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Another Signs of God's Love Program

We are excited about the newest program *Signs of God's Love #6*. In October, we spent several days recording the program.

This program is hosted by both David Trexler and Esther Doss. The message of this DVD is the hope of Heaven and the need to be fully committed to Jesus.

In the years before 1900, thousands of people desired a better life and moved West. They loaded wagons and traveled on trails such as the Oregon Trail. Despite many, many challenges and difficulties, they were fully committed to arrive in the West.

This experience is a perfect example of our journey to Heaven.

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Photo by Esther Doss

David Trexler shares a touching story during the *Signs of God's Love #6* DVD shoot. This setting is at the impressive Smith Rock National Monument in Nebraska.

We also are looking for a better country and are working our way upward, despite many challenges and difficulties.

David Trexler tours landmarks in dry western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming, such as Chimney Rock, Smith Rock, Register Cliff, and the Platte River. He also visits a place where the wagon ruts can be seen.

Esther Doss is at the trail's end in lush, green Oregon. She takes a look down Laurel Hill where wagons traveled, walks through deep woods, and visits Mt. Hood.

Both Trexler and Doss share stories of what happened on the Oregon Trail and use them to share Bible truth.

The Signs of God's Love DVDs

draw people to our booth at Deaf expos. Deaf people show more interest in DVDs in ASL than in printed material. People like the *Signs of God's Love* DVDs because they are not in a "preaching" style, but a visit out in nature. They enjoy seeing the different places and settings. We are often told that our DVDs are being collected and new ones are always sought after. So, we have worked to create a new DVD each year.

Right now, the DVD is being edited and will be ready for sharing at Deaf expos this Spring. These DVDs will also be made available for personal use or sharing. Continue to keep us in prayer.

Esther Doss

From the Speaker: The Heavenly Debate

Before the recent Presidential election, the candidates had several debates. We watched them on TV. Both candidates tried to prove that he is the better person to run our country. One candidate accused the other for the mess in our country. The other candidate did the same against the other. The American people was the audience. We had to decide who to vote for. These votes will determine if the country will be for better or worse. The election will have a real impact on our lives.

The whole universe is in a great controversy. There are two opposing candidates. One is the LORD (YAHWEH—God the Father and God the Son—Jesus Christ) and the other is Lucifer who became Satan. On this world, this war has been going on for about six thousand years. Every day, each person votes for one or the other. The first voting booth was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. This is where Satan tempted Eve and won the “election,” bringing sorrow, pain, sadness, and death to this once perfect world. Adam and Eve’s decision caused a complete change of nature in this world.

Before sin Adam and Eve worshipped the LORD because the LORD was completely worthy of their love. They were happy with God who had done wonderful things for them. They obeyed God with perfect hearts and were full of joy. They had no negative thoughts of God until Eve argued with Satan who was speaking through a serpent. His clever arguments put doubts in her mind. Eve decided that God was not so worthy to her. When she listened to Satan she actually voted for him. She believed his lies. She thought she would get what Satan promised her. Does this remind you of our political candidates’ promises, hoping to win our votes?

Satan won Adam and Eve’s vote and took control of the earth. We all know the unpleasant results. Satan is the father of lies. Jesus said, “He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44 NKJV).

The Bible says that Satan is “the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night” (Revelation 12:10 NKJV). Satan is constantly accusing God of being unfair and too strict. Satan says that God’s law is wrong and bad for all created beings. He wants everyone to worship him, not the Creator God who deserves our worship. “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all

things, And by Your will they exist and were created” (Revelation 4:11 NKJV).

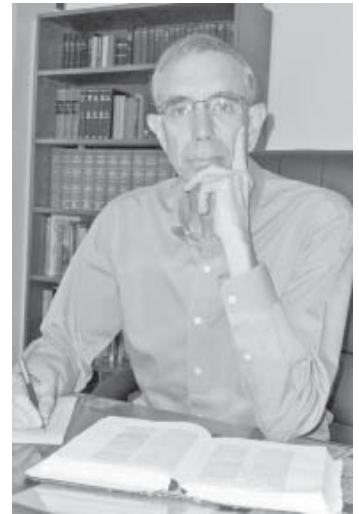
Also, Satan is accusing us. He says that we are evil sinners who CANNOT keep God’s laws. He claims that we belong to him, not God, because we voted for him. True, Satan does “own” us because we sinned against God. But, Satan cannot keep us when we repent and believe in Jesus Christ who overcame Satan at the cross. “Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down” (Revelation 12:10 NKJV). Satan has lost for good. His future is sealed for a complete destruction at the end. Satan cannot argue against us as long as we have Jesus in our hearts.

