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## **Letter from the Director**

Greetings friends in ministry,

It brings me great joy to reconnect and share the latest exciting news with you! This autumn season has kept us quite busy, with our participation in four Deaf expos and two camp meetings. The response we've received has been truly remarkable, with 35 Deaf people expressing their interest in Bible studies as a direct result of our outreach efforts! This shows the positive impact of our ministry. We humbly request your prayers for these new Bible students as they go on their journey to explore the Scriptures and deepen their understanding of His Word.

The teachings of the Bible have the power to change lives. During times of conflict [war] and hard times, we can turn to the Bible for wisdom, comfort and guidance. It's important to pray for peace in troubled regions like Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine.

Have you ever heard the inspiring story of Mosab Hassan Yousef? He was raised in Hamas [terrorist group], but in 1999, he converted to Christianity. Later, in 2007, he moved to the United States. The Bible promotes non-violence through verses like 'Thou shalt not murder' (**Exodus 20:13**) and 'Turn the other cheek' (**Matthew 5:39**). It also encourages peace and reconciliation [settle] with passages such as 'Blessed are the peacemakers' (**Matthew 5:9**). The Bible values human life and calls for justice, mercy, and humility. It discourages hatred and revenge, emphasizing love even for one's enemies. As **1 Corinthians 16:14** reminds us, "Let all that you do be done in love."

In conclusion, let us continue being representatives of God's love and grace, illuminating His light in a world that often needs it most. May our hearts remain open to His guidance as we continue to carry out His work.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Amanda Colgan*

## REUNION AND SERMONS

at the Midwest Deaf Sabbath in Iowa City Church



September 23, 2023, was the special Sabbath for the Deaf held at Iowa City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Iowa. David M. Trexler, a retired Director/Speaker of 3ADM, returned to the Iowa City SDA Church where he and Francisca last attended more than 25 years ago. Duane Meyer and his fellow Deaf members and friends were thrilled to have David preaching at the main sanctuary with the hearing congregation. David's ASL sermon was voice-interpreted by Melissa Beattie for the hearing members.

The event was planned for a month by the local Deaf members who informed the Deaf communities in Iowa and Nebraska through email and flyers. Fifteen Deaf members and visitors showed up for this wonderful event.

The local Deaf members have wished for a Deaf pastor to preach in ASL for a long time since the Trexlers moved to Maryland in 2000. They were happy to watch David's message of hope. Duane Meyer conducted Sabbath School.



The pastor of the church is very supportive of the Deaf ministry, and Duane and the pastor agreed to have David Trexler come back again to evangelize the Deaf in Iowa monthly weather permit. Pray for the Deaf people to be ready for Jesus' Second Coming through the Three Angels messages.



### Chandler's Inspiring Deaf Ministry Sabbath

**Judy Pachao**

On November 11th, 2023, the Chandler, AZ church had a special Sabbath featuring Deaf ministry. Esther Doss, the North American Division Deaf Ministries Coordinator, was invited to be the guest speaker. Esther is a CODA (Child of Deaf Adult), and she shared her story of growing up in a Deaf World and learning about the hearing world, helping people to understand the Deaf way of life and the need for Deaf ministry. The church members were all very friendly. A few members interact with Deaf people in the community regularly and told Esther they feel like they are now better able to make friends. The church asked two interpreters from the Tucson area to assist. Thirteen Deaf people attended and enjoyed a sweet fellowship for a fellowship meal. Some enjoyed fellowship the rest of the day until late evening.

Shortly before Esther flew to Phoenix, she became sick. She suspects it was COVID. She had no energy, causing her to stay in bed or rest on the couch. She became very concerned about preparing her talk and traveling. She asked the Chandler church members to pray for her. The



members went right to work and prayed. Two hours later, Esther suddenly became very different and had a lot of energy, as if she had never been sick before and felt joyful. Instead of lying down, she got up and began to clean the house and do the dishes. She knew this was an answer to prayer. "Intercessory prayer (praying for other people) truly works! And this time I had the blessing of being the one prayed for." God is good.

