



# Adventist Deaf Ministries Report

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## Sharing Jesus with the Deaf Masses

Since the last newsletter, we have exhibited at four more Deaf Nation Expos. Here's the reports:

### Pomona, CA:

On April 21, six of us worked nonstop all day in a little booth space. Over **5,300** Deaf came to the expo and many were thirsty to learn about God!

Before I left home, I ordered Bibles and had them sent to the hotel. When I carried the heavy boxes to my room, I became worried. What if we give away only half of them? How would I take them home in my suitcase? So, I prayed "I really don't want to take anything back. **Please help us to give away everything!**"

I continued to pray as the expo began. We set up a laptop to show a DVD and scattered packets on the table.

There were so many people coming through, all of us were busy. Sometimes there were as many as two lines of people at the booth.

Lorna realized that she could invite people to her church. So, she tore paper into small pieces and wrote down the address of the church. Several people took them.

Davidsons brought ten sets of sign language coloring books to give away. They were gone fast!

We were giving away the packets so quickly, we couldn't keep them on the table. By noon, I was worried we would run out! Outside, there was a long line of people still waiting to get in! Gulp!

Some recognized me from *Our World a Theater* as they walked by. I suggested they may be interested in another DVD. They were all excited to take a packet.

Two signed up for Bible studies immediately. Others decided they would sign up online. Several asked for subscription to the magazine.

A man across the aisle with the Deaf-Blind advocacy group took our first packet. He

was so grateful that he kept returning to say thank you.

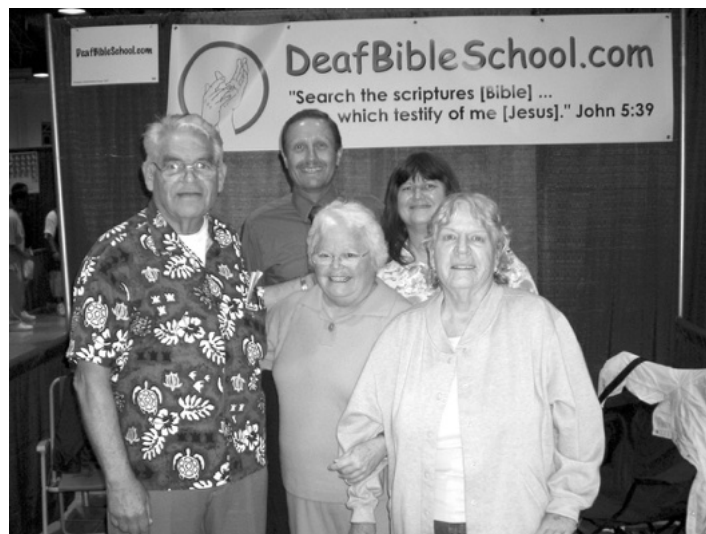
A lady picked up a packet for her Deaf parents in Las Vegas. She contacted her dad to let him know she got him a packet. He was so excited and asked her to get one for her aunt who was visiting from Texas.

Some asked if they could give away the DVDs to Deaf friends back home.

Several asked Bible questions. A few were Neil's former Bible students. We met Adventists or interests and they were really excited to see us. We swapped addresses and gave them encouragement.

Five minutes before the expo was over, someone picked up the last TDM magazine! Ruby commented,

*Making a difference in the lives of Deaf people...for eternity!*



Volunteers at Pomona, CA: Neil and Lillian Davidson, Darrell and Lorna Strait, and Ruby Calandra

**"Look! God answered your prayer!** You don't have anything to take back home!" She was right!

We were completely worn out at the end of the day, but we felt that we had truly sown some seeds!

*Esther M. Doss*

### Columbus, OH:

On April 27th, Kathy McCain woke up around 1:45am and I stumbled out of bed at about 2:30am. I picked her up and we went to the airport. We arrived in Columbus and went to the exhibition hall. We hung our banner and got most of the packets ready.

Two men stopped to visit with us. They were excited to see another Christian booth. They had a Christian booth on the same aisle. They visited with us for a long time.

