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Letter from the Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am delighted to share with you the exciting news that I have been called to serve as the Interim Executive Director for 3ADM in the Deaf ministry. It is a true blessing to have the opportunity to spread the **Good News** and help more Deaf people learn about Jesus.



As part of this change, **Paul Kelly** has transitioned to become the Evangelist, focusing on reaching Deaf individuals in the field and sharing the gospel with them. In addition, he will also be leading the Deaf Bible School, taking over from Francisca Trexler, who has recently retired. **David Trexler** will continue to serve as the office manager for 3ADM.

Our mission is to spread the word of Jesus' Second Coming and to help as many people as possible understand that He can be their personal **Friend** and **Savior**. We want to ensure that our friends and families know that Jesus is the answer, regardless of what challenges they may face in life. At 3ADM, we strive to reach as many Deaf people as possible with the Good News, and your support is essential in helping us achieve our goals.

We believe that by working together, we can help fulfill the words of Jesus in **Matthew 24:14**, which state that "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." Each of us plays an essential role in this effort, and we could not achieve our ministry goals without your prayers and financial support.

As we move forward, I want to emphasize that Paul, David, and I are no more important to this work than you are. We are all part of the same team, and your contributions are invaluable to us. Together, we can continue to grow and reach more people with the three angels' messages.

Thank you for your unwavering support, and may God bless you richly.

Your sister in ministry,

Amanda Colgan

Interim Executive Director of 3ADM

3ADM Announcement

The 3ADM (Three Angels Deaf Ministries) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Mrs. Amanda Colgan is the Interim Executive Director until the Board of Directors can find a permanent Director.

Mrs. Colgan received her bachelor's degree in Packaging Science from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in 2006. She worked for Medtronic in Minneapolis, Minnesota as a Packaging Engineer until she was laid off in 2009. She currently homeschools her children, Amy (13) and Thomas (8).

Mrs. Colgan married her husband, Kevin, in 2007; they were baptized at the Milo Campmeeting for the Deaf in Oregon in the same year.

Mrs. Colgan remains extremely active in the Deaf Ministry. She was a former President and a Secretary of Deaf Young Adults for Christ (DYAC). She has been on the committee for North American Division of Seventh-day Adventist Deaf Ministry since 2008. She was on the Board of Directors for 3ADM; she recently resigned to be the Interim Director. In addition, she was the Website Content Manager of two websites: Adventist Deaf Ministries International and Hope Channel Deaf, which are under the General Conference (GC).

Mrs. Colgan's goals are to update the 3ADM Deaf Booth (materials, banner, etc.) in order to make it more modern, inviting, and appealing to attract interested Deaf individuals to the Bible for the Lord. 3ADM's newsletter, the 3ADM website, and The Deaf Messenger are going to be redesigned for a fresh look. She will be working on video projects and enhancing social media.

The Board of Directors is very appreciative of Mrs. Colgan's willingness to serve as the Interim Executive Director because of her steadfast commitment to the job and an especially important asset to the Adventist community.

Congratulations, Mrs. Colgan!

Submitted By [Beth A. Dobson](#)
Chairperson of 3ADM Board of Directors

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Spread the Word of God to the Deaf in Mexico



Gaby, Paula, and Francisca

I was very excited to see the people that I love in Mexico again as I was invited to give a Bible presentation series. The first series was about who Jesus Christ is: His birth, His growing up, His manhood, His suffering on the cross, and His priesthood.

The second series was about health. On the last Sabbath, the Deaf people learned about Satan's fall that began in heaven, not on earth. Some Deaf people thought that Satan has red skin and a pitchfork and that his feet were like goats or pigs. They learned that Satan is an angel who used to be beautiful with God's glory but now has an evil character. I showed the

pictures to give them an idea of what Satan would look like before and after the fall. They really appreciated learning new information about the fall of Satan and his former name—Lucifer.

On the third week, my friend Gabriella (Gaby), invited me to visit a Deaf club. I was thrilled to meet with my old friends and make new friends too. They were glad to see me again. Visiting them in person was an important part of the ministry, and the trip was worth it. My friends invited me to a well-known popular restaurant called "The Generales." The Deaf were keenly interested in health and asked many questions that I was able to explain the answers to. It was fun to see them learning new information.

