



# Adventist Deaf Ministries Report

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## 2009 Will Be Another Busy Year!

2008 was a very busy year for us. But now that 2009 is here, we are not going on vacation. We still have so much to do. Here are some of the projects that we plan to accomplish in the year 2009:

**Training Workshops for Deaf lay people:** God has given each of us a special part to do to tell others about Him. At the time this newsletter is printed, materials for lay training will have all been printed (read more about this on the next page). This year, we hope to have training workshops in different areas of North America.

**Signs of God's Love #3 DVD:** The first two Signs of God's Love DVDs have been popular at Deaf expos. We will be creating another DVD this year.

**Deaf Awareness DVD:** Hearing people still do not know much about Deaf ways, culture and ministry. Several Deaf people will be on this DVD, telling about their experiences. This short DVD will be just right for showing in churches.

**New Doctrinal Tracts:**

ADM is planning to adapt some of the Pocket Signs printed by Pacific Press. This will be used at our booths (at expos) and other outreach ministries. The current Pocket Signs tracts are small and the texts are too small to read for average Deaf people. The adapted tracts will be larger and easy to read. The agreement with Pacific Press has been made.

**Amazing Facts Bible Studies:** ADM signed an agreement with Amazing Facts to publish a new adapted Amazing Facts Bible study guides. We currently have sets of Easy Reading Edition of the lessons, but they are outdated. These new lesson sets will have new pictures and will include three new lessons. We will focus on adapting the three new lessons and will also make some improvements on the text of the older lessons.

**Amazing Bible Truths DVDs in Mexican Sign Language:** This project actually began last year and will soon be finished. Felipe Boniafacio and Francisca Trexler are the speakers on these DVDs.

At this time, the final work in editing is being done and then they will be ready for use.

These new projects will keep us busy. We will also continue working on the ongoing projects and other activities:

**Sermons on DVDs:** In October, 2008, we began a subscription for Deaf members. Many of our Deaf members are isolated and do not have their own Deaf pastor. We now have sermons on DVD being sent out every month. This subscription is free and are only for those who are Deaf.

**Deaf Expos:** We will continue to spread seeds of truth at Deaf Expos this year. We will give away thousands of DVDs, tracts, and more.

**The Deaf Messenger:** This outreach magazine will continue to be printed and mailed at no charge to Deaf people.

**Deaf Bible School:** This Bible school is still growing.

We have so much work to do in 2009. As we look to the future, we realize that we need your prayers. Thank you.

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

## Speaker's Dialogue: The Inauguration

The inauguration of Barack Obama is now a historic event in the United States. Our new President Obama is African-American. He is the first African-American president since the beginning of our democratic country. Another important reason his inauguration is historic is that Barack used Abraham Lincoln's Bible for his oath as the president.

Why did he choose Lincoln's Bible? Why would using this Bible so special? The theme for the 2009 Inauguration of Barack Obama is "A New Birth of Freedom," which honors the bicentennial (200 years) of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Abraham Lincoln broke the chain of slavery for millions African-Americans during the Civil War. It is not surprising that Obama admires Lincoln, the 16th president, for his achievement in making a change in America by giving freedom to all races.

The inauguration reminds me of our Lord Jesus Christ who has made a much larger accomplishment. He gave us the freedom from sin, sin is the curse of humanity. I can not

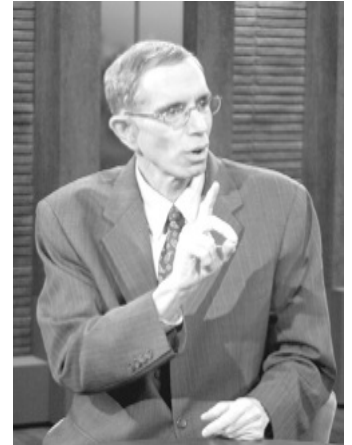
help but to think of Jesus as a second Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln gave the African-Americans freedom from slavery. Jesus Christ gave us freedom from slavery of sin. Jesus Christ did what Lincoln could not do. Sin enslaved us since the fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve. Jesus freed us from the terrible power of sin.