We wanted to go to our motel room as we were so tired. But we decided to help some people with their booth. They had just arrived from

California and had a rough trip with airplane trouble. We made fast friends with them. Our beds felt so good to us when we finally laid down!

The next morning, we arrived at the exhibit hall, praying for God's leading.

One sweet Christian lady was so happy to see us. She said that she sat in her hotel room and thought about the many Deaf people who did not know Jesus. She prayed that someone would have a booth to witness to them. When she saw us, she knew her prayer was answered! She said, "I will pray for you all day."

Late in the afternoon, the lady came by to find out how things went. I waved my hand over the empty table and signed, "**We gave away everything!**" A large smile came across her face and she signed, "Now we need to pray that their lives will be touched." AMEN!

Throughout the day, several other Christians came to say "Good! Deaf need to

know Jesus!"

We were amazed at how fast the packets were disappearing off our table. By 11:30, we were frantically making up additional packets.

Several people came by who had been at the ASL Expo in Indianapolis. They had picked up our packets there. Some had watched the DVD they received and wished there were other DVDs to watch.

**By 2 pm we ran out of packets.** We only a few loose things left. We had four hours left before the expo closed.

A man looked at our banner and picked up a DVD. He said, "I'll take one, but I'm an atheist. Do you want to know why I'm an atheist?" He told me about his good friend who was a pastor and traveled the world for mission work. He completely served God. But then, when he was a young man in his 40's, he was stricken with cancer. This Deaf man told the friend, "When you go to heaven, come back to visit me. Then I will believe in God and heaven. He's been dead ten years, and he never come back. So, see, there's no God and no heaven!"

I asked, "I know why he didn't come to see you. He can't! Do you know why?"

"God wouldn't let him?"

"Well, he wasn't in heaven."

The gentleman liked my idea and smiled, "I'm right!"

I added, "He was buried and is still there." He nodded

his head. I then explained, "He's asleep." He pulled his eyebrows together. I gave a quick explanation of how the dead are asleep and gave him a pamphlet on what happens when you die. He was confused. He wanted to believe that there wasn't a God. I pray that he will believe that there is indeed a God.

One man asked what religion we were. When I told him, he said that he didn't agree with us. He started to walk away but came back to ask a question about hell.

Then he went to see some announcements at the stage. He came back and joined our chat with a couple who were Assembly of God. We all talked about God and Christian life. It was a very good visit and all three became our friends.

Our neighbors in a booth on one side was selling Goji juice. They were telling people to go over to our booth. One of the people selling Goji (lady) came by and said she was really glad we were there and she was telling people to stop at our booth. She felt bad that she wasn't giving away something about Jesus. She came by as we were packing up and encouraged us to come back to Ohio for another large Deaf event. She wanted us to reach out to even more people.

I was so glad that Kathy McCain went with me! We were so busy. Over **3,100** people were at the Columbus Deaf Nation Expo.

*Esther M. Doss*



Neil and Lillian Davidson telling of God's love in Pomona, CA

**St. Louis, MO:**

The fourth DeafNation Expo of the year was held at St. Charles, Missouri on May 5. The week leading up to this day was a wet week full of rain and thunderstorms. Finally at the end of the expo, the sun came up to shine on the expo attendees. Bruce Buzzell and Dana Edmondson went to the St. Charles Convention Center with the same packets as we did for the ASL Expo at Indianapolis earlier last month. We also stuffed 18 full Bibles (O.T. & N.T.), Deaf Bible School enrollment forms, some tracts and the DVDs into packets as extra supplies left over from previous booth work in the past to hand out to as many Deaf people as we could.

People who stopped at our booth were drawn to the DVD playing on our machine and they were happy to receive the packets. Many people were surprised to learn that our materials were free. By early af-

ternoon all 120 packets were handed out to people. Then a set of packets with the full Bibles **were all gone by mid afternoon.** For the rest of the afternoon we gave out free 45 DVDs along with some Deaf Bible school forms. The Spirit of God is at work on people's lives as they are thirsting to get to know God.