Paula was very pleased that we both (Gaby and I) stopped by to visit her and was thrilled to see me. She had several questions about the Bible and wished I had more time to see her. I, too, wished to have more time for her, but other people also needed to see me.

I met Martha at the Deaf club, and she had no idea I would be there. She was surprised to see me, and my visit touched her heart. She said, "I need to go back to church." I encouraged her to know Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and Lord. She nodded agreeably. I also encouraged her to use her smartphone to see the 3ADM website since Martha knows ASL well. Seeing her and encouraging her to return to God was good.

Later, we visited Delia Sepulveda. She had a stroke and is not able to sign. It was sad to see her with limited movement. I learned that her former husband was a Deaf leader in the early days. We gave a short prayer to help her to know Jesus. Her head was nodding as I encouraged her to give her life to Jesus Christ.

Samuel Gonzalez is an interpreter who loves to work with Deaf people; he has worked for the church and with the Deaf for a long time. Samuel taught the Sabbath School lesson for both those attending in person and those on Zoom.

The Mexican Deaf Congress hosted the "Building Positive Relationships" in Catemaco, Mexico, from Thursday to Sunday. The guest speaker was Dr. Marina Couto (Wendy) from Portugal. She is a Hard-of-Hearing Adventist who is also a general Doctor. She was invited to give a series on the 8 Laws of Health. Many Deaf people asked her many questions regarding health, marriage, and a relationship with God. Mariana signed in International Sign.

The Lord had really blessed everyone who attended the Deaf Congress that lasted three days (Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday). The Deaf Congress had more than 185 guests. There were about 115 hearing people who wanted to learn

sign language to communicate with Deaf people and planned to be interpreters in the future. Also, there were about 70 Deaf people. It was a blessing to meet many of them. My heart goes out to them and I pray they all have been enriched with a better relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Francisca and "Paco" Francisco Javier Días de León González
His wife, Martha, and Paco live in Chiapas, Mexico.

By Francisca Trexler



From Jehovah's Witness to Adventist: The Inspiring Story of James Brooks

Last October, my husband Kevin and I met a new friend named Anna at a vespers gathering. Anna told us about James Brooks, a deaf man who attended her church in Willow Springs, MO, which is only half an hour away from where we live. James had been baptized at Noblett Lake (MO) the previous September, and we were excited to learn about his faith journey.

The following Sabbath, we visited James' church and had a chance to chat with him. James completed his Bible study lessons one at a time, given to him by the pastor, and he completed them by himself. We also discovered that James and his mother were former Jehovah's Witnesses. After his mother became an Adventist in 2016, she encouraged James to attend church with her. Sadly, James' mother had passed away recently, and we expressed our condolences. During our conversation, we introduced James to 3ADM, an organization that produces religious materials in ASL and Easy English. We gave him a stack of DVDs and books, and he was thrilled to receive them. We felt grateful to connect with James and support him on his spiritual journey.



By Amanda Colgan

From Lay Training to Spiritual Growth: Three Women's Journeys through Bible Study



Susan Buzzell and I have studied the Bible together through the videophone for around 10 years. She always wanted to know more about Jesus and His teachings. We have gone through many books together—Steps to Christ; Christ Object Lessons; Sharing God’s Word with the Deaf; Mind, Character, and Personality; Confrontation; The Baptism of the Holy Spirit; Spirit Baptism; Prayer; and The Body Temple.

Susan and two other Deaf ladies underwent lay training in Tucson, Arizona for three weeks. At that time, I gave them Bible studies to help them practice teaching and explaining the meaning of each scripture; because of her experience with this lay training, Susan has now taught other Deaf students, including Rhonda, for two years.

Rhonda Shulfer and I had been studying the Bible for one year. Rhonda wanted to know and understand God’s Word better. She studied with other study groups and myself through the videophone using materials from Amazing Facts; Sharing God’s Word with the Deaf; Mind, Character, and Personality, and The Light of the World. She was interested to know God’s teachings from the Bible. She still wants to learn more about how to teach the Bible to the students.

