



# Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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## The Light of the World Online Bible Guide Is Officially Open!



We are very happy to introduce the life of Christ to you in a more personal way through the Light of the World Bible lesson. We are studying about Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. These lessons will help us to know Him more. When you read this simple but powerful story of the life of Christ, you will be inspired as you have never been by any other life story.

When sunlight passes through a prism it is broken up into the beautiful colors of the rainbow. In the same way Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, becomes more attractive when we look at him as the Master Teacher, the Great Healer, the Friend of sinners, the Prophet of God, the Miracle Worker, the Savior of men, and the Son of God.

For example: To an inexperienced person, a "raw" diamond looks much like any other stone before it is cut. But, in the hands of a skillful worker, it is ground and polished until its facets seem to flash with living fire. So the life of Christ has many sides that, put together, become a perfect way of showing the great Light which is Christ Himself. We have tried to put these lessons together in a way that fully shows the most beautiful life this world has ever known.

### 3. The Surroundings of Jesus

Jesus was born in Palestine, a country smaller than the state of Vermont. It is about 140 miles long and 60 or 70 miles wide. Nazareth, where Jesus grew up, is only 70 miles from Jerusalem.

The Roman Emperor Augustus ruled the world in those days. Jesus' tiny homeland was a part of the large Roman Empire. Julius Caesar, uncle to



3ADM proudly announces the opening of the online *The Light of the World Bible Guide*. It is an important time for us to know more about Jesus Christ than ever before. We see crisis after crisis around the world showing that Jesus is coming soon! No doubt about it! If we do not know and love Jesus Christ personally then we are lost. Indeed, the Bible's doctrines are very important, but without Christ in our hearts and close relationship through repentance and surrendering to Him we are nothing. Many Jewish people lost their way because they didn't

know Him at all! We need to search the Bible carefully with our focus on Jesus Christ. "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me" (John 5:39, NKJV). *The Light of the World* lessons focus on Jesus Christ from the time of His birth to His resurrection and ascension to heaven. Also, the lessons cover the Bible doctrines with emphasis on Jesus Christ.

Do you want to refresh your relationship with Jesus Christ? Are you dying spiritually because of many problems of life that bother you? Haven't you learned to know Jesus Christ personally as your best Friend? Haven't you surrendered your heart to Him? Are you a strong Christian but maybe not strong in relationship with Jesus? Do you feel that you are one of them? It is a good time to take *The Light of the World Bible Guide* to become a true Christian who loves and obeys Him in preparation for the great day of the Lord. "Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel, and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!" (Amos 4:12, MEV). Check at 3ADM website for the lessons:

<https://deafbibleschool.com>

May God richly bless you as you search to know Him personally.

understand or know the Messiah in the Old Testament. Too often when we study the Bible doctrines carefully we tend to miss Jesus in them. In the same way Jesus warned the leaders that they didn't know the Scriptures (speaking of the Messiah). They hated Jesus because of jealousy and the lack understanding of the Scriptures. "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God" (Matthew 22:29, NKJV). We do not want to be in the wrong ways or have the wrong ideas about the Bible and Jesus Christ. Today there are many people who claimed to be Christian but they do not

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# Speaker's Dialogue: The Holy Spirit Prepares Us to Meet Our God

“Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel,  
and because I will do this to you,  
prepare to meet your God, O Israel!”  
(Amos 4:12, MEV)

Amos 4:12 is one of my favorite verses in the Bible. God Himself from the time of Adam and Eve to now is working hard to prepare us to meet our God on the Great Day of the Lord—Jesus' Second Coming who will bring us into the glorious home—heaven—where Jesus promised His disciples that He is preparing a home for us. The truth is that without Jesus we are not fit for the kingdom of God. No hope, no joy, no resurrection. Jesus made an important agreement with the Father that He would volunteer to come down to earth as a man to save us from sins (Revelation 13:8).

I would like to share with you about my life of how the Holy Spirit led me to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I was born to nominal Christian parents in Japan where my Dad was stationed as a fighter pilot of the United States Air Force that was involved in the Korean War. My father's family was reformed Lutheran. Apparently, my mom's dad was a strong Christian who seemed to enjoy attending different denominations including Seventh-day Adventist church every weekend because he loved music and sang Christian hymnals. My mom's mother was a nurse who died from the Spanish influenza in 1918.

