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Signs of God's Love #2 DVD Finished!

We are praising God that the newest DVD project is now finished! *Signs of God's Love 2* DVD is now ready for sharing!

Esther M. Doss is the speaker on this program. She brings up the question of what happens when we die. She points out Bible verses to answer several questions on death and shares the hope of the resurrection when Jesus comes again.

Esther shares this presentation by taking a walk in the Ozark hills of Arkansas in the early spring. The scenery of the fresh green and creek running by is beautiful. Flowers, a cave entrance, an old graveyard and even a flashlight will help to show people Bible truths.

There are also additional "bonus features" on this DVD for more Bible truth.

We pray that this DVD will answer the many questions that people have about death. And we especially hope that the DVD will help them see that Jesus is their Redeemer and that death is not the end of the story.



Those who believe in Christ will be resurrected in the last day.

The DVDs are available for order if you would like to have a copy or if you would like to buy some to share with Deaf friends. Each DVD is \$5

which includes postage. Quantity discounts are available. See the box at the bottom of this page for more pricing.

We thank the North American Division of SDAs for helping make this project a reality.

Signs of God's Love #2 DVD Prices

\$5.00 for each DVD

Orders of 20 or more \$4.00 each

Orders of 100 or more \$3.00 each

Postage is included.

See order form to place order.

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

Speaker's Dialogue: Longing For a Home

As the plane took off from Newark, NJ I looked down to the earth. I saw crowded houses, cars, office buildings, highways, schools, fields, golf courses, forested lands, ocean, and lakes. The forested lands attracted me the most. I grew up in a country-like area where I enjoyed walking through the woods looking for birds. When looking at the wooded areas below my thoughts went back to the happy times in my life living in the country where we lived in different states. As a family we used to live in the "wilderness" for a few years, but later we moved to a place closer to my job and school. We missed the "wilderness" environment very much.

I grew up in a military family that moved across the country several times. Since my marriage to Francisca we moved a lot wherever the Lord led us. My sister joked that I have grasshopper's legs. It seems that moving is part of my life as well as many other Americans. Moving has not always been a pleasant experience. Packing and unpacking are no

fun for us. Sometimes we had to give up our unfinished projects and let other people who moved into to complete it. Sometimes we just finished the projects just in time so they can enjoy it. Many times, we were just settled in a place, we were on the go again. It reminds me of Abraham who had to move as the Lord led. However, we have learned different cultures, met many people, and experienced the environment through moving. They were beneficial and educational for us. We become more mature as we experienced life in different places. But, we still long for a permanent home!

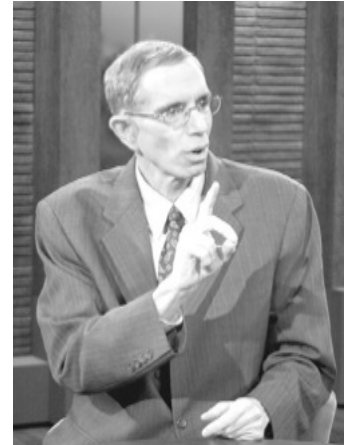
In this old world we will never be settled forever. We are on the move all the time. I know that there are some people who had been born, raised, married, retired and died in the same house or neighborhood. I do not really envy them because moving to different places has spoiled me. Sometimes moving is adventurous. But, at the same time, I do envy them deep inside of me. I envy because they had the security of permanence. As I get older,

my desire for a permanent place increases. Unfortunately, for all of us we will never be settled here because of job relocation, war, foreclosure, divorce, and education, and finally DEATH.

But, we have hope for the day when we will be settled for good forever. God promises: "I will create new heavens and a new earth. . . . They will no longer build houses only to have others live in them. They will no longer plant crops only to have others eat them. My people will live to be as old as trees. My chosen ones will enjoy for a long time the things they have worked for. Their work will not be worthless anymore." (Isaiah 65:17, 22, 23, Nlrv).

How do we get there? We need to know the Landlord, Jesus Christ. If we accept Him as our personal Savior who died for you and me and as our Lord who is our Landlord in our hearts, we will live in His kingdom. There will be no more moving again, no more separation, no more tears, no more pain, and no more death.

If you are struggling



with the world's temptations, accept His invitation everyday. "Come to me, all of you who are tired and are carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest. Become my servants and learn from me. I am gentle and free of pride. You will find rest for your souls. Serving me is easy, and my load is light" (Matthew 11:28-30, Nlrv).

And, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust in me also. There are many rooms in my Father's house. If this were not true, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. If I go and do that, I will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going" (John 14:1-4, Nlrv).

