



# Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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## A New 3ADM Promo DVD Is Coming Soon!



The new and updated 3ADM promo DVD, *Reaching the Deaf*, is completed. Soon it will be released to the public. This is the third promo DVD since the first one came out back in 2002.

This first promo DVD was created a few years after the incorporation of Adventist Deaf Ministries (the former name) in 1998.

Since 1980 Christian Record Services/Department of Deaf had served the Deaf until it was closed in 1997. So the first promo DVD was created to bring attention to the church and Deaf members about ADM (now 3ADM) that filled in the gap to continue the ministry to the Deaf in SDA Church. The theme of the DVD was "Why a Special Ministry to Deaf People?" It had touched the hearts of many hearing members to support ADM.

But, of course time has changed and the new staff and new organization's name

to 3ADM called for us to have a new DVD. The second was created called *Reaching the Deaf*. It showed the real life of Deaf members and people who are having difficulty in receiving the message in church and facing obstacles in church. It gives a broad picture of how Deaf members and non-members face in the real world of sound that is used to spread the gospel.

This DVD was produced in around 2008, and now it has become dated so we need to produce another promo DVD that offers up-to-date information and better presentation to the church about the importance of having 3ADM that is working closely with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This time this DVD makes emphasis on language as the main reason for the existence of the vital ministry. Our language is ASL that results in creating a "nation" of Deaf people. This group of people is easily overlooked and marginalized in the church so we hope that the new DVD will help the church members to be sensitized and be willing to support 3ADM that can effectively spread the gospel to Deaf people.

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# Speaker's Dialogue: Why Did the Great Aztec Empire Fall?

The Aztec Empire in Mexico was a powerful Indian tribe that ruled the area where Mexico City is located today. The Aztecs had the tradition that "Quetzal-coatl the white," a kind and gracious god, who had come to earth to teach the people the truth. He would return after many years, and lead them to a land that was the place of the gods, a place of eternal and highest happiness.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century a Spanish leader, Hernán (Hernando) Cortés, lead his soldiers from the coast of Mexico to the interior. When the Aztec king saw Cortés he thought he was the white god who would come back again according to the tradition. Many Aztecs believed Cortés and his soldiers were descendants of the White God because Cortés and his soldiers were white and bearded. They showed respect for Cortés. But, Cortés took an advantage of their beliefs to fool them. Because of the deception the Aztec empire was destroyed in a short time.

Will we be like the Aztec king who was fooled by the "White god?" Unfortunately, most Christians of the world will be deceived by what they believe to be Jesus because of false teachings that the Bible does not teach. For example, almost all Christian churches have accepted the false idea of Jesus' second coming. We, the Adventists, don't believe in the secret rapture. Most people of the world, Christians, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhists, secular-minded, and non-religious will be deceived by the false Christ because they don't know and understand the Bible that is warning us to not to believe in the false Christ and false prophets. "For false christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. Listen, I have told you beforehand" (Matthew 24:24, 25).

But, are we Adventists safe from the Satan's deception? We know the truth but we can be deceived easily if we are not prepared right now. We have the truth but we can be deceived anyway. Jesus warned us that Satan is using false christs and false prophets to deceive God's people as much as possible. We are in the world of deception and pleasure that we are seeing, reading, feeling, and hearing every day. If we

are not careful or watchful we can be influenced by social media, Internet, music, friends, etc. They can "teach" us the "truth" that confuses us easily if we are not careful and watchful with the word of God, the Bible. I know some of our Adventist friends who are fooled by the Internet and social media on the nature of God, the wrong misunderstanding information about Ellen G. White, the spiritual formative, gifts of tongue, and even secret rapture! Here is a quote from the Spirit of Prophecy as a warning to us.

"At every revival of God's work, the prince of evil [Satan] is aroused to more activity. He is now using his efforts for the final battle against Christ and His followers. The last great deception is soon to open before us. Antichrist will do his marvelous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit [false copy] look the same as the true, that it will be impossible to see the difference between them if we do not depend on the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested by the Bible. . .