After two years since my birth we moved to New Jersey where my dad was stationed at McQuire Air Force Base. He continued as a fighter pilot to defend our country during the Cold War. I don't recall of attending church in five years before we moved to a town south of San Francisco. My dad was in the Navy at Moffat Field for two years as an exchanged pilot. There we attended a community church every Sunday. Did I understand the religious programs? No, though I wore hearing aids I didn't understand what the pastor had preached and the Sunday school program. Then in 1957 the Air Force transferred my dad to Andrews Air Force Base (AFB) near Washington, D.C. We lived in Cheverly where it has a large community church our family attended regularly. I recall hating to go there because it was boring due to my deafness and uncomfortable dress during humid summer months. No air conditioning was there at that time. My mother gave me a Bible when I was twelve or so for my birthday. The first verse I read

was John 3:3, but due to its old English and the lack of spirituality I didn't understand. But I felt it was a Holy book. I closed it for good until then. We always pray before our dinner. That something impressed me the importance of showing respect to God whom I didn't know.

After six years in Cheverly I was failing in the public Junior High School causing my parents to discuss about my educational needs in the special environment. My dad didn't think I should be in a Deaf school, but my mom insisted that I needed it. Originally, when we moved into Cheverly the elementary school across from our home had a self-contained oral Deaf program but it closed after a year. I was put into the regular class where I day-dreamed and drew pictures of war planes a lot. Finally, my mom won, and we moved to Riverside, California in order for me to attend California School for the Deaf (CSDR). There I was exposed to ASL for the first time in my life. That was a turning point of my life. Unfortunately, my family attended church less and less to the point of non-attendance.

Two years later my family had to move to Apple Valley, an hour's drive from CSDR, where my dad was stationed at George AFB. I became a residential student and one evening a student showed me the first lesson of the Voice of Prophecy's *Faith Bible Guide* that showed a picture of the image of King Nebuchadnezzar. I wasn't interested in as I was becoming more and more disgusted with religion. I was a deist. Then one day in 1966 I was riding with my mother through a residential area in Victorville I saw a church called Victorville Seventh-day Adventist Church. That was new to me as I had never seen it before. I knew many of the Protestant churches, but not SDA. I turned around and asked my mom. She was not comfortable but told me that it was a Christian church that worshiped on Saturday instead of Sunday. I wasn't aware of the fact that my mom as a child attended a SDA church. My thought was, “That is strange!” Well, another time I was visiting a Deaf friend who invited me to visit him at his grandparents' home that had a picture of Jesus and the Ten Commandments on the wall. The Ten Commandments was what attracted me. I studied each commandment and found that we should rest on the seventh-day. I thought it was Sunday. I wasn't aware of the fact that my friend's grandparents were SDAs.

A few weeks before the graduation on the weekend at home I was resting on my bed thinking and I was impressed to look at the

calendar as I was curious about the seventh-day Sabbath. I was totally shocked to learn that the seventh-day was not on Sunday, but Saturday! Then one evening at the school we had a Dramatic Club practice, and I was returning from the auditorium to the dorm. There was a pack of boys in our dormitory where a Deaf counselor was closing an impromptu meeting. He declared if the Jews accepted Jesus Christ as the Savior it would be the only true church in the world! Just on right time and place that message imprinted on my mind ever since. But I was too busy with the fun of the youth. The Holy Spirit led me in many strange ways, and He refused to give up on me.

