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## Deaf Evangelistic Series in Fresno, California



Photo by Bob Plubell

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What a great blessing upon beautiful Fresno area! Central Valley Deaf Ministries hosted an evangelistic seminar called *Prophecies of Hope for Today and Tomorrow*. It ran 22 meetings from November 1 through November 26, given by Pastor David Trexler, the speaker. Three Angel Deaf Ministries and the local deaf ministry worked in partnership with God, our Executive Director, to make it happen.

The threefold purpose was to sow the seed of gospel to Fresno and immediate areas second time, to broadcast livestream nationally, and to produce sermon video for DVD production.

As a result three interested deaf persons wanted to be baptized. Currently, they have a further Bible study provided by Francisca and Bob. During the last week of evangelism Francisca came to join her husband. They had wonderful visits with our deaf members at church and home. The local deaf group was grateful and thankful to God for the success of evangelism in the Fresno area.

We continue to leapfrog into 2020 to widen our ministry work in Fresno. Come visit us if you happen to be going through California.

Bob Plubell

## Speaker's Dialogue: Unexpected Rewards

For years we have witnessed at many Deaf events with our booth where we shared the gospel materials with Deaf people. Some of the brothers and sisters in our church have questioned why we spent a lot of money for these missionary activities when we may not see any good results in the baptism into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The work for the Deaf is really difficult and sometimes discouraging. We have seen only a few Deaf students at Gallaudet University coming to the chaplain's office and events in the past twenty years. Why don't we just slow down or stop the ministry to the Deaf community? We CAN'T. We cannot forsake our fellow Deaf people at all. They are part of the whole God's family. We became Adventists through the work of the Holy Spirit who led some of the Deaf members to meet us. That is why we love them and want them to be saved as we are!

When someone questioned our efforts that cost a lot of money I explained that it is NOT our concern about the number of souls won to SDA church. Our concern is to spread the SEED among the Deaf community. God expects us to witness to the Deaf world that is almost cut off from the hearing world due to communication and discrimination barriers. It is true that the gospel work among the Deaf is very difficult because of growing materialism and post-modernism. We must not stop the work. We must continue sowing the SEED and let the Holy Spirit lead them to be interested in the message and to repentance. Missionary work can be very discouraging because of the low results. Let us read a very encouraging message by Ellen G. White. After reading it let us be full of courage knowing that the results are God's, not ours. However, we need to be Christ-like in our action and words that would cause Deaf people to become interested in God.

"Remember that the Lord will give a reward to everyone, slave or free, for doing good." (Ephesians 6:8, NCV).

"In this life our work for God often seems to be almost worthless. Our efforts to do good may be earnest and persevering, but we may not be permitted to witness their results. To us the effort

may seem to be lost. But the Savior assures us that our work is remembered in heaven, and that the reward cannot fail.

"The poor widow who put her two mites [pennies] into the Lord's treasury didn't know what she was doing. Her example of self-sacrifice has influenced upon thousands of hearts in every land and in every age. Her example has brought to the treasury of God gifts from all kinds of people. Her act has helped to sustain missions, to establish hospitals, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, and preach the gospel to the poor. Many people have been blessed through her unselfish deed. And she will be permitted to see the results of her influence in the day of God. So it is the same with Mary's precious gift to the Savior. How many people have been inspired to loving service by the memory of that broken alabaster box! And how she will rejoice as she sees all this!

'I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached in all the world, what this woman has done will be told, and people will remember her' (Mark 14:9, NCV). Looking into the future, the Savior spoke with certainty concerning His gospel. It was to be preached throughout the world. And as far as the gospel spread, Mary's gift would give its fragrance, and hearts would be blessed through her act. Kingdoms would rise and fall; the names of monarchs and conquerors would be forgotten; but this woman's deed would be remembered upon the pages of sacred history. That broken alabaster box would tell the story of the amazing love of God for a fallen race until time should be no more.

"Every impulse of the Holy Spirit leading men to goodness and to God is remembered in the books of heaven, and in the day of God everyone who has given himself as an instrument for the Holy Spirit's working will be permitted to see what his life has done" (Maranatha, 359, adapted and emphasis added).

David M. Trexler

## In Memory of Bill Whitson



William (Bill) Asa Whitson was born in North Little Rock, Arkansas on December 18, 1930. He passed away on November 7, 2019 at home in Lonsdale, Arkansas.

He married his sweetheart, Laida Churchwell on December 26, 1976. They were married almost 43 years. When he was about six years old, Bill was sick with scarlet fever that caused him to have mastoiditis. To save his life, the doctors operated and removed part of the bone behind his left ear and all the middle ear parts. The doctors told his parents that he would become deaf later in life.