God impressed Raynell Vick to contact me. We started using the Daily Devotional in Marco Polo. Then I encouraged her to join the videophone Bible study group to study with other members. Raynell and I studied the Bible together for two and a half years. We studied books such as Mind, Character, and Personality; Boundary; The Body Temple; Spirit Baptism and Prayer. We read the Bible together once a week, going over Prophecy Seminar lessons and 28 Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs. Raynell said that she learned a lot from the group and loves the character of Jesus Christ. She didn’t have anyone to talk to and study with in the past. She immensely enjoyed the group and has a better spiritual life.

Giving Bible study is fun and enriches your spirituality. Let us give Bible studies to anyone who wants to know the Lord, Jesus Christ.

By Francisca Trexler

Worldwide 10 Days of Prayer: Back to the Altar

Sheelah M. Kimbrough

From January 11th through 21st, 2023, a special event, the Worldwide 10 Days of Prayer, took place via Zoom. Over 50 participants, including Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Hearing people from across the US and around the world, united each evening for ten days. It was a heavenly, joyful experience for all of us to see brothers and sisters in Christ from different states and countries come together.

The theme of the 10 Days of Prayer was "Back to the Altar," and each evening, we explored a topic related to the theme. The 10 Days of Prayer readings and guides from the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists were translated into easy reading English so Deaf people could have access to them. This gave everyone an opportunity to understand the important information and encouraged participation in the prayer meetings.

I had the privilege of hosting the meetings, and they were led by different Deaf members each night. The various leaders began with one of the readings in American Sign Language (ASL). After the reading, the program continued with discussion questions, praises, and prayer requests. We closed the prayer meeting by singing beautiful songs together.

On Sabbath, January 21st, Pastor David Trexler gave a summary sermon on all the topics from the 10 Days of Prayer. The 10 Days of Prayer videos and Easy English guides are archived at <https://3adm.org/tendaysofprayer.php> for those who were not able to attend the meetings, and on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/3wGmY59>. Please feel free to share these recordings with anyone who has never seen the Ten Days of Prayer in ASL.

We hope everyone will join us in January 2024 for the next 10 Days of Prayer. It was such a blessing for everyone, and we wish it could happen every month!



NAD Deaf Ministry

I serve as the Deaf ministries coordinator for the North American Division of Seventh-Day Adventists (NAD). Each year, the NAD Deaf ministries committee meet. Because of COVID and funding, we met on Zoom in 2020 and 2021. We are thankful that the NAD found money for the committee to meet in person on November 14, 2022. Sharing ideas and brainstorming is much easier in person!

The Deaf ministries committee members are: Amanda Colgan, Jeff Jordan, Paul Kelly, Alan Meis, Nicolette Reynoso, Sheelah Kimbrough, Paul Kelly, Earnest Sigamoney, Doug Venn, Wendy Eberhardt and myself. This committee is the voice for the Deaf at the NAD. They also have power to act and to make things happen.



Wendy Eberhardt is the NAD VP for Ministries, filling Debra Brill's position. We miss Debra Brill very much, but we have found a new advocate and friend in Wendy Eberhardt. The first time she met anyone Deaf was at Deaf youth camp at Camp Au Sable in Michigan. Wendy was working there that summer and she was fascinated. She has been a real supporter of the new Deaf youth camp at Sunset Lake in Washington. And she is looking for ways that church leaders can be mindful of Deaf needs. She is the committee chairperson.

Larry Evans is retiring as the Adventist Possibilities Ministries director for the General Conference. The General Conference chose Doug Venn to take his place. As we introduced ourselves around the table, we were surprised to see Doug Venn introduce himself in ASL. He and Jeff Jordan attended Andrews University together more than 25 years ago. Doug took Jeff's ASL class. We learned that a Deaf man gave Doug his name sign Doug baptized this Deaf man during evangelism



meetings in Washington state more than 20 years ago.

Our committee meeting was very productive. We shared many ideas and needs. One area of deep concern is the lack of leaders, especially younger leaders. We pray that God will call young leaders to Deaf ministry. And we hope to help train some new leaders as well.