The world needs a leader who can solve the world's problems. Of course, we know that no human being can really solve the problems that stubbornly bother us. So, the leader we are seeking must be willing to accept the challenges bravely. It is never easy to be a president of any countries. The burden is so great so that the leaders age quickly. But, human leaders cannot change our sinful hearts. They cannot improve our spiritual lives. Sin is the root of all problems that no world's leaders can get rid of. They are trying in many different ways to solve the problems, but they end up with more complicated problems. So, here we have Jesus Christ who is the ONLY solution to all of humans' sufferings.

Jesus came to Earth

to live, die and be raised back to life among us to fulfill Bible's prophecies of the destruction of sin. Jesus accomplished much in His life, death, resurrection, and the ascension. Jesus was inaugurated to be our King and Lord of the whole universe. Praise the Lord for the promise of eternal peace and health.

Now, we eagerly look forward to the true change that our world's



leaders cannot bring. "Behold, I make all things new" Revelation 21:5.

*David M. Trexler  
Speaker/Director*

## Pastor Trexler's Schedule

January 18-26 -  
India: Deaf Leadership  
Meeting

February 21 -  
Greensboro, NC  
DeafNation Expo

March 7 -  
Austin, TX  
DeafNation Expo

March 14 -  
Orlando, FL  
DeafNation Expo

March 28 -  
Edingburg, TX  
Deaf Ministries Day

April 4 -  
Phoenix, AZ  
DeafNation Expo

June 13 -  
San Juan, PR  
DeafNation Expo

July 5-12 -  
Western Deaf Camp

Meeting: Representing  
ADM

August 3-6 -  
Board Meeting  
Colorado

August 29 -  
Bronx, NY  
Deaf Ministries Day  
(Tentative)

September 26 -  
Secaucus, NJ  
DeafNation Expo

November 7 -  
Chicago, IL  
DeafNation Expo

If you would like Pastor Trexler to come to your area, contact us: adm7@deafadventist.org Or write to:  
ADM  
PO Box 6114  
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## Lay Training Materials Finished!

Before Jesus will come, the Good News about Jesus and His salvation must go to everyone. Each one of us has a special part in telling others about our loving Savior.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church firmly believes this, and so, the church has many programs to train the members on how to share about Jesus. The church has training workshops and meetings, books, DVDs and more. But, our Deaf members can not use most of these materials and the meetings rarely

have interpreters. Deaf members miss out on the needed training.

**Good news! While you are reading this newsletter, two new materials are being printed!**

One of two the things being printed is a training manual. This book explains how to share Jesus with other people. This book also gives good guidance on how to give Bible studies. This book is adapted from *You Are My Witness* by Don and Majorie Gray into Easy Reading English.

Second, we are

printing a Bible study lesson series. This lesson series will be easy for people to use in studying with others. The lessons are simple and to the point. We adapted *Bible Studies You Can Give* into Easy Reading English.

The book and lesson series are put together in one small binder. The book explains how to give Bible studies. Then the lessons are there ready for Bible studies with others.

Now that the long work of adapting and printing is finished, we want to begin using the

materials! We will now plan some workshops to train lay people around North America. The materials that are now being printed will be the "school books" for the workshop. This workshop is open to any Deaf member who wants to learn how to share Jesus with others and how to give Bible studies.

Keep your eyes open for information for information on these workshops in future newsletters.

## Sermons on DVD Subscription Program Growing

You may remember our announcement about a new DVD subscription program. Those who are Deaf can receive DVDs with sermons in ASL at no charge. These DVDs are mailed each month.

Since we made the announcement, we have received many requests for the DVDs. One man in Rochester, NY has told us that he enjoys the DVDs immensely and looks forward to the DVDs coming each month.

Most Deaf members do not live close to a church with a Deaf pastor. Many do not even have an interpreter in church. So, what can they do? These DVDs will help. These DVDs help by allowing Deaf members see a sermon in their own language. The speakers on the DVDs include Pastor David Trexler, Pastor Alfred Griffith, Pastor Paul Kelly, and more.

The DVDs are sent to Deaf members each month at no charge. They can keep the

DVDs. They do not need to send it back to ADM.

The Sermons on DVD subscription program is growing steadily and quickly. If you are Deaf and you would like to receive the Sermons on DVD, please contact us and ask us to be added to the mailing list.

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When you write to us, let us know if you are Deaf and that you want to receive the ASL Sermons on DVD.

Are you Deaf?

Would you like to get DVDs with Sermons in ASL?

Contact us!

We would like to send you a DVD each month!