Please keep your brothers and sisters in Arizona in your prayers. Also, pray that the Three Angels' messages be spread among the Deaf there.

A quick guide to deaf ministry

Can you hear us?

Esther M. Doss



## Inspiring Stories at Chandler Church

*Grace Radoycich*

The Chandler Seventh-day Adventist Church in Chandler, Arizona, has an uplifting story to share. We want to express our gratitude to Three Angels Deaf Ministries for their generous donation of fifty copies of the booklet titled "Can You Hear Us?" On Sabbath, November 11, 2023, we distributed forty of these booklets to our church.

Esther Doss, the author of the booklet, was the guest speaker for the day. Her captivating presentation, titled "Everyone Has a Story," left an impact on our hearing church members. One of them exclaimed, "What a great speaker we had today. It has opened up my eyes and broadened my perspective, and for that, I am grateful."

The success of this special event is linked to what we believe were from God. First, we witnessed a miraculous restoration of energy in Esther just two hours after we began praying for her. She had been battling illness and was low on energy. The second miracle was when two devoted sisters in Christ willingly traveled a distance of one and a half hours each way to assist us with ASL interpreting. Our local Deaf community was joined by members from Tucson, creating a beautiful gathering of people. We believe that these events were God's way of ensuring the day's success.

For those interested in viewing this inspiring day, we invite you to visit the Chandler Media Ministry's YouTube channel at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tjf7ib97OuU>

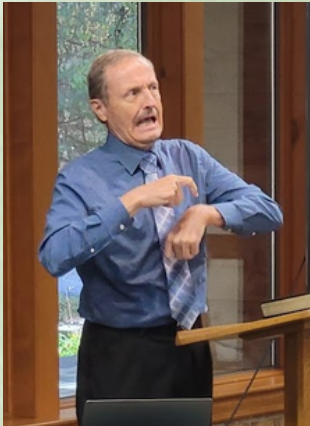
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# Highlights from the 22nd DEAF Eastern Autumn Revival Camp Meeting



*Farrah Gooding-Santiago*



From October 25th to 29th, 2023, we were delighted to welcome 42 attendees to our 22nd Deaf Eastern Autumn Revival camp meeting. The weather couldn't have been more perfect, with sunny skies and the gentle fall of autumn leaves setting the scene for our gathering. This year's theme, "The Third Angel's Message," featured four insightful sessions: "The Secret Weapon - The Big Scandal," "Mystery Woman Mary Magdalene," "Simon's Feast," and "The Prototype." These sessions were presented by Darrell Strait, a retired interpreter from California. Additionally, Amanda Colgan, the executive director of 3ADM, gave two presentations titled "The True Gospel" and "Love in Action."

One of the highlights of our camp meeting was the involvement of Paul Kelly and DEAF members in the Lord's Supper service. They participated in the meaningful traditions of feet washing, breaking bread, and drinking grape juice, all in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Sabbath morning began with a devotion by Marion Worrell-More, centered around the theme of receiving blessings. Following the inspirational devotion, attendees enjoyed a delightful breakfast, and our youth programs focused on exploring the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Earnest Sigamoney led a Sabbath School session that explored into the story of Abraham, highlighting his qualities of hospitality, love, and prayer in his mission for God.

During the worship service, Darrell Strait drew parallels between the story of Mary Magdalene and the challenges faced by people in the last days. He showed how Mary Magdalene encountered transformative moments in her life and her strong faith. This insightful examination served as a reminder of the importance of genuine faith and kindness in our own spiritual journeys.

In the afternoon, some of our campers went on the Black Rock Cliff hike, while others explored the nature center, enjoying the beauty of the fall season. As the Sabbath sun set, Bruce Buzzel led a insightful vesper service to reflect on Jesus' resurrection.