A Deaf man from Tennessee came to our booth and he told us that he is a new SDA and he was baptized last November. His name is Ezra Miller. He grew up in an Amish family. He traveled from one state to another state and from one church to another church searching for the truth in God's Word until he found the Seventh-day Adventist church to be the right church with the right teachings from the Bible. Another Deaf person told him about the Bible truths and he was overjoyed and had peace in his heart to follow God in the right path to heaven.

The turnout at the Expo was a success with over **2,300**



Volunteers help in Atlanta. L to R: Jan Petchkurow, Amaryllis mendoza, Jane and Gordon Meis, and Pastor Jeff Jordan.

people attending. The Lord is good and His guidance in helping Bruce and Dana to reach out to many people with His precious Word is rewarding enough in service to God.

*Bruce Buzzell*

**Atlanta, GA:**

Over **3,900** people swarmed to the Deaf Nation Expo on May 12, 2007. I prayed that 120 packets will be given to those who needed them. Each packet had a NT Bible, five different tracts, a Bible study form, and a DVD of "Signs of God's Love" in ASL.

When the door opened at 9:00 am, many Deaf people stopped by our booth and took the free packets. But by noon, the number of packets available was running low, so **I was hoping they would not run out early.** But God was in charge and knew who needed them because the **last packet was given away**

by the time the expo closed at 6:00 pm! God answered my prayer, and I pray that those materials will bring the Deaf closer to Christ.

I was grateful for four other individuals from our Deaf Church, the Southern Deaf Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists, who volunteered to help with the booth. They were Gordon and Jane Meis, Amaryllis Mendoza, and Jan Petchkurow. During the first hour I had to do it alone, and it was not easy with many attendees needing my attention at the same time! It was a blessing to have helpers!

In addition to giving away free packets and showing the DVD on a portable DVD player, we showed the power point slides on our laptop computer about the Southern Deaf Fellowship, and we gave away the brochures with more information about it.

*Pastor Jeff Jordan*



At St. Louis, Ezra Miller, Dana Edmondson, and Bruce Buzzell smile for the camera.

## NEWS FLASH: David Trexler Chosen as New Executive Director

The Board of Directors of Adventist Deaf Ministries is pleased to announce that David Trexler has been chosen to be the next Director to replace recently retired Jim Hovey.

David and his wife, Francisca, will move to Mesa, Arizona at the end of September and begin his duties as our new Director on October 1st of this year. Please welcome David and Francisca to the work at ADM as they work together as a team to further the Gospel work to the Deaf all over the USA as well as globally.

In the February newsletter issue, David Trexler wrote about that changes are at hand. At that time he did not realize that God called him to be our Director so he accepted the call to go out and make disciples everywhere.

Please pray for David and Francisca Trexler as they make the transition and move from the greater Washington DC area to Arizona. Also please pray for the two Deaf churches where David served as pastor to remain united and grow and find a Deaf pastor to replace him.

The Board of Directors also has changed positions during the transition period. Bruce Buzzell has taken over as the Interim Chairperson to replace David Trexler while he applied for the Director's position in the last three months. Recently Bruce has been elected as Chairperson of the Board for the rest of the year and the "Interim" label has been removed.

George Belser, our current Vice-Chairperson, has taken over for Jim Hovey as the Interim Director of ADM

and he will remain in that position until the first of October when David Trexler begins working as our permanent Director. George has done an excellent job keeping our ADM office running on a part time basis. He is doing a good job getting the newsletter and The Deaf Messenger issue (about Daniel) out to our readers.

Esther Doss has been a great blessing to ADM in the newsletter help with George and helping out the Board of Directors.

Paul Kelly, our fellow Board member, was elected Treasurer of the Board of Directors to replace Bruce Buzzell who has taken the Chairperson position.

Beth Dobson remains as our Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Please pray for the



Trexlers and the Board of Directors of ADM as they make plans for the new journey in carrying out our Lord's commission until He comes again.