"People who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. But, if they don't know and love the truths of the Bible they will fail in the last conflict. To every person will come the searching test: Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now. Are we standing on the rock of God's unchangeable word? Are we prepared to stand firm in defense of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus?" (Maranatha, page 94).

Brothers and sisters in Christ, now it is the time for all of us to give up our own human's opinions and ways. Often, we sincerely tend to think we are right but wrong in God's eyes. We need to let the Bible to test our thinking and action every day to see if we are obeying the words of God, even in little thing. God is testing us to see if we are honest with Him and others even in small things of life. If we fail in small things then we will fail in big things. So, let us not be fooled and destroyed like the great Aztec king.

*David M. Trexler*

# ASL Bible Dictionary

Photo by Judy Johnson



Pablo Alejo is signing for ASL Bible Dictionary.

ASL Bible Dictionary was discussed and dreamed of for a long time until 2017 when a group of Deaf members decided to have a meeting at the Western Deaf Camp Meeting. That meeting was the starting point for developing the ASL Bible Dictionary for Adventist Deaf members to use for worship services and for the interpreters who wish to know appropriate signs for different religious words. For each word the members gave the signs and agreed upon one. There were some regional ASL to be considered. The meeting was productive. The original goal was to use less initialized sign language for the commonly used Biblical terms. Replacing every initialized sign with more natural non-initialized sign was not as easy as expected. After the meeting they started the first fifty words to film with at least five different actors.

That was some progress, but they only use a third of our vocabulary listed. Also, unfortunately, each person wore different clothes that were not appropriate for videoing. In other word it was unprofessional.

In 2019 after a long hung up of the work and a downsizing of the committee they decided to improve the quality of the video by choosing appropriate clothing. Consequently, they decided to re-do all of the videos of the actor with the better choice of clothing for the sake of professional appearance. That was the primary reason they are doing recording recently.

*Boyd Garner*

# DeafNation Expo Is Back!



Photo by Francisca Trexler

David Trexler is talking with a Deaf visitor while Lourdes from Mexico is watching.



Photo by David Trexler

Rhonda Shulfer with Francisca Trexler

DeafNation is back to hosting its expos across the nation again after two years of inactivity. The first event in 2019 began at Chicago, IL where we went for our booth ministry on April 6. According to the report from the DeafNation more than 3,100 attended the expo. Deaf people came from Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Indiana and they were thrilled about the reopening of the DeafNation Expo. Actually, it was a wonderful experience to meet many Deaf people and our friends who visited our booth. Our friends missed us for a while until now. It was good to meet Joel and Jed Barish, owners of DeafNation, whom we have missed.

*David M. Trexler*

# Deafopia at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf

Photo by David M. Trexler



Pastor Brian Beavers (second from left) with his Deaf daughter (standing between Brian and Francisca)

A few months before we flew to Minnesota for hosting 3ADM's booth at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in Faribault, Pastor Brian Beavers moved to this same town and contacted us for materials to share with the Deaf people. We started to develop friendship through email and learned that he used to live in Silver Spring and attended the Silver Spring SDA Church where our Deaf company was located for years before moving to the Burnt Mills SDA Church. Also, we learned that he has a Deaf daughter who is attending this school. Brian is enthusiastic about witnessing to the Deaf in the town where many Deaf people live because of the location of the Deaf school. When the pastor found out that we were coming to Faribault for the booth ministry on the campus of the deaf school, he invited me to give a vesper on Friday night.

Now fast forward to March 15 we met the pastor and other wonderful church members at the church. Then a woman who greeted us said that she knew us! But we didn't recognize her at first. She is Sandi Stadler. She told us that she met us in one of Tucson's SDA churches during our vacation many years ago. She worked at the Arizona School for the Deaf, Francisca's alma mater. I don't recall what year we met her, but she was greatly impressed by Francisca's story about car accident that happened in 1976 and her encounter with an angel in her dream that led her to accept the Sabbath. She had never

forgotten us until she met us again. It was a big and pleasant surprise. However, soon Francisca remembered her, but I still don't. Because of the job at the school for the deaf she signed well. The pastor is developing his sign language skill for the sake of his daughter, Danielle.