For those who want to catch up on the seminars, we have archived livestream recordings available on our website at [www.deafellowship.org](http://www.deafellowship.org). We also invite you to mark your calendars and start planning to attend our 23rd camp meeting, scheduled for October 2024. Keep an eye on our website for the upcoming dates and details. We look forward to another inspiring gathering next year!



# DEAF CAMP 2023

## REUNITING AND INSPIRING

Jessica McGowan-Smith

After 3 years with no DEAF Camp because of COVID-19, we were blessed to have 2023 DEAF Camp on September 8-10 at [Camp Grotonwood](#) in Groton, MA. Our main presenter was Pastor Paul Kelly, and our theme was “Together in Mission.” This year at DEAF Camp people came from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey and Maryland. We also had people representing South Korea, Ukraine, Nigeria, Ghana, Trinidad, Barbados, St. Kitts, Jamaica, Guyana, Puerto Rico, and Haiti.

Debra Henry, Director of Possibilities Ministries, and special guests from the [Caribbean Union Conference](#) joined us to network and learn as they work to establish their own official Deaf Ministry for the 24 nations they represent.

Our entire DEAF Camp focused on Discipleship. We had wonderful presentations by Pastor Paul Kelly about Love in Action and Faith in Action emphasizing the “Together in Mission” theme. I gave a Bible study workshop on Romans 12, comparing people to Legos where everyone is a part, has a part and plays a part in God’s plan. This hands-on workshop, using the Bible and Legos, was successful that many attendees



took materials home to present to their Deaf friends. After our Sabbath lunch, we had a great time enjoying various activities such as spending time by the waterfront, playing in the gym, going on nature walks, and participating in Deaf Christian fellowship gatherings!



We had support from [Southern New England Conference](#) leaders, with Pastor Kenroy Malcolm, Ministerial Director coming on Friday, Shawn Santana, Communications Director and his wife visiting on Saturday to take photos and interviews, and President Robert Folkenberg Jr. and his wife Audrey Folkenberg.

We concluded our camp with a special time of prayer together, by reminding ourselves to continue praying for each other throughout the year until we can be together again. It was hard to say goodbye, but we went home to share all that we learned.

We had a wonderfully blessed time and thank the staff at Camp Grotonwood. We are already looking forward to a full 5-Day DEAF Camp there next August. We hope you join us!



# AFCOE Update:

## Deaf Ministry Shines at Granite Bay Hilltop SDA Church

[Granite Bay Hilltop Seventh-day Adventist Church](https://www.granitebayhilltop.org/), also known as the Amazing Facts Church, had a special event on October 21, 2023. They hosted a Deaf ministry presentation featuring six deaf students from Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE). It was an incredible event, and you can watch their inspiring presentation by clicking on this link: <https://bit.ly/3umQgaP>.



*Deaf Ministry Presentation at Granite Bay Hilltop SDA Church*

Not only did the church organize this Deaf ministry presentation, but they also requested four hundred copies of the "Can You Hear Us" booklet. This shows their commitment to educating their church members and visitors about the Deaf ministry. Together, they can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of Deaf people.

During an outreach activity, which is a requirement for AFCOE students, one of the hearing AFCOE students named Vica met a homeless woman who is deaf. Vica quickly learned sign language from the deaf AFCOE students, allowing her to communicate some with the homeless woman. Vica extended a warm invitation to the woman, inviting her to stay at her house for a night.



*Edward "Allen" Gilbert, a deaf AFCOE student, presented at the church*



*Sabbath Vespers at Deaf AFCOE Students' House*

As a result, the woman graciously accepted the offer to have Bible studies and will now be studying with Francisca Trexler. This heartwarming story illustrates the positive impact that can be made when people reach out to others in need and put in an effort to understand and support the Deaf community.



*AFCOE Retreat at Lake Tahoe*



# DeafNation Expo

Mesa, Arizona

Paul Kelly

The DeafNation Expo in Mesa, Arizona occurred on October 7th, 2023. At the same time, another event called the 'It Is a Deaf Thing' Expo was happening in Lakeland, Florida, where Mike and Beth Dobson, along with Tina Kelly, were running a booth ministry.