*Bruce D. Buzzell*  
Chairperson  
ADM Board of Directors

Note: Read the next newsletter issue to learn more about David and Francisca Trexler.

## How to Spread the Word about ADM

Over time, many of you have shared with others the passion of proclaiming the gospel message to Deaf people. We absolutely appreciate your help in telling others about this ministry.

We now have flyers that may be handed out and inserts that can put inside the church bulletin.

These flyers and in-

serts briefly tell a little about Deaf people and how the gospel message is almost completely inaccessible to them and what we're doing to make a difference. The flyers also give people ideas of what they can do to help.

If you would like to have these flyers to pass out at your church or to include them in the church bulletin,

please let us know. We are more than happy to send them to you. It is an easy way for you to help Adventist Deaf Ministries grow!

For information, contact Esther Doss at: [esther@deafadventist.org](mailto:esther@deafadventist.org) or write us a letter.

### Donations Received

#### "In Memory Of"

Betty Thompson

#### "In Honor Of"

Marvin Budd  
Robert Watson

## Summer Events!

There are a number of events happening this summer. To help you, we have them listed here with a description.

### **Southern New England Conference Camp Meeting South Lancaster, MA June 22-30**

This will be at Atlantic Union College, in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

For the first time, this camp meeting will have a Deaf speaker! Pastor Jeff Jordan will be speaking to Deaf each day at 7:30pm. Esther Doss will be giving a seminar to hearing people about Deaf ministry at 10:00am.

Interpreters will be provided for other meetings.

For more information, contact Dayna Beal at: [daynabeal@adelphia.net](mailto:daynabeal@adelphia.net)

### **Western Deaf Camp Meeting Milo, Oregon July 8-15**

This will be at Milo Adventist Academy in southern Oregon.

This is a very special year! It is the 30th year anniversary! This has been the largest Deaf camp meeting for many years.

Pastors David Trexler and Paul Kelly will be the speakers. There will be plenty of activities including

swimming, crafts, cooking, wonderful fellowship and Bible study for all. Contact Chuck McGehee through email at: [chucktrades@comcast.net](mailto:chucktrades@comcast.net)

### **Canadian Mini-Deaf Camp Meeting Hope, British Columbia July 27-30**

This traditional camp meeting has been at beautiful Camp Hope near Hope, British Columbia for a number of years.

Pastor Jeff Jordan is the special guest speaker. Contact John Blake at: [office@deafhope.org](mailto:office@deafhope.org).

### **Adventist Laymen in Services and Industries (ASI) Convention Louisville, KY August 1-4**

This convention will be August 1-4 at the Kentucky International Convention Center in downtown Louisville, KY.

There are meetings each morning and evening and all day on Sabbath. Esther Doss will be the interpreter. Speakers include: Doug Batchelor, Randy Skeete, Don Mackintosh and many others.

The exhibit hall is very interesting with many things to see. We will have a booth in the exhibit hall.

Contact Esther Doss for more information by email:

[esther@deafadventist.org](mailto:esther@deafadventist.org). Also look at the website: [www.asiministries.org](http://www.asiministries.org).

### **Southern Deaf Camp Meeting Crandall, Georgia August 17-19**

This camp meeting will be at the lovely Cohutta Springs Convention Center near Crandall in northern Georgia.

The speaker is unknown at this time.

Contact Pastor Jeff Jordan at: [jwjordan@gccsda.com](mailto:jwjordan@gccsda.com)

### **Young Adult Camp Meeting Corbett, Oregon August 22-26**

This is the very first camp meeting for young adults who are Deaf or CODA! You must be 18-35 to attend.

Speakers are Steven Santiago and Farrah Gooding.

A great time is being planned with lots of activities and studying together.

The cost is \$25.00.

Space is limited. You will need to reserve your spot! For more information or a brochure, contact Esther Doss at:

[esther@deafadventist.org](mailto:esther@deafadventist.org).