We were invited to eat with the church's members for light supper before the vesper. We had a great time talking with Brian and Sandi. After the supper we had a vesper talking about the Three Angels Deaf Ministries. It was a true blessing to have both Brian and Sandi to interpret my presentation. The presentation was well received by the members. There were about 20 in attendance.

On Sabbath we went to the school's gym for the exhibition. The weather was cold and a lot of snow on the grounds. More snow than in the Twin Cities. The exhibition was hosted by Deafopia. The expo was small with about ten booths in compared with other expos we went. But we enjoyed visiting with deaf people. Pastor Brian and Sandi came to assist us, and it was their first experience ever to work at the booth at a Deaf expo. It was a very refreshing experience in our trip.

Please remember them in your prayers as they want to reach out to the Deaf. They depend on 3ADM for resources and spiritual support.

*David M. Trexler*



Francisca Trexler talks with Sandi Stadler and a Deaf visitor who is a retired teacher.

Photo by David M. Trexler

# Deaf Reach 2019



Photo by David M. Trexler

On March 29-31, 2019 around 40 Deaf individuals and one hearing person attended, “Deaf Reach 2019,” held at the Tabernacle SDA Church in Portland, OR. The attendees came from all over: Seattle, WA, British Columbia, Canada, Portland, OR, Salem, OR and Vancouver, WA. David and Francisca Trexler presented on best ways to reach out to Deaf individuals and share your faith. The information was based on the book, “Sharing Your Faith with the Deaf,” available for purchase through Three Angels Deaf Ministries. Workshops took place Friday night, Sabbath all day, and Sunday morning with interesting stories, Ellen White quotes, and many Bible texts to emphasize Christ’s method of reaching people with the gospel. Attendees were those who are serious about outreach in the community and the information given will be precious tools in the time to come. At the end of the weekend, one attendee said, “This workshop was valuable information. I understand now how to share my faith with others and I am so glad I came!”

*Nohelani Jarnes*



Francisca Trexler is giving a presentation.

Photo by David M. Trexler

# Camp Meetings

July 7-14, 2019

## Western Deaf Camp Meeting

Milo Academy  
324 Milo Dr  
Days Creek, OR 97429  
(541) 825-3200

August 7-11, 2019

## Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting

Cohutta Springs Conference Center  
1175 Cohutta Springs Rd  
Crandall, GA 30711

August 21-25, 2019

## DEAF Camp Meeting

Timothy Hill Christian Camp  
Huntington, MA

August 22-25, 2019

## Deaf Men's Retreat

Fireside Retreat Center  
37936 SE Gordon Creek Rd  
Corbett, OR

October 24-27, 2019

## DEAR

Mt. Aetna Retreat Center  
10375 Retreat Way  
Hagerstown, MD

## Speaker/Director's Schedule

**July 4-16**—Western Deaf Camp Meeting, Milo Adventist Academy, Days Creek, Oregon

**August 22-25**—Pacific NW Deaf Bible Fellowship Men's Retreat, Corbett, Oregon

**October 24-27**—DEAR, Mt. Aetna Retreat Center, Hagerstown, MD

*\*On Sabbaths when home, David Trexler preaches at the Burnt Mills SDA Church, Silver Spring, Maryland which can be seen live online!*

\*If you would like to have any of our speakers in your area, please contact us! You can request to have one or more of us to come speak at your church or special event.

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**Marvin Budd** by Luis Leonor

**Jerry Marino** by Ona Greve

**Jim Parr** by Velia Wilson

**Jeffery Jordan** by Velia Wilson



Photo by David M. Trexler

Harold Switzer is a SDA Deaf member and a long time friend of ours. We visited him when we were in Colorado for our vacation. He is 90 years old and stays in a nursing home in Berthoud, CO. His memory is poor, but he recognized us. He needs our prayers since he is very lonely.

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