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An Update on the Light of the World Bible Course

We had announced the new Bible course on the life of Jesus Christ called The Light of the World last year or so. The process has been slow, but we are getting closer to its completion. Currently, the lessons are in the final phase of proofreading before adding pictures. We are expecting to complete the lessons this year. Please we need your prayers for these valuable lessons to be completed soon. God is moving.

A few of us like Jim Hovey, Francisca and me, personally had taken this course when we were students at Gallaudet College (now University) in 1969. We had completed

several other Bible courses offered by the Voice of Prophecy before taking The Light of the World. Thankfully, Francisca has kept the original lessons in her file cabinet for many years. When Jim Hovey who was Executive Director of ADM (now 3ADM) wanted to adapt this course he contacted her for her copies to start the project. It was an ongoing project until he retired. Then this project was "lost" for several years until recently Jim sent me the files of pictures and some of the adapted lessons, old lessons, etc. That is when we restarted it.

I believe it is the time for us to know Jesus Christ through the lessons that only focus on Him as we are getting closer to the end of the time. God wants us to have a true relationship with Him to be saved. Of course, other Bible lessons with doctrines are very important, but we need to get to know Jesus who is the Truth that is found in the doctrines of the Bible. Salvation only comes through knowing Him as our personal Savior and Lord. He died to save us from eternal death, and He gave His example for us to



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The Mystery of Emmanuel

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.—Matthew 1:23. And . . . God was manifest in the flesh, . . . believed on in the world.—1 Timothy 3:16.

IN LESSON 2 we got our first glimpse of Jesus as the Babe of Bethlehem. Mary, His blessed mother, gave Him a human body. Thus He became a member of the human family, and later He called Himself "the Son of man." Matthew 16:13. This is known as the "incarnation." Jesus had no earthly father. The God of heaven was His Father. In this lesson we shall see if we can understand a little better what the Bible means when it refers to Jesus as "the Son of God," or as "Emmanuel . . . God with us." Our study will take us back before the birth of Christ in Bethlehem to the time when the Son lived in heaven with His Father. This will be an intensely interesting and revealing study, but there are some other important things that we want you to think about first.

Whenever we think of God the Father, a question arises in our minds concerning His nature and character. What is God like? When we were children, we tried to conjure up in our minds mental pictures of Him. Curiosity sought to penetrate the unseen and the unknown. And it is important for all of us to know for ourselves the answer to the question, "What is God like? How can we worship Him intelligently unless we appreciate Him for what He really is? Too many people think of God as a sort of policeman of the world, a supreme spy, a stern judge, or perhaps an exacting schoolmaster. These ideas about God fall far short of the truth.

One way to understand and appreciate God would be to go to heaven and see Him and talk with Him. But since we do not have that privilege, at least not now, we may become acquainted with Him through the revelation given to us by Jesus Christ. God has been revealed in human flesh by One who is God's Son, and because of this we can understand something of the nature and character of the Father. The life of Christ shows that the Supreme Being is the kind of God that men *ought* to worship. Let us come back to our theme now and turn to the Bible for light on this great truth.



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Many searched the scrolls of the prophets concerning the Messiah's coming.

HOW WAS CHRIST'S DIVINE SONSHIP ANNOUNCED?

Before the birth of Jesus, an angel announced to the virgin Mary that the Son to be born to her was the Son of God.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive.

Original
The Light of the World Bible Course

follow Him.

We will announce the "grand opening" of the lessons in paper form and online as soon as they are ready. It is very important for Deaf members and new interests to take the lessons to know Jesus Christ who is our Brother and Son of God who truly loves us so much that He was willing to sacrifice His Himself to be born as a helpless baby in human form. He did it victoriously for us.

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Speaker's Dialogue: Make Israel Great Again

Our time is very similar to the time when Jesus walked on the earth. The mood of Americans is similar as well. America is badly divided over different political ideas, lifestyles and solutions to America's ongoing problems. We have Democrats and Republicans that are fighting each other with ideas and goals for making America great again. What about in Jesus' time? Yes, similar but mostly in theological issues. Pharisees were in much disagreement with Sadducees over the understanding of the Scriptures and man-made religious rules. It appears that the Pharisees were very conservative and anti-Roman while the Sadducees were liberal and politically friendly with the hated Romans. Also, at that time the mood of the Jewish people was unhappy, and they were expecting for Messiah to come to make them happy again. There were some false messiahs claiming to be able to overthrow the oppressive Romans, but they were arrested and killed. People's hope collapsed. Generally, everyone in occupied Jewish land was thinking of messiah to make Israel great again. It is the same mood we Americans have today. We are expecting our president to satisfy our needs and pride, but the other side who hate our president are expecting their own "make America great again." It is a great divided wall between them.