*David M. Trexler
Speaker/Director*

ASL Sermons on DVD Program

During Western Deaf Camp Meeting in Milo, Oregon, Pastor Trexler and Chairperson Bruce Buzzell gave a presentation on what ADM has been doing. During this meeting, Pastor Trexler announced a new program "ASL Sermons on DVD." Then each family received a sample of a sermon on DVD.

"ASL Sermons on DVD" is like a subscription program. One DVD will be sent each month. The sermons will be by different speakers and about different topics.

Beginning this October, we will send DVDs to Deaf members who do not have a pastor or leader for the Deaf. We will only send DVDs to those Deaf who ask for them.

Deaf members can use these DVDs in their Deaf group at church, if they would like. Or, they could invite other Deaf to their home to watch the sermon.

Many of our Deaf members are isolated Deaf members. This means that these members live in areas where there is not a pastor or leader for the Deaf. They do not have the benefit of having a

weekly sermon. Some have interpreters, but most Deaf feel that an interpreted sermon is not the same as a sermon in ASL. But some churches do not even have interpreters.

Many of you may remember the Video Lending Library at Christian Record Services (CRS).

"ASL Sermons on DVD" is like a subscription program.

Years ago, when CRS had a Deaf Division, they had a special lending library with a long list of available sermons on VHS. A Deaf person could send in a form requesting certain VHS titles and would borrow them from CRS. Today, the lending library idea is not cost effective or practical because of postage and handling of DVDs.

So, instead of Deaf people borrowing DVDs, they can receive them as a subscription and keep the DVDs for needed use. **They will not need to send the DVDs back.**

This program is free for those who are Deaf and do not have a pastor or local leader to give

a sermon. The North American Division has given some money to provide these. If they continue their sponsorship, then the DVDs will continue to be free.

We hope in the near future we will have additional workers so we can send two DVDs a month. For now, we can only send one DVD a month.

Please note that the DVDs are simple and are not heavily edited.

Each DVD will have one sermon. Speakers include: Pastor Paul Kelly, Pastor Jeff Jordan, Pastor Alfred Griffith,

Pastor David Trexler, Elder George Belser, and Jim Hovey. Some of these DVDs will be from various camp meetings, while others are from the speaker's local churches.

If you are Deaf and would like to receive these DVDs or if your church has a Deaf member who is not getting these DVDs, please **contact Pastor David Trexler** at:

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Pastor Trexler's Schedule

September 20:
DeafNation Expo
Denver, CO

September 27:
DeafNation Expo
Worcester, MA

September 28:
Northboro, MA SDA
Church
Northboro, MA

October 4:
DeafNation Expo
Chicago, IL

October 8-12:
Mexican Deaf Camp
Meeting

October 23-26:
Deaf Eastern Autumn
Revival Camp Meeting
Montebello, VA

November 8:
MATA Expo
Ontario, CA

If you would like Pastor Trexler to come to your area, contact ADM at:
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Coming Soon: DVDs in Mexican Sign Language

We are now working on a unique and important project. For a number of years, we have felt a strong need to create DVDs in Mexican Sign Language (MSL). At this time, there are no Adventist materials in MSL.

First of all, many people think that American Sign Language is universal, meaning that Deaf people all around the world use the same sign language to communicate. While several countries do use ASL, most countries have their own sign language. Mexico is one of those countries. Since they are just south of the American border, we have been in close contact with our Deaf Mexican brothers and sisters and we see a great need for materials in their language.

Also, many Mexicans have been moving to the USA for work. And among them are Deaf people. They, too, need to be presented with the Gospel message and Bible truth.

At a number of Deaf Expos, Mexican Deaf people come to the booth, hoping there is something in their language. And we have to tell them we have nothing to give. They are so hungry and thirsty for God's words, but they

can not find anything anywhere. How disappointing they must feel when they can not find anything about God in their own language! God loves these Deaf people, too, and we have a heavy burden on our hearts to provide some DVDs that they can watch.

The plan is to take the DVD series "Amazing Bible Truths" with Francisca Trexler and have them translated into MSL. There will be 14 programs with a variety of topics. This program will have two different speakers, each having 7 programs.

One of the speakers is Francisca Trexler herself. She was born in Mexico and moved to the USA as a child. She did not learn MSL until she became an adult.

The other speaker is Felipe "Lalo" Bonifacio. He lives in south Texas and visits Mexico regularly to help the Deaf church groups. He has made many sacrifices to serve these people, including giving time and money for gas. He has waited hours at the border crossing for inspections.

These two speakers have spent much time preparing for the presentations. Part of the work is studying the Bible and

getting ready to share the Bible truths. But most of the work is actually trying to figure out how to properly translate ASL into MSL. There are many English words that do not exist in Spanish. Also there are some ASL words that do not have an equal word in MSL. They have to be very creative to explain Bible teachings, sometimes

using examples.