Similar to Florida, Arizona is a popular destination for "snowbirds" who migrate south for warmer winters. Duane Talley, who lives in Arizona, is also a "snowbird" and spends his summers in Washington state.

The expo in Mesa drew a crowd of 1,400 attendees, and Duane was a tremendous help with the booth ministry. We had the chance to meet Duane's friends and people he had connected with through social activities. This highlights the importance of building relationships with the Deaf community, which can eventually lead to sharing the message of Jesus Christ, our personal Savior.



Lakeland, Florida

Beth A. Dobson



The one-day event was held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 where there were an abundance of exhibitions, presentations, and networking. Representatives of 3ADM's organization were led by Christine "Tina" Kelly and Michael and Beth Dobson. Approximately 65 visitors stopped by 3ADM's exhibition, and they were taken by surprise that a variety of books and DVDs were for free. Several of the attendees filled out 3ADM's postcard showing an interest in having bible study.

The Dobsons met a delightful deaf Christian lady named Jannise who shared her emotional testimony of how Christ changed her life while Tina was talking to Deaf people in another exhibition. The Dobsons received permission from Jannise to share her story in this newsletter. In a summary, Jannise had thought of killing herself because of her depression and the emptiness she felt in her heart. She had no desire to live, so she sat in the kitchen and stared at a knife. Her mind started telling her to kill herself, so she was about to when she "heard" a soft voice calling her name and saying, "I love you, Jannise." She was taken aback and said, "Who are you?" "I am Jesus." At that very moment, she dropped the knife and fell on her knees begging for forgiveness for 3 hours. She found peace for the first time in her life. Since that day, she has been living life to the

fullest. As soon as Jannise finished her testimony, she glanced at the beautiful picture of Christ on 3ADM's banner and declared, "I love Him so much." Tears were swelling up in her eyes. Jannise moved to Florida from Puerto Rico because of the recent earthquake damaging her property, and she wanted her hard-of-hearing son to have a better life.

We invite you to join us in offering prayers for Jannise and all the people who visited 3ADM's booth at the event.

# DeafNation Expo

## Portland, Oregon

Arlan Howard

The DeafNation Expo in Portland, Oregon, took place on Sabbath, October 14th, 2023. Numerous deaf and hearing people from the Northwest states showed up to enjoy the events. The Expo hosted a great variety of religious, relay-service, and other booths, including our Three Angels Deaf Ministries (3ADM) exhibit.

Sharing the gospel with the Deaf in all parts of the world is essential [important]! For that reason, the 3ADM was sure to have a presence at this wonderful venue [place]. Tracy and Arlan Howard, and Barbara and Chuck McGhee staffed our newly designed booth. Our colorful display attracted many friendly deaf and hearing attendees, who enjoyed our selection of "Amazing Facts" tracts, Christian books, DVDs (including "Final Events" and "Signs of God's Love") displayed on our new and larger DVD player, and even colorful Bible guides for children.

We were surprised at the excellent response to our beautiful booth. Some attendees were interested in learning and talking with us about Bible truths. In addition, we were surprised to meet some people we had not seen in a while. It was nice for them to see us standing for Jesus.

One man earnestly questioned Chuck about the Bible for a few hours. Chuck was very friendly and patient with this individual. Also, some attendees signed up for a Bible study with several well-known deaf laymen/pastors nationwide. Please pray for those people and others who met us and picked up materials at the Expo. It is very crucial [important] for them to know Jesus!

The attendance was reasonably good, especially considering we're still recovering from the long COVID-19 lockdowns. The Lord is truly guiding people to search for the truth as the end of time is nearing. Our next DeafNation Expo will take place in Washington State next year! We hope to see you then!





# FAREWELL, BRUCE BUZZELL!

The 3ADM Board of Directors dedicates this article as a tribute to Bruce Buzzell, who has been a valuable board member and former Chairperson for 20 years. He has had a unique blend of skills, such as keeping the board agenda organized and making sure board meetings are efficient and effective, ensuring the employee salaries and the budget would be approved, and communicating with the board members and the Director of 3ADM about the organization's mission.



