at four different camp meetings across the USA. Here at 3ADM, we always encourage you to attend a camp meeting. We simply cannot measure their worth!

We must mention that one camp meeting is celebrating a special event this year. The **Western Deaf Camp Meeting is celebrating its 40th year anniversary.** This is the longest running Deaf camp meeting. Many young people grew up attending this camp meeting and many hope that this year will be like a special reunion or homecoming.

July 9-16

Western Deaf Camp Meeting

Milo Adventist Academy
324 Milo Drive
Days Creek, OR 97429
Chucktrades@icloud.com

August 9-13

Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting

Cohutta Springs Convention Center
1175 Cohutta Springs Rd.
Crandall, GA
jwjordan@gccsda.com

August 23-7

SNEC Camp Meeting

Timothy Hill Christian Camp
128 Norwich Lake
Huntington, MA 01050
snecedeaf@gmail.com

November 2-5

DEAR Camp Meeting

Camp Blue Ridge
529 Old Mill Rd
Montebello, VA 24464
dear@deafellowship.org

Check out our website for more information including websites, contact information, and schedules.
www.3adm.org/event

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Margie English shares God's Word at the 2016 Western Deaf Camp Meeting.

Speaker's Dialogue: Look for the Good

My wife Francisca and I enjoy reading our devotionals every morning. Both of us have our own devotional by reading Ellen G. White's devotionals before breakfast. Then together we read a devotional by Doug Batchelor (from *Amazing Facts*) after our breakfast. These devotionals are very helpful to our spiritual lives. I hope that you read the Bible and a devotional every day to help you grow more like Jesus Christ.

I decided to share one of the devotionals with you that I recently read. It is from the book *That I May Know Him*. This reading impressed me. It helped someone who was discouraged by the faults of the church members and leaders. I pray that this short reading will be very helpful to you when you are facing a difficult time with some church members.

Remember we ALL still have problems with our characters. We tend to look at others and forget about our perfect Model—Jesus Christ. Jesus loves you so much that He surrendered His life so you may be saved into God's kingdom.

Look for the Good

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

"We are a part of the world's people. We become changed into the image of the world or God. Then how important to open our hearts to the things that are true and lovely and of good report! Let the light of the Sun of Righteousness [Jesus Christ] shine into the heart. Do not hold bitterness.

"Christ was holy in wisdom and He thought best to accept Judas when He knew his weaknesses in character. John was not perfect. Peter denied his Lord. Men were like them in the early Christian church when it was organized. Jesus accepted them that they might learn from Him to have a perfect Christian character. Every Christian needs to study the character of Christ. . . .

"Judas alone did not accept the godly lessons. . . . He had resisted the influence of the truth. He

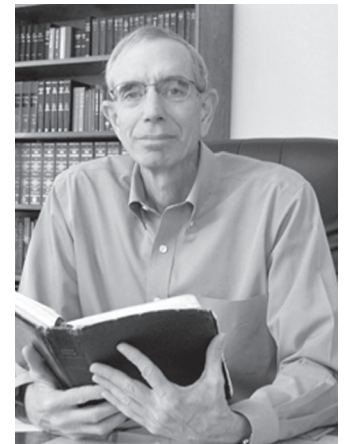
criticized and condemned others. He neglected his own soul, and he cherished and strengthened his natural evil parts of his character until he became so hardened that he could sell his Lord for thirty pieces of silver.

"O let us encourage our souls to look to Jesus! . . .

"It is common for us to see faults and not perfection in God's people who do God's work. . . . It would be more pleasing to God if we change our attitude of faultfinding to be more kind to and understanding of other members. We need to see how many souls are serving God and glorifying and honoring Him with their talents of money and skills. It would be better for us to think of the wonderful, miracle-working power of God in the transformation [changed for better] of poor sinful sinners. The faults of other members should not cause us to feel confused and discouraged. Everything that causes us to see the weakness of people is the Lord's purpose to help us to look to Him. We must not put our trust in man. We must trust in God who is taking care of everything." *Adapted from Ellen G. White, "That I May Know Him", page 182.*

David Trexler

3ADM Speaker/Director



Speaker/Director's Schedule

July 6-17—Milo, OR—Western Deaf Camp Meeting

September 6-12—Les Diablerrets, Switzerland—Mental and Spiritual Health Weekend

September 23-25—New Brunswick, NJ—New Jersey Deaf Fest

November 2-5—Montebello, VA—DEAR Camp Meeting

November 10-13—Ontario, CA—2017 MATA Expo

**On Sabbaths when home, David Trexler preaches at the Silver Spring, Maryland SDA Church's annex building which can be seen live online!*

New Bible Studies Being Developed!

We are excited about a project that we are working on and we cannot wait to tell you about it.