Now, we are at the time of the end, but the end has not come yet. We are in the time of the Investigative Judgment when Jesus, our High Priest, is working as our Advocate and Judge to prepare for the great day of the Lord—Jesus' second coming. As the conditions of the world get worse and worse (never like it before) many people are expecting their Messiah to come soon to solve all of the world's problems. Different religions of the world have their own beliefs of who is the messiah. We Christians are looking for Messiah who is Jesus Christ, but unfortunately which Christ? One group of religion is expecting their own Messiah to destroy the wicked and the other religions that do not follow their teachings. Jesus is not coming only to save the Christians. There are many so-called Christians who do not live according to the Bible and laws of God. For example, the Jews thought Gentiles were unclean and not saved because they were not Jewish.

We the Christians may have fallen into the trap of wrong thoughts. So, we are actually in the world of confusion about who is right and who is wrong.

We as the Seventh-day Adventists should avoid of being too political that can lead us to sin against our neighbors and our God who is the King. Of course, I am not saying that we can't vote for someone whom we think is right for our country, but the spirit of the political climate is not that of Christ. We can get into the wrong spirit easily. We can easily be emotional over the issues of the world. Being too emotional can cause us NOT to think correctly. Confusion we are seeing today is distracting us from Jesus Christ, who is the answer to all of our problems. Jesus is not coming to save the USA or any other nations. He is coming to establish His kingdom only. If we are true citizens of heaven we will not lose our hearts by the failure of our politicians, government, church, etc. We don't like what is happening in our Congress, businesses, and religious organizations because of corruption, but we need to pray for our leaders and leave the matters to God's hands. God has called us to be good citizens of our country, good stewards, godly, caring, and kind to our neighbors.

Jesus didn't get involved in politics when there was much corruption in religious leadership and government. The government leaders were very wicked and oppressive. The poor suffered injustice while the rich got richer through corruption. It is similar to today's. All Jesus talked about was the Father's kingdom. He declared, "Repent, the kingdom of is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). We need to be prepared for the kingdom of God with the right spirit and love, not influenced by the thoughts, emotion and wisdom of the world.

Let's keep our thoughts on Jesus Christ. "Since you were raised from the dead with Christ, aim at what is in heaven, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Think only about the things in heaven, not the things on earth. Your old sinful self has died, and your new life is kept with Christ in God. Christ is your life, and when he comes again, you will share in his glory" (Colossians 3:1-4, NCV).

David M. Trexler

Sharing Your Faith With the Deaf Film Project

A committee, which consists of Paul Kelly, Amanda Colgan, Jason & Sheelah Kimbrough, has been working on developing a DVD in ASL for preparing Deaf lay members to witness to Deaf people. It will be based on the book *Sharing Your Faith with the Deaf*.

Last November, Paul and Amanda flew to Maryland to stay at the Kimbrough's house to work on script work and storyboard. Filming had started last December for the first chapter of the book at Burnt Mills Seventh-day Adventist Church's chapel and later at the Kimbroughs' home. Much work is still to be done! Please pray that this DVD and online training program will meet the needs for the Deaf to have visual

examples of witnessing and doing Bible studies and more.

Amanda Colgan



Photo by Sheelah Kimbrough

3ADM Will Be at the GC Session 2020

Since the establishment of Adventist Deaf Ministries (now Three Angels Deaf Ministries) it has been attending the GC Session with its booth. The first one was at Toronto, Ontario, Canada in 2000. The following sessions were at: 2005 at St. Louis, MO; 2010 at Atlanta, GA; and 2015 at San Antonio, TX. More than thousands of visitors (church members, church leaders and delegates) from all over the world have seen and visited our booth. Why should 3ADM be at the GC Session? It is true that the cost to attend the session is very high, but the 3ADM's visibility to the Church's world leaders is high, allowing them to know that we have the functional ministry to the Deaf in North American Division. Our booth serves as an educational method of informing the church members and leaders about the availability of the viable Deaf ministry that provides the gospel-related materials to share with the Deaf and the staff that works in the field to provide the outreach programs and nurturing

the spiritual needs of the Deaf communities. It is effective because some leaders from other countries have contacted our office about the materials to be shared with their own countries' Deaf population. All over the world there are Deaf communities where the church should be aware of in order to effectively reach out to the Deaf with the Three Angels' Messages in their own sign languages and written languages. Most of the world's Deaf people are in darkness without knowing the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Photo by David Trexler