As Bruce's role as the former chairperson, he was driven and focused on 3ADM's success. His facilitation of board meetings and conversations with board members were excellent. He never shied away from difficult, serious, or harder conversations that needed to be had either.

In recognition of Bruce's outstanding contributions, the Board presented him with a heartfelt plaque as a token of their appreciation on Friday, October 27, 2023, during the DEAF camp meeting held in Maryland. Bruce was pleasantly surprised and touched by this gesture.



Bruce will officially retire as a board member on December 31, 2023. In our next newsletter, we will introduce a new board member, who begins his term on January 1, 2024, and this board member replaces Bruce.

Bruce, we extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your dedicated service to 3ADM.

*Beth A. Dobson*

Chairperson on Behalf of 3ADM Board of Directors

## *Standing on the Promises- SDA Hymn #518*

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Thru eternal ages let His praises ring;  
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

# Inclusive Faith:

## Willow Brook SDA Embraces Deaf Community

On September 16th, during Deaf Awareness Month, the [Willow Brook SDA Church](#) in Boonsboro, MD, demonstrated its commitment to inclusivity. The church invited Oma Sampson, a dedicated advocate for Deaf Adventists, to speak about tithing and inclusivity. Paul Kelly, a highly regarded 3ADM evangelist with a style for engaging and meaningful sermons, led the congregation in a prayer that touched the hearts of all present, setting an inclusive tone for the event.



The church, known for its close-knit community, faced challenges in connecting with its Deaf members, particularly the Sampson couple. In response, Interim Pastor Nikolaus Satelmajer introduced ASL interpreting services from March 2023, reflecting the church's dedication to inclusivity.



Sampson highlighted the isolation Deaf Adventists often feel due to a lack of ASL interpretation, using **1 Corinthians 14:27-28** to emphasize the importance of effective communication in worship. He also referred to **Luke 15:3-7**, the parable of the lost sheep, to illustrate the church's responsibility to support and include Deaf members.



Paul Kelly, known for his dynamic presence and ability to connect with diverse audiences, added depth and warmth to the event. He cited **Isaiah 35:5-6**, humorously illustrating a future with no disabilities in God's kingdom. His approach, coupled with Farrah Gooding-Santiago's ASL songs, emphasized the importance of embracing differences and encouraging a welcoming environment.

The event concluded with a strong message from Sampson and Kelly, advocating for equal access to spiritual teachings for all. They stressed the significance of following Christ's teachings on inclusivity and compassion.

Looking ahead, the article proposes that the Deaf Ministry group visit various SDA churches in September 2024 to provide full Deaf Sabbath services, enhancing inclusivity and understanding.

Watch this inspiring service on YouTube: "[Sabbath Service Worship 9/16](#)".

*Maggie Sampson*



Do not forget to share **Your Amazing Christian Stories!** Write inspiring articles and send them to [editor@3adm.org](mailto:editor@3adm.org) for our upcoming newsletter. Your contributions will inspire our readers!

# TEN DAYS OF PRAYER

Join us for Ten Days of Prayer on Zoom, hosted by Sheelah Kimbrough! The DEAF Church is excited to announce this special spiritual event with the theme '**Priorities of Faith**,' designed to strengthen our faith and encourage a stronger sense of the Deaf community.

In January, we will come together on Zoom for Ten Days of Prayer, reflection, and connection. Don't miss out on this opportunity for personal growth and fellowship. Stay updated by visiting our 3ADM website ([3adm.org](https://3adm.org)) and following our Facebook page ([facebook.com/3AngelsDeafMinistries](https://facebook.com/3AngelsDeafMinistries)) for more details.



## 3ADM's New Mailing Address

Our new mailing address is now in effect. Please update your records with the following:

**Three Angels Deaf Ministries**  
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We look forward to continuing our connection with you at this new address.



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Psalm 23:1



The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

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