In the 1960's some Adventist students at Gallaudet University took a Bible study course called "The Light of the World" from the Voice of Prophecy. "The Light of the World" Bible studies focused on Jesus Christ. The lessons made a large impression on their lives. In fact, many years later some of them spoke about it with much admiration. Francisca Trexler herself was one of those students who studied them years ago. Fortunately, she saved the lessons all this time.

Now it is being adapted to Easy Reading English for 3ADM's Deaf Bible School. There is a total of 25 lessons. This will be added to 3ADM's Deaf Bible School website. They will also be printed for those who would rather study on paper and not online. This will be 3ADM's fourth Bible study course.

Actually, the adaptation work had been started some time ago by the previous Executive Director Jim Hovey. He made good progress, but stopped

at lesson 15 when he left the ministry for health reasons. Jim Hovey recently sent the files to us. Of course we were delighted! The work has restarted, beginning with lesson 16.

Please pray for this precious project to be completed soon so the Deaf may be able to study Jesus Christ deeper and have a closer relationship with Him.



News Notes

Live Streamed Sermons on Roku

As a reminder, you can watch live streamed worship services through 3ADM's website. Go to: www.3adm.org for the link. Worship Service starts at 11amEST on Saturdays.

Or you may watch the live streamed services on Roku! This is easier and more comfortable for some viewers. For Roku, you need to add the Livestream channel. On the Livestream channel, scroll down to search and select "account search". Then search for Three Angels Deaf Ministries. Then click on the 3ADM logo. You can also watch the most recent videos.

Also you may watch the archived videos on the 3ADM website at: 3adm.org/video.

Hope Channel Deaf

3ADM is pleased to have recently given Hope Channel Deaf permission to use some of our videos.

You can now watch Signs of God's Love with Esther Doss and Alfred Griffith's presentations from the 2015 DEAR Camp Meeting on their channel.

You can see Hope Channel Deaf by going to: www.hopechanneldeaf.org.

Address Changes

Almost every time we send out newsletters, *The Deaf Messenger* magazine or any other mail, we get some back due to wrong addresses. Most people have no idea that it costs us 57 cents each time a newsletter or *The Deaf Messenger* is returned to us.

Using bulk rate saves us money on postage. But bulk rate does not include forwarding and we must pay for returns, unlike first-class mail.

We do our best to keep our mailing lists updated. But not everyone informs us of a move. We know that you are supportive of Deaf ministries, so please remember to contact us when you move or have an address change. Thank you kindly.

Baptisms in Burundi

Burundi is a small country in Africa. But no matter the small size, God is working among the Deaf in Burundi. Twenty-five Deaf people were baptized on March 25 in the town of Kamenge! Two other people, a hearing and a blind person, were baptized with them.

The baptisms are because of the work by Janvier Nkurikiye. He has worked very hard to share the Gospel among the Deaf. He is Deaf himself with a strong passion for Deaf ministry. In 2015, he traveled to Kenya for an Adventist Deaf camp meeting and told of his desire to work among the Deaf. Gospel Outreach began supporting him this past fall. Also, the SDA Church in Kamenge provides interpreters. He has done a very good work in a very short time. He and the Deaf in Burundi needs our prayers.



Photo supplied by John Blake

Deaf praise God after the baptisms in Burundi. Pictured below is Janvier, the Deaf man working hard to teach Deaf about Jesus.



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Meis' Celebrate 50 Years

Gordon and Jane Meis were married on September 11, 1966 at the Dalton Seventh Day Adventist church in Dalton, Georgia. Gordon graduated from Michigan School for the Deaf in 1958. Jane attended Georgia School for the Deaf and graduated in 1964. They lived in Berrien Springs, Michigan near Andrews University. Then in 1977 they moved to Tennessee where they still live today.

In 1969 their son Alan was born. Alan graduated with Magna Cum Laude with Masters of Divinity at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee in 2001. Alan was a pastor for nine years before he became a teacher at an Adventist High School in Battle Creek, Michigan. In 1979 their daughter, Alisa was born. Currently, Alisa is an interpreter at Sorenson in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Gordon and Jane have four grandchildren. Their love and pride for their children is strong.

The couple enjoyed a wonderful celebration of their 50th anniversary on September 11, 2016 with their family members, relatives, deaf friends, and deaf members. More than 70 people came to celebrate the day with them. It was a true blessing to the Meis'.

We see few people who enjoy long, happy marriages in our world today. We praise God for this witness of love that both Gordon and Jane give to those around them.

Note: A sincere apology to the Meis' for failing to include this in our previous newsletter. Happy Anniversary and may God continue to enrich your marriage.



Photo supplied by Gordon Meis

Reach Out to the Hearing

“Reaching out to the hearing? What? I thought this was a ministry to the Deaf!” you might wonder. Yes! Deaf ministry is what 3ADM is all about. Absolutely!