## India: Deaf Ministries Volunteers Training

Pastor William George, the Director for Special Ministries put on a training program for all the volunteers working among the deaf in India. The training program was held in the Asian Aid School for the Blind, named Bobilli, in Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh from 20th to the 25th of January 2009. Pastors Alfred Griffith and Pastor David Trexler from the United States gave valuable training during the program. The training program was sponsored by Adventist Deaf Ministries, Canadian Deaf Ministries and the generous contribution of Pastors Alfred Griffith and David Trexler. The training program was attended by about thirty volunteers and deaf ministries directors of various unions and sections.

Each day began with a devotional, then each volunteer gave their report of the work he or she is doing among the deaf. This was followed by training sessions by Pastors Alfred Griffith and David Trexler. Some of the topics were The Principles of Successful Personal Bible Study, Personal and Public Lifestyle of the Worker, The

Importance of Personal Prayer and also The Need of the Holy Spirit's Working in our Lives were both inspirational as well as challenging. Each day ended with prayer bands when the volunteers prayed for the pouring of the Holy Spirit to help them to be effective workers.

Pastor Alfred Griffith dedicated a church for the deaf in Vizianagaram. Pastor Alfred also led in the communion service. The volunteers were all blessed and privileged to participate in this special communion service along with the staff and members of Asian Aid School for the Blind. We request that the Adventist church members in this Division to pray for and support the work of sharing the Gospel to the millions of deaf in this division.

*Jacob Bhaggien  
Chaplain  
Seventh Day Adventist  
School for Speech and  
Hearing Impaired  
Kollegal*



Group photo from the Deaf Ministries Volunteers Training in India



Song given by Deaf workers



Pastor David Trexler gives a presentation with help from John Reddy who interprets for him.

## In Memory. . .



Michael William Selby passed away November 18, 2008 in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska. Mike was born November 3, 1955 in Gary, Indiana. He was 53 years old. Mike loved the outdoors, fishing and camping were two of his favorite things to do. He also loved people, never met a stranger and made everyone around him laugh a lot! He was ac-

tive in his church where he served as a deacon and enjoyed the study of Bible prophecy. He loved his fiancé Debbie very much and was looking forward to their upcoming marriage. He will be missed very much by his friends and family.

**Note from Pastor Trexler:** We met Mike a couple of times. He was very enthusiastic with the gospel of Jesus Christ. He graduated from California School for the Deaf in Riverside, my alma mater.

I never knew him until we met one day when we were traveling through Nebraska on our way to Colorado for our vacation in 2004. We stopped in Lincoln for the Sabbath rest and

met him at the church. He was really thrilled to meet me because he watched my videotapes and accepted the truth.

He moved to the state of Nebraska for a new life where he found the truth. The Capitol View Adventist Church, where he attended is supportive of the Deaf. His fiancé Debbie was baptized on January 3rd. Unfortunately, Mike who led Debbie to Christ did not witness her baptism.

But, at Christ's coming they will be together.



Debbie McCallon was baptized January 3rd.

**Don't forget to visit our website:  
[www.deafadventist.org](http://www.deafadventist.org)**

Read announcements, family news from here and there, get Deaf culture information, and even donate online.

We also would love to receive news from you to put on the website. Send information to:  
[esther@deafadventist.org](mailto:esther@deafadventist.org)

## Adventist University Offers Deaf Studies

Deaf Studies as a minor has just been added at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN! A door has been opened! This new program will include several new courses such as Deaf Missions, Deaf Culture, ASL Linguistics, in addition to the already existing ASL I, II, III,

and IV classes. If you know someone who is interested in taking Deaf Studies, please refer him or her to the program at Southern Adventist University, the only Adventist university that offers Deaf Studies. Southern Deaf Fellowship is located in the area.

*Pastor Jeff Jordan*

## Donations

### *In Memory of...*

Chester and Erma Budd by Marvin Budd

Mrs. Leland Currier by Patricia Deming

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Sylvia House by Jim House and Marshall House

Cindy Shack-Voth by Martie Shack-Voth

### *In Honor of...*

The Lord by Paul and Josephine Engel

Marvin Budd by Luis Leonor

# Interpreting Workshop and Camp Meetings

Are you an interpreter? Do you interpret for Deaf members or guests at your church? **Then mark July 2-12, 2009 on your calendars!** A special workshop for interpreters will be held during the Western Deaf Camp Meeting at the beautiful Milo Adventist Academy campus this year.

