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Deaf Reach - Oregon

The Deaf Reach Workshop (lay training) was held at the Beaverton, Oregon SDA church on September 11-13. We had a wonderful Deaf Reach weekend. The number of attendees at the workshop on Friday evening was 23. Then the number grew on Sabbath Day. There were 35 attending! The workshop was such a spiritual blessing and we could see that the Lord was amazingly guiding it.

The trainer was Pastor David Trexler. He led the workshop in spite of his light flu and fever. We watched him being strengthened by the Holy Spirit during his four presentations on Sabbath.

The attendee visiting from the furthest state was Bruce Buzzell, who is from Missouri! Some came from California and upper Washington state. We had wonderful fellowship on Sabbath afternoon.

On Sunday morning, after the last session, we had the monthly

men's prayer breakfast at Old Wives' Tales (a vegetarian/vegan restaurant) in Portland, Oregon. This breakfast was a wonderful spiritual gathering. The women were not left out! They also had a breakfast gathering at another place, too.

I must admit that the whole weekend was the most amazing experience than our regular monthly Big Day. We are going to roll up our sleeves and share the Gospel using our various spiritual gifts in the Deaf community.

Chuck McGehee



Large group attending Deaf Reach in Beaverton, Oregon



*Sharing
the Three
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Deaf.*

Speaker's Dialogue: Are You Converted?

During one of the presentations for the Deaf Reach workshop, I explain that sometimes members are not very enthusiastic about witnessing to people because they may not have the experience of true conversion through spiritual rebirth. I am not saying that it is obvious that those who do not witness for Jesus are bad or wicked. What I am trying to say is that they might not realize that they are "lost" due to spiritual blindness.

Of course, it is normal for many of us to be afraid or unwilling to witness because of shyness, a bad experience with some angry people, fear of rejection, and the lack of experience with public speaking. But, the fact is that the lack of conversion is one of the reasons for not having the courage to witness for Jesus Christ.

Let me tell you about a wonderful witnessing story that dramatically changed the life of a practicing sinner who became a powerful witness for Jesus Christ. It is about a quiet Samaritan woman who had a bad reputation in the community. She did not come to the well in the morning when many women of the village came together to draw water from the well and gossip. I am sure she was not comfortable to be around them because of

her shameful life.

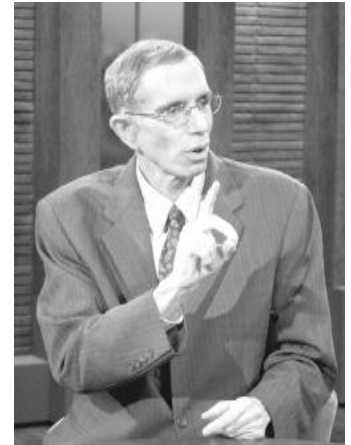
However, there was one Person who went a long way to meet her during a hot day. He was thirsty, but He had no way to get the water. Here came a lonely woman who ignored the Person, but He broke the barrier of hatred and rejection when He asked for water from her. It was not appropriate for a man to communicate with a woman. But it was much worse for a Jew to talk with a Samaritan. They hated each other so much they dared not even see each other.

During the conversation about water that symbolized the Water of Life, that woman discovered with embarrassment that this Person knew her past. But He did not condemn her. She was guilty when this revelation came out from a total Stranger. But, she did not stop there. She continued to talk spiritual things with Him. Obviously, she was seeking a better life through spiritual means. Sins got control of her and she was looking for something that would free her from sin and poor self-worth conditions. Probably, because of hopelessness in her, she gave up trying to be good and continued with her sinful living. The Person was truly witnessing to her about a better life through

the Messiah. She talked about the Messiah who would explain truths. Her heart warmed up to Him as they continued the conversation. Once the Person admitted that He was the one she was talking about (Messiah), she left her water pot and ran to the town telling the people about the Messiah she found. Was she converted? YES! She confessed that the Person was the Messiah who knew all about her life and the solution to her needs. She was not afraid of Him anymore. She was not shy about her past anymore because she was forgiven. Did she continue to sin? NO! She had no time for it while she sat with Him who taught about the kingdom of heaven. Her life changed so completely that the people of the town were surprised.

What about Mary Magdalene? Was she converted? YES! She became victorious after her struggle between the two masters (Satan-sex and money vs. Jesus). She saw that Jesus had loved her and forgave her. She had surrendered her heart to the new Master. Was she afraid of witnessing? NO! Her witnessing was powerful and genuine. Praise the Lord!