### **Deaf Eastern Autumn Revival Camp Meeting Montebello, VA October 25-28**

Don't forget this camp meeting this fall at beautiful Camp Blue Ridge in Virginia. The speaker will be Pastor Jeff Jordan.

For more information contact through email at: [pastor@deafellowship.org](mailto:pastor@deafellowship.org) Also check out the website: [www.deafellowship.org](http://www.deafellowship.org)

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ONE OF THESE  
EVENTS!**

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Orders of 100 or more \$3.00 each

Shipping is included.

See order form for details.



## Recent Issue of The Deaf Messenger Tells the Story

The recent issue of *The Deaf Messenger* focused on the prophecies of Daniel.

Many Deaf children grow up in Christian homes or families, never learning the well-known Bible stories. Often it is because parents do not know how to tell their Deaf

*“I had never heard the story; no one ever told me.”*

children these stories or teachings. Very few churches have a program for Deaf children. And sometimes, it is assumed that the children already know these things.

I just met a sweet Deaf woman that I hadn't seen in a while. She wanted to talk to me about this recent issue of *The Deaf Messenger*. She said, “When I was a little girl,

we would go visit my grandparents. On their living room wall was a picture of a man wearing Bible clothes. He was surrounded by lions and a light shined down on him. Every time we went to see my grandparents, I would look at this picture. I wondered who that man was and why there were lions around him. I wondered why there was a light shining down on him. I had never heard the story; no one ever told me.”

“Then I received *The Deaf Messenger* this week. **Now, I know the story and who this man was.** His name is Daniel.” This lady then gave me a brief summary of the story about the lions and how Daniel was chosen to be in the king's service. She also told me that she enjoyed reading about the prophecies and found the articles easy to read and understand.

It is for people like this woman that we send out *The Deaf Messenger*. We know that many Deaf people do not know much about the Bible and want to understand.

Another Deaf woman emailed me about her dilemma of growing up in a Christian home and attending church most of her Christian life, but she still did not know much about the Bible. Her church (not an Adventist church) was studying the book of Daniel and she struggled to keep up and to understand. She did not even have an interpreter. When she received the magazine, she read it right away. **“It was so great!”** she said.

We still hear from Deaf subscribers. They tell us about how they use it in their classes, keep it in the car or purses, and keep every issue. Deaf individuals really appre-



ciate this magazine so much. We see an interesting trend as we receive new names of subscribers. Most of these people find out about the magazine from their non-Adventist friends who are receiving it.

The only complaint we get is that *The Deaf Messenger* doesn't come out often enough.

Thank you for your continued support with donations and prayers. If you know of anyone who would enjoy this magazine, please let us know. We will send them a sample issue.

*Esther M. Doss*

## Eager Deaf Bible School Students

The Deaf Bible School has continued to grow, keeping George Belser very busy. Usually, he grades the lessons as soon as they come in the mail and send new ones right away.

But, Belser has many things that keep him busy. A couple of months ago, he was busy getting the newsletter out in the mail. Because of this, he did not have time to grade lessons and return them immediately. A lady living in Mary-

land emailed me. She was worried because the lessons were two days late. She was anxious to study the lessons. She said, “I am getting disappointed.” She was glad to learn that the lessons were already in the mail. She studied them and returned them within a couple of days.

Another person in California requested to be enrolled in a Bible study. When she didn't receive anything in a few days, she emailed

me, asking if we had sent them. She wanted to get started right away!

One woman from New York quickly studied two sets of lessons. When she finished, she was disappointed. She wanted to study some more. She asked what she could do. Belser told her about a prophecy lesson series. She immediately began taking those lessons. She is having to dig deeper and has many questions. Belser has

been taking the time to help her via video phone. She really appreciates him and the time he is taking with her.

These Bible students are learning a lot from the Bible. We see that they have great enthusiasm to learn God's truth. We are also developing relationships with the students. Notes of encouragement and answers to questions are added to each corrected lesson.

Please keep these students in prayer.

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