Speakers are Esther Doss and Rosalinda Davis. These two ladies are professional interpreters who have also interpreted in the church setting for many years. They are both involved in Deaf ministry and are CODAs.

Davis will help those attending strengthen their ASL skills and their vocabulary. She will have a special focus on religious signing and will also discuss songs.

Doss will review the ethics in interpreting and the true meaning of Deaf ministry. Other classes will also cover voice-interpreting, classifiers, shop talk, and a forum discussion.

Attendees will be able to mingle with those who are also attending the Deaf camp meeting, making new friends or seeing old ones. There will be time for some

other activities, as well.

This workshop is not only for the professional interpreter. We know that many churches have volunteer interpreters. This workshop is perfect for them, as well. **This will be time well spent! If you are an interpreter, you will not want to miss this workshop!** If you know of anyone who has been interpreting in the church setting, please share this information with them.

Contact Esther Doss for more information at: [esther@deafadventist.org](mailto:esther@deafadventist.org) or call 870-269-4415 or 870-213-7339.

## Camp Meeting Schedule

*It's time to think about attending camp meeting again! We hope to see you at one of these blessed meetings!*

### Women's Retreat

March 5-8, 2009  
Mount Eagle  
Shirley, Arkansas  
Speakers: Francisca Trexler and Esther Doss

For more info contact  
Kathy McCain:  
[deafblossom@hotmail.com](mailto:deafblossom@hotmail.com)

### MidWest Deaf Camp Meeting

June 17-21, 2009  
Mount Eagle  
Shirley, Arkansas  
Speakers: Pastor David Trexler and Pastor Jeff Jordan  
For more info contact  
Kathy McCain:  
[deafblossom@hotmail.com](mailto:deafblossom@hotmail.com)

### Western Deaf Camp Meeting And Interpreter's Workshop

July 5-12, 2009  
Milo Adventist Academy  
Milo, Oregon  
For more info contact:  
Chuck McGehee:  
[chucktrades@comcast.net](mailto:chucktrades@comcast.net)

### Canadian Mini Deaf Camp Meeting

The camp meeting for this year has been cancelled.

### Southern Deaf Camp Meeting

August 27-30, 2009  
Cohutta Springs Convention Center  
Crandall, Georgia  
For more info contact  
Pastor Jeff Jordan:  
[jwjordan@gccsda.com](mailto:jwjordan@gccsda.com)

### Deaf Eastern Autumn Revival Camp Meeting (DEAR)

October 22-25, 2009  
For more info contact  
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Also check out:  
[www.deafellowship.org](http://www.deafellowship.org)

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<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	<b>THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST VIDEO SERIES</b> 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 **
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	<b>SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE #1 DVD</b>	Price	\$ 5.00 **
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<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	<b>CAN YOU HEAR US?</b> (booklet - 10 copies) A 22-page quick reference guide to Deaf Ministry. Order extra copies to share with family, friends, and church members.	Price	\$10.00 **
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	<b>DEAF DIASPORA: THE THIRD WAVE OF DEAF MINISTRY</b> (book) Planning to or already involved in Deaf ministry? Gain valuable insights into the ministry to Deaf people in the new millennium. Includes useful discussion guides.	Price	\$ 20.00 **
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	<b>MARGIE ASKS WHY, EASY READING EDITION</b> A fascinating book about the battle between God and Satan.	Price	\$ 7.00 **
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<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	<b>THE STORY OF REDEMPTION, EASY READING EDITION</b> Tells how sin began and how Jesus will save His people from sin & eternal death.	Price	\$ 7.00 **
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	<b>SIGN LANGUAGE COLORING BOOKS</b> A set of 3 coloring books: Creation, Moses, and Jesus	Price	\$ 8.00 **
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	<b>AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE DVD LEARNING SYSTEM</b> (DVD) Includes 2 DVDs: "Getting Started in Signing" and "Say It With Signing." Makes learning ASL easy and fun for yourself or as a gift to family and friends.	Price	\$ 35.00 **
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	<b>AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE DVD DICTIONARY</b> (DVD) Over 700 signs with photo illustration of sign (e.g. picture of "shoes").	Price	\$ 23.00**
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