Each year, the NAD through this committee gives 3ADM funds to help pay

for costs of projects. The NAD highly values 3ADM. The NAD cannot do what 3ADM can do. We look to 3ADM to provide services to Deaf members and do outreach. We thank 3ADM for all that they do.

During January 8-11, 2023, I was in Greensboro, North Carolina for the Adventist Ministries Convention (AMC). This convention is small and focused on church leaders and pastors. This meeting was very spiritual and uplifting.

Deaf ministry was visible with a booth. Some very interested people came to the booth. One lady learned ASL a long time ago and is now rusty. But she has been feeling impressed lately to freshen up her skills. I encouraged her to do so. Several leaders from the Washington Conference stopped by. They know Nohelani Jarnes and was so excited about Deaf ministry and the Adventist Possibilities Ministries weekend in Washington later in the month. I cannot tell all the interested people who came to the booth, but it was good to be there.

The NAD asked me to give a seminar on Deaf ministry at AMC. The attendance was small as expected. But those who attended were touched and stayed for discussion afterwards. The seminar was recorded by the Adventist Learning Community and will be on their website for anyone who wants to learn more about Deaf ministry. That is a blessing!

Getting the attention of the hearing for Deaf ministry is hard and slow. My job is to never give up and keep talking and keep telling the hearing about the Deaf. I am thankful for the hearing that stop to listen. God is working on the hearts of His people. I can see it. God cares for the Deaf very much. God bless.

Esther M. Doss

DeafNation Expo in Minnesota

My wife and I went to DeafNation Expo held on October 7 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It attracted a good number of attendees. My wife used to live there for 3 years, so this gave us an opportunity to meet with her old friends. Some expressed their interest in knowing more about Biblical truth. After sundown, we went together with them to a restaurant. After that, we went to get our rental car only to discover that it had been stolen along with 3ADM luggage, my stuff, and my wife's. We were told that Kia and Hyundai suffered from rampant stealing because TikTok showed how easy it was to break into those cars. The biggest loss was my Bible. We pray that whoever stole it will be led to the foot of the Cross and be converted.

By Paul Kelly

New Look!

Exciting news! The 3ADM Newsletter has undergone a fresh and modern redesign. The new design is sure to be loved by readers, as it offers a more user-friendly layout and easy navigation.

We invite you to check out our latest newsletter and let us know what you think. If you have any feedback or suggestions about the new design, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at editor@3adm.org. We value your opinion and would love to hear from you.

Thank you for being a valued supporter of 3ADM! We look forward to keeping you informed and engaged with our latest news and events.

Share Your Life-Changing Testimony with Us!

Do you have a testimony of how God has transformed your life? We would love to hear about it! Whether it's a story of healing in your body, freedom from addiction, restored relationships, or blessings received, we want to rejoice with you.

If you have a life-changing experience to share, please send us a brief description of your story and how it has impacted your life. Your testimony could be a source of inspiration to others, so we may request your permission to share it with our community.

Please send your testimony to editor@3adm.org. We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you!

DEAR Camp Meeting



On October 19th - 23rd, 2022, the DEAF (Deaf Evangelistic Adventist Fellowship) church from Silver Spring, MD hosted the DEAR camp meeting at the Mt. Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, MD. The location provided a beautiful view of autumn leaves during the meeting. The theme for the meeting was **“Preparing for Jesus: The Adventist Lifestyle,”** and Ralph Blanks was the main speaker.

Ralph's presentation focused on helping attendees analyze and reflect deeply on what it means to have atonement in order to prepare for Jesus' Second Coming, rather than solely focusing on practices in the SDA church. Additionally, Kevin and Amanda Colgan gave a two-part presentation on country living, discussing **the benefits of living in the countryside**. They mentioned how during the pandemic, many people left behind their city homes for the country because of the lower cost of living and the better environment and health for families.

On Friday evening, DEAR and DYAC had the Lord's Supper together, led by Elder David Trexler. The service was sincerely meaningful as attendees washed their feet, broke bread, and drank grape juice to remember Jesus' sacrifice.