The Need for Summer Camp for the Deaf

Have you ever experienced the joy of summer camp? Those exciting days when you would pack up and leave home for a week to enjoy adventures outdoors with new friends? While I did not grow up in the Adventist Church, I do remember shortly after becoming SDA, that my mom sent my sister and I off to Leoni Meadows for the week. I attended Cowboy Camp and had the opportunity to ride horses all day everyday for a whole week! My sister went to Indian Camp. I knew that first summer that I wanted to be a wrangler at Cowboy Camp when I was old enough. When I eventually made it to the right age to be a staff at camp, it changed my life forever. I made lifelong friendships there, met my husband who was also a wrangler, and made an impact in campers' lives for Christ. Summer Camp holds a very special place in my heart.

The first summer when I was a camper at Leoni Meadows, I noticed there was a camp specifically designed for children who were Deaf. My love for sign language tugged at my heart and I really wanted to work with Deaf campers. Unknown to me, the funding from Christian Records Services was cut shortly after that summer and Deaf camp was no longer held at Adventist Camps. In other locations, the funding from benefactors for Deaf camp was also cut and the camp for Deaf children ceased to continue. While summer camp still impacted me in a big way in other camps, the ones that would impact Deaf children was no longer possible.

The need for summer camp for Deaf children is great. Stories have circulated from the camp held years ago at Camp MiVoden regaling the listener about the fun times the staff had with the campers and the impact it made on all their lives.

Praying about the need for summer camp for Deaf children, last year a committee was formed

of three individuals who requested of Washington Conference to host the camp at Sunset Lake Camp. Washington Conference immediately saw the need and the vision and set to work supporting the endeavor the best they could. While plans were originally set for the 2019 year, it was increasingly clear that 2020 would allow more time to gather funding. Still working on raising enough funds to subsidize each camper and to pay for our own staff, God is raising the money slowly but surely.

While the money is slowly being raised, we desperately need the help. If you would like to be part of this project and impact Deaf children's lives in a big way, donate money to make this week of camp happen! Donations can be made online through Washington Conference Adventist Giving. If you go to www.washingtonconference.org and hover on "give" at the top, it will give you an option to click on "online giving" in the list. Clicking on that will lead you to a second page that has options to give to. The ministry is called, "Sunset Lake Camp Deaf Ministries" to donate to. Be sure you do not click on just the "Sunset Lake Camp" because that's a different ministry altogether.

If you choose to send in your money in the form of a check, make out the check to "Sunset Lake Camp Deaf Ministries" and mail it to: Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Attn: Treasury Department 32229 Weyerhaeuser Way S, Federal Way, WA 98001.

If you have any questions on this ministry, please reach out to me! I would love to speak to you on this. If you are unable to donate money, we still need many prayer partners too. Continue to pray for this ministry as we make impacts in the lives of Deaf children for Christ!

Nohelani Jarnes

Job Opening



**Three Angels
Deaf Ministries**

Executive Director & Speaker



Location
Washington, DC



Deaf
Experience



Three Angels'
Messages



Non-profit
Management

What are we looking for?

- ➔ Maintain a model Deaf ministry program
- ➔ ASL and Easy Reading Translations
- ➔ Booth ministry
- ➔ Instruction through delegation and modeling
- ➔ Online Bible School and lay trainings
- ➔ Increase engagement with Deaf through social media
- ➔ Familiarity with church system
- ➔ Bible Worker's Program
- ➔ Spiritual and leadership counseling
- ➔ Local ministry work in the Washington DC area

Accepting applications through July 1, 2020

Start Date: Winter 2020 - Spring 2021

Apply here:
<http://bit.ly/2SudFRj>

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

July 29-August 2, 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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Speaker's Travels

March 28—DeafNation Expo, Ft. Worth, TX
June 24 - July 4—GC Session, Indianapolis, IN
July 5 - 12—Western Deaf Camp Meeting
July 13 - 17—DeafNation World Expo,
Las Vegas, NV
October 3—It's a Deaf Thing Expo, Tampa, FL

In Memory

Shaun Johnston
Edith Hotchkiss
Donna and Chuck Scofield

In Honor

Marvin Budd

Announcement Online Subscription

Three Angels Deaf Ministries is pleased to announce our new online subscription for the Deaf Messenger, 3ADM Report Newsletter, and others. By subscribing online it serves two purposes: to deliver instantaneously to your inbox, and to divert mailing costs into different exciting projects 3ADM is working on. To sign up for online subscription, you are encouraged to set up your 3ADM account at no charge. Once you log in, the website will help guide you through profile and subscription process with ease. Look forward to having you join the subscription list!

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