Sadly, many people vote for Satan and his lies. How hard it is to believe that many Christians are voting for Satan! Satan is clever to twist the Bible truth into lies. For example, many Christians believe that we do not have to keep God’s commandments, especially the seventh-day Sabbath commandment. Satan successfully influenced the world with this false teaching.

Satan is silenced when we have Christ as ruler in our hearts. With Jesus in our hearts we naturally obey Him. “Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12 NKJV). This verse talks about the last-day Christians who will vote for the LORD.

If you have voted for the LORD, walk in Him faithfully and daily. “As you therefore have received [accepted Him and committed to Him] Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him” (Colossians 2:6 NKJV). Voting for Jesus is most positive for our well-being—spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. Jesus promises us—“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10, NIV).

Vote for Him daily!



*David M. Trexler
Speaker/Director*

Easy Reading Amazing Facts Bible Study Guides Updated

The Amazing Facts Bible Study Guides have recently been updated. For many years, Deaf people have been deeply blessed by the Easy Reading Bible Study Guides. However, the guides are very outdated with older artwork and style. Several years ago, the Amazing Facts ministry updated their regular version with newer artwork and pictures. It was time for us to do the same.

Working in partnership with Amazing Facts, we improved the looks and artwork for twelve lessons. We also added two additional lessons and adapted them into Easy Reading English. The lessons are now very attractive and appealing.

The first lesson will be included in the bags given away at Deaf Expos along with the invitation for more studies. If interested, they can study these lessons by mail or online at: www.deafbibleschool.com.

We are grateful to Amazing Facts for working with us and for their interest in Deaf ministry.



Camp Meetings Are Important

Each year, several camp meetings specifically for the Deaf are held across the country. These are very important for Deaf members. Most members do not have a Deaf pastor and many do not have fellow Deaf members in their church. These camp meetings provide rich spiritual food in ASL and fellowship with other believers. In 2012, four camp meetings were held.

The Western Deaf Camp Meeting in Oregon had 102 attendees. The Deaf Young Adults for Christ held their meetings here. Besides the activities and fellowship, the spiritual food was rich and the Holy Spirit was working in a mighty way. There were 3 baptisms and 1 rebaptism.

Seventy-six people attended the Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting in Georgia. Alfred Griffith and Francisca Trexler were presenters while David Trexler had a Bible study class. They had fun activities and outings as well. Mario Romero (Orlando, FL) and Jaycee Robinson (Lawrenceville, GA) were ordained as elders. Two were

baptized and three were rebaptized.

DEAF Camp Meeting was held on Labor Day weekend in Massachusetts. David Trexler and Paul Kelly were main speakers. Several local members had devotionals and cooking demonstrations. They enjoyed many camp activities and were thrilled to see three souls baptized.

The DEAR camp meeting was held at Camp Blue Ridge in Virginia. Alan Meis was the speaker for this camp meeting and again, the experience was very rich.

Camp Meetings for 2013:

- July - Western Deaf Camp Meeting - Days Creek, OR
 - August - SDF Camp Meeting - Calhoun, GA
 - August/September - SNEC Camp Meeting - Groton, MA
 - October - DEAR Camp Meeting - Montebello, VA
 - October - MidWest Camp Meeting - Mountain Pine, AR
- (More camp meeting information in next newsletter)
See updated information at: www.3angelsdeafministries.org

In Memory of Deaf Ministry Worker John Issler

John Issler passed away at the age of 92 on November 13, 2012. He was born in Canada on February 20, 1920 into a large family in a German community. He was married for 66 years to his college sweetheart, Evelyn. He is survived by three children; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He graduated first with an Electrician Certificate. Then he returned to college graduating with a Bachelors of Theology from Canadian Union College in 1948.

During WWII, he served as a Canadian Non-combatant logger in British Columbia for two years. He fought a forest fire and cut down dead trees up to 16 feet in diameter with 18 foot cross saws. John and Evelyn left Canada in 1948 traveling west in a 1929 Buick coupe into the U.S. eventually settling in Buena Park, California.