But perhaps too often Deaf people say, “The hearing have enough people reaching out to them. Plus most of evangelism focuses on reaching the hearing. We need to focus on reaching the Deaf!”

We can fully understand why anyone would say this. The points are very true. But did you know that Deaf people can touch hearing people’s hearts in ways that other hearing people never can? Hearing people need to be saved for Jesus too! They need to know what the Bible teaches. We are all equal and very needy in Jesus eyes. We are all His children and He loves each one of us very much.

Wanda Watson is not as young as she used to be. She has many aches and pains. Taking care of her lawn in the hot summer is not easy for her anymore.

A group of Methodist youth came to her home for a few days to work in her yard. They mowed the grass, moved firewood, weeded her flower garden, etc. They did this as a missionary service to their community. Wanda enjoyed them very much.

During lunch breaks, the youth sat together to have a Bible study. At first, Wanda avoided the study because she felt awkward as a Deaf person among hearing youth. She had lunch by herself. But one day she felt impressed to join them. Before she knew it, they asked her questions and looked through her Bible which she had heavily marked in. Wanda really enjoyed it. She was surprised that hearing youth were interested in learning from a Deaf older woman.

A few weeks later, Wanda received another surprise. This time it was a long letter in the mail from the youth group leader. Here is a little bit of what the letter said:

“You taught me so much about life and optimism through your witness. You impacted every one of my group members in ways we cannot even express. I will never forget you, Ms. Wanda. Your strength, optimism, courage, and patience astound me. These things make me want to grow and learn even more. With everything you did this week for us, you taught us about kindness and love.

“In all of the years [of doing this mission service], the most impactful experience for me was when you prayed for our group during our lunch devotional. I read the prayer you had written aloud for my group while you signed it, and it gave me chills. Your love for the Lord is evident in all that you do, and that experience really touched me.

“Thank you for all that you do, all that you teach, all that you are. You are an incredible woman, and it was a privilege working for you. God bless you, Wanda.”

Wanda is an ordinary older Deaf woman who lives in the country. She did not seem to have anything to offer “privileged” hearing people. Yet she touched several young people’s hearts in a powerful way.

Here is our challenge to you, no matter if you are Deaf or hearing, share Jesus with anyone who will listen. It does not matter if a person’s ears can or cannot hear. Jesus does not care about this. This means nothing to Him. He only wants all of us in His kingdom. We hope that one day, Jesus will say to us, “Well done, My faithful servant. Come, enter into your rest.”

Last Day Events DVD Soon to be Finished

We are pleased that the editing on the *Last Day Events* DVD is almost finished. We are eager to see it used to share truth for our times that we live in.

David Trexler is the speaker on this DVD program and it will look much like the *Final Events* DVD with Doug Batchelor made (and subtitled) by Amazing Facts. Amazing Facts was very kind in allowing us to use their video and graphics to make this one look more interesting.

Most of the Deaf world is clueless about the closing events of our earth’s history and their loving Savior coming soon to take His people to heaven. Jesus is indeed coming soon and we do not want the Deaf taken by surprise.

Stay tuned to our newsletter so you can know when the DVDs are ready for you to share them.

Sharing Faith With Interpreters

On March 17, 2017, Margie English, Monica Mack, and Francisca Trexler had the exciting opportunity to present a two-hour workshop at The National Alliance of Black Interpreters (NAOBI) Elevation Conference held at Gallaudet University. Their workshop was called "Interpreting in the Seventh-day Adventist Church." They explained what the SDA name means, some beliefs of the Church, how the SDA Church is organized, and how to learn more. The audience were both in-person and remote via live stream. The attendees expressed appreciation as they learned a lot about the SDA Church. It was a great way to share our faith with the interpreters.



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Margie English, Monica Mack, and Francisca Trexler pose by their display to show about the SDA Church

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Psalm 23 Expanded

The Lord is my Shepherd
THAT'S RELATIONSHIP!

I shall not want
THAT'S SUPPLY!

He taketh me to lie down in green pastures
THAT'S REST!

He restoreth my soul
THAT'S HEALING!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
THAT'S GUIDANCE!

For His name sake
THAT'S PURPOSE!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

THAT'S TESTING!

I will fear no evil
THAT'S PROTECTION!

For Thou art with me
THAT'S FAITHFULNESS!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me
THAT'S DISCIPLINE!

Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

THAT'S HOPE

Thou anoints my head with oil
THAT'S CONSECRATION!

My cup runneth over
THAT'S ABUNDANCE!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

THAT'S BLESSING!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
THAT'S SECURITY!

Forever
THAT'S ETERNITY!

Submitted by Francisca Trexler

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