The baptisms of three ladies, Susan Buzzell, Rhonda Shulfer, and Raynell Vick, were witnessed on Sabbath afternoon, bringing the attendees closer to God. The DEAR Camp Meeting ended with a heartfelt prayer for God to richly bless them.

Looking ahead, the next year's DEAR Camp Meeting is scheduled to take place at the Mt. Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, MD, from Wednesday, October 25th to Sunday, October 29th, 2023. Everyone is encouraged to mark their calendars and plan to attend this uplifting and inspiring event.

DYAC Camp Meeting 2022: A Time of Spiritual Revival and Renewal



The DYAC Camp Meeting 2022 was held at Mt. Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, from October 19th to 23rd, 2022. Over five days, attendees experienced a time of spiritual renewal, reconnected with old friends, and made new ones.

The main speaker was Esther Doss, who delivered a powerful message that touched many hearts, along with Ralph Blank from DEAR. We also had a range of workshops on offer, including Country Living led by Kevin and Amanda Colgan from DEAR, Pastoring Skills by David Trexler, the study of Daniel's Character by Uloma Picerillo, and Leadership Skills by Farrah Gooding-Santiago. Nicolette Reynoso led "The Old Testament Hope" Sabbath School with DYAC members. The children's program was a huge hit, especially the deep discussion on creationism. We even witnessed three baptisms during the camp meeting - the angels rejoiced!

For more information about the camp meeting, please visit our website at deafdyac.org. Our next camp meeting will focus on revising our by-laws and setting up a new mission goal for the next 5 years. We will have workshops on wilderness training, and the exciting news is that it will be open to all ages if you wish to be involved in planning the DYAC program. If you are interested, please email us at dyacdeaf@gmail.com.



For many years, camp meetings have been a huge blessing to Deaf people. It's a time where Deaf members can come together to worship, fellowship, and create new memories with old and new friends. We cherish the memories made during these gatherings, especially the special moments of witnessing baptisms. We encourage you to attend a camp meeting and experience the blessings for yourself.

2023 Camp Meeting Dates

July 9-16, 2023

Western Deaf Camp Meeting
Milo Academy
324 Milo Dr.
Days Creek, Oregon 97429

October 25-29, 2023

DEAR Camp Meeting
Mt. Aetna Conference Center
10375 Retreat Way
Hagerstown, MD

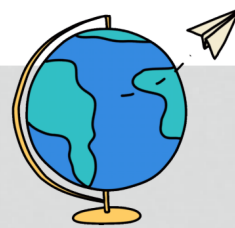
August 9-13, 2023

Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting
Cohutta Springs Conference Center
1175 Cohutta Springs Rd.
Crandall, Georgia 30711

Summer 2023

Deaf Young Adults for Christ (DYAC)
Camp Meeting
Location to be announced

3ADM Travel Schedule



Evangelist Paul Kelly

April 15 - DeafNation Expo, Greensboro, NC
April 29 - DeafNation Expo, Columbus, OH
May 12 & 13 - Mayfest Deaf Expo, Toronto, Canada
May 20 - Connecticut Deaf Expo, Waterbury, CT
July 9-16 - Milo Camp meeting
Aug 9-13 - SDF Camp Meeting
Oct 7 - It's a Deaf Thing Expo, Lakeland, Florida
Oct 25-29 - DEAR Camp Meeting

Director Amanda Colgan

May 6 - DeafNation Expo, Pasadena, CA
July 9-16 - Milo Camp meeting
Aug 2-5 - ASI Int'l Convention, Kansas City, MO
Aug 9-13 - SDF Camp Meeting
Oct 25-29 - DEAR Camp Meeting

Office Manager David Trexler

July 9-16 - Milo Camp meeting
Oct 7 - DeafNation Expo, Mesa, AZ
Nov 4 - DeafNation Expo, Chicago, IL

Tributes & Memorials

If you would like to give a donation in memory of someone, please visit <https://3adm.org/donation> and write a comment to us or mail your donation with your note. Your memorial or honorary gifts help share the gospel with the Deaf.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Edith Hotchkiss and Shaun Johnston

By Sara Johnston

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“Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body is full of darkness.”

Luke 11:34

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