John felt called by God to be a pastor to the deaf in the SDA Church. His wife Evelyn's aunt was deaf; this interested John in Deaf ministry. He first began in Deaf ministry as a Literature Evangelist, riding a bicycle and carrying a sample bag. Evelyn's aunt gave John 1000 names of deaf people and she taught him a few signs. He was able to contact all the deaf people in the Toronto and Montreal areas.

He was a court interpreter for many years. In the 1950's, he was involved with a small group in Los Angeles who developed many signs for use in court interpreting.

As a pastor for the deaf congregation at the Lynwood SDA Church and SDA White Memorial church in Los Angeles area, he served the people in many other ways such as a plumber, carpenter, electrician, personal transportation, etc. He was always busy helping others.

He raised a church for the deaf in the Los Angeles area which at one point had 75 members. In 1975, the conference felt that they could no longer afford a full salary for a church with so few members so John



Photo supplied by Neil Davidson

John Issler (left) is pictured here with Neil Davidson (right), a 3ADM board member. John Issler attended the 1958 General Conference Session in Ohio and asked the Deaf group present a simple question: Is there a special girl for Neil Davidson? John's aunt by marriage gave him an address for Lillian McOrmond in Canada. Neil wrote to her and soon afterward they were married.

interpreted in courts for the next 12 years until he retired.

He supported many missions throughout the world as well as traveling to Mexico, Honduras, Sweden, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah transporting clothing and food as well as helping build churches, schools and housing where needed. He learned many languages including German, French, Latin, Hebrew and Greek.

John was a positive, fun loving man who loved his family and enjoyed many hobbies such as: camping, gardening, music, building fish ponds, jogging, water and snow skiing, and traveling by car. He was a blessing to so many and will be greatly missed. Most importantly he loved his Lord and looked forward to Jesus Christ's second coming when he will be reunited with his family.

Lay Training in Florida

The third Deaf Lay Training Workshop was held November 30-December 2, at the Florida Conference Headquarters in Winter Park, Fl. The aim is to empower Seventh-day Adventists to share the gospel with Deaf people and fulfill Jesus' commission to "go into the world and make disciples of all nations"

The Workshop was sponsored by Southern Deaf Fellowship (SDF) in Collegedale, Tennessee. Deaf Pastor Jeff Jordan flew to Orlando to conduct the workshop. Topics included were culture, language and effective ways to approach the Deaf with the Gospel. This year brought the largest number of attendees with 25, which

included 5 visitors and two requests for Bible studies.

Florida Conference is open to the needs of Deaf people and has supported this workshop for three years. Carmen Rodriguez played an integral role and the workshop was a success. Many of SDF members are in Florida, along with a large Deaf community.

The event culminated with a movie about witnessing. Attendees were thrilled and felt blessed to have such a training to bring deaf souls to Christ. Equipped with new witnessing tools, each member was encouraged to go out and reach out to the deaf in their communities.

Mario Romero

Deaf Expos

Photo supplied by David Trexler



L to R: Rhonda Treviranus, David and Francisca Trexler worked the booth in Chicago.

DeafNation Expo in Seattle, Washington:

The Trexlers were quite busy at our booth. Tim Connelly came to assist. As did Christine Gilbrough who loved to meet people with the gospel bags. She stood by the booth table most of the day encouraging attendees to accept the bags as they passed by. Later, Judy Johnson joined in to learn how to greet people. They were surprised to see Russ Canady whom we lost contact with for a long time. Just before arriving in Seattle the Trexlers talked about Russ, wondering if they would see him again. They were thrilled that he has returned to the Lord. Making these contacts is a vital part of our booth ministry.

In Memory

Gloria Ann Verweibe of Lamar, Arkansas passed away November 20, 2012. She was born October 17, 1935 in Dawson, Minnesota. She was 77 years old. She enjoyed quilting, embroidery, and gardening. Gloria adored and cherished her children and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Verwiebe. She is survived by one son and three daughters; and twelve grandchildren. She was baptized through the ministry of the Christian Deaf Center while it was open in Alpena, Arkansas in the 1980's.

Wanda Watson, a Deaf member in Mountain View, Arkansas spoke at Gloria's memorial service. She shared how Gloria was such an encouragement as they corresponded by mail several times a month for many years. In every letter, they shared Bible texts and what they were studying. Gloria will be indeed be missed.