Finally, I went to Gallaudet University (it was a college then), and there I met a student, who was an Adventist from the state of Washington. I wasn't aware of him as an SDA. I challenged him about eating without meats. But he won. Too proud to admit I avoided him as much as possible. One night in a strange way the Lord led me see him again when in a search for a roommate who was suggested by my friend. I didn't know his name. Well, I met him at his room but I didn't expect to meet him. I now know it was God's plan. In his room I saw him as a clean

person who had a desk full of religious books. I was curious with his opened book, and I saw a picture of the "heaven" I had never seen before. I was surprised about it and started to ask him more about heaven from the Bible. Instead of answering me he just gave me the enrollment card for *Faith Bible Guide* from the Voice of Prophecy (VOP). That same one I rejected at CSDR years ago, but at this time I was interested to know the truth! I studied the lessons using my same unused Bible that my mom gave me. After this guide I took another one from VOP and then another one including the *Light of the World*. Anyway when I studied on the Sabbath it hit me that the Seventh-day Adventist church is the true church in the world as stated by the counselor at CSDR! I looked back how God led me to learn some truth little by little until I took the lessons. I was convinced of the truth of the Bible, and I decided to be baptized by immersion at Silver Spring SDA Church a few months after my encounter with the strange student. What God had wrought!

My friends, let the Holy Spirit prepares you to meet our God today. Heaven is worth the journey!

David M. Trexler  
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## The Wedding of John and Ngaere Blake



Pastor John Blake and Ngaere Gill were married on July 28, 2020. The wedding was on live through ZOOM. More than 60 persons witnessed the wedding that was held at Elder Don Corkum's home. Elder Corkum is John's friend and a former Conference president. Elder Corkum had the main sermonette at Alberta's memorial service, and John and Don were ordained together in 1971 in the Maritime Conference in Canada.

Through the help of a friend, John had been drawn into a close relationship with Ngaere, who 20 years ago was John's bulletin secretary and personal ministries leader when he pastored her church for 5 years. Ngaere is willing to travel with John for the Deaf ministry, and she also willing to learn to sign.

May God bless John and Ngaere as they are now in the new chapter of life together as Pastor and Mrs. John Blake. Congratulations!

# In Memory of Charmaine Logan



Charmaine and her son, Daniel

Charmaine Logan died Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 after more than two years battling cancer. She was 47 years old, celebrating her last birthday on June 21<sup>st</sup>. She leaves behind her much loved son Daniel, her mother, her brothers and her church and DEAF ministry families.

Charmaine was born in St. Thomas Parish of Jamaica. She attended Excelsior High School in Kingston, Jamaica and immigrated to the United States when she was 16 years old (1989). Charmaine was Deaf, but was educated in oral/hearing schools in Jamaica where she learned excellent lip reading skills, but was not taught sign language. Charmaine later attended Lehman College in the Bronx, NY studying English. Much later in life Charmaine began to learn sign language so that she could better communicate with her Deaf peers. Charmaine was a devoted member of her Emmanuel Seventh Day Church Ministries and of our DEAF (Deaf Everywhere Are Family) ministry.

When I think of Charmaine, I affirm two things: She was faithful until the end and she did what she could.

Charmaine was selfless and a hard worker. Charmaine did not just sit back and do nothing or let others do the work, she always got involved and did what she could. One childhood friend remembered how Charmaine shared her meals with friends in high school. Although she struggled with her own bills, she regularly looked for ways to give back, giving what she could, cooking, and helping wherever she saw a need. Even while diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, in great pain and undergoing treatments, Charmaine still volunteered weekly at the local food pantry, helping other people who were

hungry and in need. Charmaine also worked with Three Angels Deaf Ministries and DEAF to host Bible studies in the Bronx, NY and worked towards establishing a Deaf church in New York City. Whenever Francisca Trexler would come to give Bible studies, Charmaine made sure that Francisca had housing and meals. Charmaine wanted to do outreach to ensure that Deaf people in her area had the opportunity to learn about Jesus. She said she wanted to do more, but she couldn't because she was battling cancer. Last year at DEAF camp I had just given birth and had a 2-week-old. Charmaine volunteered to manage all the registrations and follow up with campers so that I could have help. She did this while in great pain from her cancer and treatment side effects. I watched her silently cleaning off trash that others left behind and washing down tables to make sure that everything was in good order. Charmaine always stepped up to help out and was always someone who could be depended on.