The doctors recommended that he be enrolled at the Arkansas School for the Deaf (ASD), which they did. Bill played sports through his years in school. He was a wrestler, football player, basketball player and ran track. He won many championships for the school and won many trophies and awards for himself. He is in the Deaf Hallmark of Fame for the sports that he played. Bill graduated as the valedictorian and class president in 1952. He was awarded a scholarship for Gallaudet University. He turned it down because of his concern for his family. He knew that the travel and other expenses would be hard

on his family. So, he felt it was his duty to give up the scholarship and went to work. He worked at different jobs. He was a linotype and typographic operator for newspapers in Arkansas, Colorado and California. He was a finishing carpenter and a skilled woodworker. For a while he lived near and helped build the Christian Deaf Center, a Deaf school for Adventists, in Arkansas.

Bill was baptized in April, 1966 into the SDA Church in Colorado Springs, CO. He was a lay Bible worker and preached at Bible meetings for the Deaf. Laida, hearing, met Bill at the Little Rock SDA Church in 1968. She had learned the ASL alphabet earlier and could talk with him. The church asked that she help interpret for the deaf members and visitors, and Bill taught her more sign language. She went with him when he gave Bible studies. Their relationship grew, and they married in 1976. Bill shared his love for Jesus with Wanda Watson. Her daughter, Esther Watson Doss, shared, "Bill was my most favorite person on earth when I was a child. He was kind, attentive, and just flat-out funny. I loved visiting with him and his wife. Whenever I saw that blue truck come up the road I would be so thrilled for their visit. He was a lifelong friend of Mom's since they met at school. He was the one who shared his love for Jesus with my Mom and later with me. My love for Jesus and the Bible is because of Bill."

In 1999, Bill Whitson helped build the set for The Revelation of Jesus Christ series with David Trexler. He also stayed through much of the video shoot and was the "audience" for David to speak to and to share some pointers. For the last twenty years or so, Bill worked with Adventist Community Services (ACS) Disaster Response as a volunteer. His wife Laida was the Arkansas-Louisiana conference director. He drove forklifts, loaded trucks, organized dock areas and filled orders. He made many friends during his work in several states after numerous disasters including Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans area. Bill's memorial service was held on December 1, 2019.

Laida Whitson

# Saved by an Angel



Photo by Harold Aughton/Butler Eagle

## Tree Falls on Man's Car on Dinnerbell Road

By Nathan Bottiger/Eagle Staff Writer

"A man [Daniel Campbell] was sent to the hospital after a tree fell on his car as he was driving Wednesday.

"It must have been a dead tree," said 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Mike Barnes of Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Co.

Barnes said the driver, an unidentified man, was traveling west on Dinnerbell Road and the tree fell atop the car as he passed it along the road.

The impact stopped the brown Ford Taurus and trapped the man inside.

Barnes said Firefighters were at the scene within five to six minutes after the incident, and it took another five minutes to free the man from the crushed car.

"We had to take the windshield out and pop the door to get him out of the vehicle," Barnes said, "(after which), he climbed out on his own."

He said the patient appeared "fine" aside from some cuts and bruises, but he was taken by Saxonburg Ambulance to Butler Memorial Hospital for evaluation.

Firefighters directed traffic for about an hour while another team worked to free the man and clean up the scene. State police were also at the scene of the accident."

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\*Daniel Campbell explained that it was very windy when he drove his car. Praise the Lord for sending His angel to protect him during the freak accident which could have killed him immediately if he were going a little faster. The fallen tree could have hit right on him. His car was totaled, but Daniel is more valuable than his car. We are created in His image.

## Central Valley Deaf Ministries



Photo by David Trexler

During the month of November David M. Trexler gives the evangelistic series at Fresno Central SDA Church. Picture here is in the Central Valley Deaf Ministries' room where Bob Plubell gives the Sabbath School lesson.

## DEAF Thanksgiving Banquet



Photo by Francisca Trexler

During the annual Thanksgiving Banquet hosted by DEAF the guests led by Milbert and Zellie Jones surprised Reuben and Allyson Drake for their 27th wedding anniversary with a cake.



Photo by David Trexler

Worship service that is live-streamed. Bob Plubell gives an excellent sermon on "Seven Inseparable Links of the Gospel."



Photo by Francisca Trexler

Some members of NAD Deaf Committee enjoys the dinner at the annual Thanksgiving Banquet hosting by DEAF at the Burnt Mill SDA Church.

## 2020 Events

June 25-July 4, 2020  
**61st GC Session 2020**  
Indianapolis, IN

July 5-12, 2020  
**Western Deaf Camp Meeting**  
Milo Adventist Academy  
324 Milo Drive  
Days Creek, OR 97429  
Contact: Chuck McGehee  
VP: 360-334-5257

August 5-9, 2020  
**Southern Deaf Camp Meeting**  
Cohutta Springs Conference Center  
1175 Cohutta Springs Rd  
Crandall, GA 30711  
Contact: Pastor Jeff Jordan  
Text: 423-284-9183

August 26-30, 2020  
**SNEC Camp Meeting**  
Camp Cherokee  
433 Gilpin Bay Rd.  
Saranac Lake, NY 12983  
Contact: Elder Paul Kelly  
Text: 585-576-0163

October 15-18, 2020  
**DEAR**  
Mt. Atnea Retreat Center  
10375 Retreat Way  
Hagerstown, MD  
Contact: Sheelah Kimbrough  
VP: 585-444-1116

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