DeafNation Expo in Pleasanton, California:

Chuck and Barbie McGehee (from Vancouver, Washington) led the work in our booth. Several local Deaf members and Alfred Griffith came to help. Chuck lived in California in his younger years and so he met many people who knew him in the past. They were surprised to see Chuck working a Christian booth as Chuck was not a godly young man. This allowed Chuck to share his testimony and gain their interest in our materials. They sensed that God greatly blessed their time in Pleasanton.

DeafNation Expo in Chicago, Illinois:

Again the booth was busy in Chicago, one of the larger expos. Rhonda Treviranus came to help at the booth. The Trexlers often try to spend time on the day following the expo with local members or special friends. This time, David and Lyn Weston invited them for dinner at their home with their Christian friends. They had a good long Bible discussion, mostly about Colossians 2. The Holy Spirit strengthened David Trexler to explain the true meaning of the text in connection with the law and the prophecies. It was a very fruitful meeting. Also, it was a blessing to meet new friends through the Westons. David Weston is keeping the 7th day Sabbath through his personal study and the influence of his Adventist mother.

We now are taking a winter break from the booth ministry. DeafNation Expo will host 12 expos in 2013. We are looking forward to sharing new materials with the Deaf next year.



Group photo from the DEAR Camp Meeting which is held in October every year at Camp Blue Ridge in the beautiful mountains of Virginia.

Photo supplied by David Trexler

Baptism in California



Kathy Fiscus is pictured here with friend Robert Fishbein. Robert was one of several people who studied with Kathy. Kathy Fiscus was very happy to be baptized on December 15 in the Chico SDA church in California. She is an example of God using a number of people all together to share the gospel with her. She hopes to be able to meet some of you at Milo camp meeting this summer.

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Letters

I got your DVD at your booth. I read the Bible verses from the DVD of David and Esther in Florida!!! Wonderful! I am still keep on learning and study Jesus through Signs of God's Love and Jesus will come soon.
Kentucky

I wanted to take an opportunity to say Thank you very much for the DVD you sent me. Its titled 'No Man is An Island.' It was a blessing to watch a sermon. Your sermon is certainly helpful to understand about social beings. Thank God for that video sermon.
California

The latest *The Deaf Messenger* issue came today. I read it with much enthusiasm and finished reading in one sitting. I know I need God more daily, especially more peace in my heart.
E-mail

Just wanted to say how much I appreciated your last newsletter. It has such good reports! How you keep up with everything, I don't know – all the booths, special ministry trips, and hundreds of other details. May God give you wisdom, strength and His Power.
Canada

I loves this homework Bible study to keep learning more about God's word. I can share with who do not know God. I would like to take another Bible study. I thank you so much. God bless you.
Deaf Bible School student

I watched Signs of God's Love DVD #4. The DVD showed how we can be lost if we do not study the Bible. This made me cry. Maybe people who see it will realize about Jesus and come back.
South Dakota

Community Dinner

A Vegetarian Thanksgiving Dinner was open to the local Deaf Community on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at McDonald Road Church near Collegedale, TN. A total of 65 individuals (about 1/3 non-Adventists) came to the delicious dinner and fellowship. This is the fourth year that the Southern Deaf Fellowship have offered this dinner to connect the church to the community.

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AMAZING BIBLE TRUTHS SERIES (7 DVDs) \$ 65.00
 A set of DVDs covering 14 Bible topics in ASL by Francisca Trexler. (No voice)

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST VIDEO SERIES
 VHS Price \$ 40.00
 DVD Price \$ 90.00

A set of 13 VHS or DVD videos in ASL by Pastor David Trexler. Includes study notes. (With voice)

SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE #1 DVD \$ 5.00
 Salvation and God's Love (with voice)

SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE #2 DVD \$ 5.00
 What Happens when you Die? (with voice)

SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE #3 DVD \$ 5.00
 God's Law of Love (with voice)

SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE #4 DVD \$ 5.00
 The Sabbath (with voice)

SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE #5 DVD \$ 5.00
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OUR WORLD A THEATER IN GOD'S UNIVERSE (DVD) \$ 5.00
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 This 8-part series covers the history of the Christian church, as well as the history of the Adventist church. (ENGLISH SUBTITLES)

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