Right now, Francisca has finished 4 of her 7 programs. Felipe has completed 2 of his. So, they are almost half finished with the project.

Please pray for these speakers as they prepare and study. Also, pray that this project will be finished by the end of this year. Thank you.



Felipe Bonifacio is one of the speakers for the new DVD series "Amazing Bible Truths" in Mexican Sign Language.

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Esther Doss

A Special Deaf Ministry Leadership Meeting

Various leaders have met together at Deaf camp meetings and during committee meetings such as Deaf Ministries Committee and Adventist Deaf Ministries Board Meetings. But these meetings were for planning Deaf work. There has been a need for Deaf ministry leaders to come together for a refreshing meeting to discuss their needs and ideas.

Then, on August 7-10, 2008 history was made when, under the sponsorship of North American Division, Deaf ministry leaders from all over North America met together to share the blessed challenges of Deaf ministry. While some attendees were hearing, most were Deaf themselves. Some were pastors or interpreters, while many were lay workers who have a burden to share the Gospel message to Deaf people.

Each one participated by sharing their testimony of how they became Adventist Christians and involved in Deaf ministry. Then they also shared about what they are doing in their areas back home. In doing so, many ideas were ex-

changed on how to better share Christ. Some have been in this work for many years, and they showed pictures that revealed some history of the Deaf work. Others are quite new and their enthusiasm and ideas were contagious. After each leader gave his or her presentation, some one in the group prayed for that leader, their work, and the Deaf group back home.

This was a time of refreshing for these leaders and an opportunity to come together as one. The theme of the event was on unity. We can not work separately from one another. We need to work with each other. By the end of this event, the group had become more unified and stronger.

Deaf ministry is a very special ministry. American Sign Language is the fourth most commonly used language in North America. Over 2 million Deaf people live in North America and only 2 to 4% attend church of any denomination. The Adventist church has only an estimated 330 Deaf members. Deaf people can not be reached by typical evangelistic endeavors; therefore,

they are often left in the dark.

Working to share the Gospel message with Deaf people is very challenging and painstakingly slow. Our few Deaf ministry leaders often do this work with little, if any support. We only have 2 full-time pastors for the Deaf at this time. Much

of the work has been done by lay volunteers in their local areas. This Deaf Ministry Leadership Meeting was an extra special blessing in that these leaders were able to give and receive much needed support, prayers, and sharing of ideas.



Bruce Buzzell from Saint Louis, MO prays for Pastor Jeff and Melissa Jordan from Collegedale, TN.



Pastor Alfred Griffith from Manteca, CA leads out in the Sabbath evening service.

Deaf Ministry Day in Bronx, NY

On the Sabbath of August 23, 2008, Emmanuel Seventh Day Church Ministries hosted its Deaf Ministry Day. Charmaine Logan, who is a Deaf member, was in charge of the event. It was a well-planned and well-received program. Pastor David and Francisca Trexler were invited to be featured speakers of the Sabbath program.

This special Sabbath was to help hearing people understand more about Deaf people, Deaf ministry, and how to be Deaf-friendly.

The church was packed for the spiritual Sabbath worship. The choir gave beautiful songs in ASL. Pastor Trexler preached in ASL while someone interpreted it into spoken English. Francisca gave the children's story before the sermon.

In the evening, the AY (Adventist Youth) presented its Deaf Ministry program that emphasized the perspective of Deaf individuals in the hearing world. Francisca shared her experience of how she grew up as a Deaf person in the world of sound. Then, Pastor Trexler taught principles of how to communicate with the Deaf properly as a means of reaching out to them with the Gospel.

The two pictures on the right are from that Sabbath at the Emmanuel Seventh Day Church Ministries.

The entire day was a blessing to all. A special thank you to this church for taking the time to learn how to be Deaf-friendly and to minister to their Deaf member. If you would like to invite Pastor Trexler to your church or event, please contact us!



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Deaf Ministry Leaders from all over N. America together as one at the Leadership Meeting.

Order Form -- All prices include USA shipping

_____	AMAZING BIBLE TRUTHS VIDEO SERIES (DVD) A set of 7 DVD videos covering 14 Bible topics presented in sign language by Francisca Trexler. Includes listing of all Bible verses presented. (No voice track)	Price	\$ 65.00 **
_____	THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST VIDEO SERIES A set of 13 VHS or DVD videos presented in sign language by Deaf Pastor David Trexler with voice track. Includes comprehensive set of study notes.	VHS Price DVD Price	\$ 40.00 ** \$ 90.00 **
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