Although sometimes she felt bashful because she did not know sign language, Charmaine had a burden and always worked to share Jesus with her Deaf community. Early on she advocated for Deaf people in her church and her church board to tell them that she was Deaf and there was no way to understand what was being said at church. She did this not so much for herself, but she was thinking of other Deaf people that may want to learn about Jesus. After she spoke up, her church became supportive and involved with supporting Deaf ministries. They had Deaf Awareness Days, inviting Pastor David and Francisca Trexler of Three Angels Deaf Ministries. Charmaine once came with a van full of her church members to DEAR (Deaf Camp meeting). There was concern that there was no interpreter for the hearing people, but Charmaine smiled because now her church members could better understand what it is like to attend programs without understanding the language. Charmaine was always advocating for Deaf ministry and outreach. She was always willing to do what she could to help others so that all Deaf people had the opportunity to know about Jesus.

Charmaine had great faith. She was faithful in daily worship, reading her Bible and prayer. During her illness she would text and share encouraging Bible verses. She always put God, her son and her church first in her life. She prioritized going to church for years even when she could not hear or understand what was being

said. She taught her son to love and put his trust in Jesus. In her last years, months, weeks and days she still put Jesus first. When all the churches shut down because of COVID-19 she faithfully watched our interpreted livestream church worship and left encouraging comments. Two weeks ago she tried to come to church in Massachusetts to be with our group and receive encouragement. Sadly, she never made it, and ended up going to the hospital instead, but even in great pain she wanted to worship with other believers. In the past few months she would text how much prayers, Bible verses and nature meant to her. She enjoyed being able to get out when she could for fresh air. Once she wrote out and texted all the lyrics to the song "I Need the Prayers of Those I Love." Even last week she texted thank you and prayer emojis. Charmaine never took her eyes off Jesus. She was truly an inspiration and an example of great faith. She personified Revelation 2:10 "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life."

Charmaine was faithful throughout her life even unto death. We hold onto Jesus' promise of a

crown of eternal life for Charmaine.

We do not understand why some people are taken early in death, especially someone like Charmaine who did so much to help others and who was such a great example of faith. We may never understand until Jesus comes and can explain it in heaven. What we do know is that this world and our lives are better for being touched by Charmaine's life. We were truly blessed to have known her. Please friends let us follow Charmaine's example and put our faith and trust in Jesus. He is the only hope that we have here on earth and the only way to be saved for eternity.

Please pray for the Deaf community in the Bronx, NY and the budding DEAF ministry that was being started there, that the work continues and Deaf people living in New York City have opportunities to learn about Jesus' saving love. Please pray for Charmaine's son Daniel for his comfort, his faith and his future.

Jessica McGowan Smith

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## DEAR Virtual Camp Meeting 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) has completely shut down the annual Deaf camp meetings across the country, but it failed to shut down the virtual camp meeting that was history recently. The Lord provides us the technology to continue with the spiritual summer camp meeting through Internet. Deaf Evangelistic Adventist Fellowship (DEAF) in partner with 3ADM has been able to provide live-streaming worship service for years. In fact COVID-19 forced the churches all over the world to close, but with a few number of church members who participate in the live-streaming programs have been able to provide the spiritual needs of shut-in members with the church worship services as long as the local governments allowed with certain restrictions. So, in other words DEAF has already been prepared for the worse. Realizing that all of the Deaf camp meetings were closed a DEAF member suggested we should try a virtual camp meeting. We supported it enthusiastically. The virtual camp meeting's theme was, "Preparing for the Great Day of the Lord." It was held from Friday night, August 21 to Sunday morning, August 23. Below is the list of the titles of the presentations with the links to view. The speakers of the series are: David M. and Francisca Trexler and Jason and

Sheelah Kimbrough. The Lord had blessed the virtual camp meeting.

Below you can watch the archived videos with the links.

Who Is Your Neighbor?—<https://livestream.com/3adm/events/9266736>

Your Neighbor's Promise—<https://livestream.com/3adm/events/9266739>

Understanding Daniel 11—<https://livestream.com/3adm/events/9266740>

Diet of God's Kingdom—<https://livestream.com/3adm/events/9266743>

### Notice

Southern Deaf Camp Meeting at Cohutta Springs, GA; SNEC Camp Meeting at Cherokee Camp, Saranac Lake, NY; DEAR and DYAC at Mt. Aetna are cancelled due to pandemic Coronavirus.

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