Our hearts melt when we see the love of God



toward us. When we see this love, we give up our old lives and turn our hearts to God who re-creates us.

Here is a Bible text that shows how true conversion leads to effective witnessing: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise" (Psalm 51:10-15, NIV).

Are you really converted? Remember Apostle Paul's confession - "I die daily."

Pastor David Trexler

Deaf Reach in Maryland and California!

Two other Deaf Reach events were held, one on each coast. On August 1 and 2, Silver Spring, Maryland hosted Deaf Reach while Pastor Paul Kelly gave the presentations. About 15 members attended.

The other one was at the Lodi, California church on October 2-4. Pastor David Trexler gave the presentations. The average attendance to all the meetings was 24 Adventists and 2 non-Adventists. 39 adults and 2 children came together during worship service.

Contact ADM for information on how to have Deaf Reach in your area!



Deaf Reach in Lodi, California Group Photo



Deaf Reach was held at the Silver Spring church annex building on August 1 and 2. About 15 members attended.



Pastor Trexler instructs eager members in Lodi.



Pastor Paul Kelly was the speaker at Deaf Reach Silver Spring, MD



Arthur and Alyce Griffith also attended Deaf Reach in Lodi, California.

Planting Seeds in New Jersey and Oklahoma

Secaucus, NJ:

After a break during the summer, Deaf Expos are again being held in cities across the USA. The first expo this Fall was held at Secaucus, NJ near New York City. In fact, Secaucus is just across the Hudson River.

Robert Fishbein, who was baptized in June, arrived at the booth very early in the morning. He brought along his Deaf sister from his home in Egg Harbor, NJ which is about a two hour drive away. He was very excited about his "job" in witnessing to the Deaf at the booth.

Rosella Kelly, daughter of Paul Kelly, also came to assist in the booth. Rosella is no stranger to the booth ministry. She has assisted at booths in Gaithersburg, MD and Rochester, NY. This was a positive experience for her to be at this one, too.

John Tunison and his wife arrived at the booth a little later in the morning. "They drove all the way from Rhode Island to work with us," Trexler added. John was excited to meet his old New Jerseyian friends from the school for the Deaf.

Both Robert and John were very occupied with the visitors most of the day. They had a wonderful time meeting some old friends they haven't seen for years

(Robert is also an NJ deaf school alumni). Rosella enjoyed talking with some of the hearing visitors. David and Francisca Trexler made new friends as they reached out to those walking by.

John bought an old set of Revelation of Jesus Christ with David Trexler on VHS tapes. He wanted to give them away to any interested Deaf visitor. The set was given to a Deaf man who showed much interest in the Gospel. He is a Jew by birth, but became a Christian. Pastor Trexler had a very warm discussion with him about the Bible and Jesus Christ. "I hope that he will accept the messages in the videotapes," Trexler says.

A few Deaf Adventists came to the booth. "They were encouraged by our presence and support since they have been lonesome at home," Trexler explains.

Oklahoma City, OK:

October 3, DeafNation Expo came to Oklahoma City, OK, for the first time. This was like a dark city. In fact, there is only one Deaf SDA in of Oklahoma that we know of.

Nona Breese is this person and she helped at the booth. Winford Taylor, Wanda Watson, and Esther Doss came from Arkansas. Even, Esther's little boy came and was

a magnet pulling some to the booth.

People hugged and laughed as they reunited with old friends. "It was a foretaste of the reunion we look forward to in heaven," Esther reflects. The helpers at the booth did some hugging, too! These friends who came to the booth to say hello left the booth with materials.

One lady said that she meets with some Deaf in town each week. They go to different churches, but study together so they can do it in ASL. Someone brought *Our World a Theater* DVD with Esther Doss to watch. She eagerly took a packet of DVDs to share during their study.

A man recognized Esther as he walked by. Smiling, he came up to the table and introduced his wife. "He and I were happy to see each other!" Esther said. "I first met him in 2006 at an expo in Austin, Texas. He asked if we had anything about the Sabbath. He told us he was confused in his study about the Sabbath. We gave him some materials." In 2008, Esther met him at an expo in Austin again and had a long discussion then. This time in 2009, the three of them talked a long time about God and the Bible. Esther said, "They are true students of God's Word. God led us to meet again. God is

guiding them in their Bible studies."

Wanda visited with a sweet lady for a long time. She has a story! She was abused by her step-mother for many years. Her step-mother said, "Jesus does not love you!" The lady said that she knew that was not true. She experienced a miracle when she ran away from home in search for her mother's home, 30 miles away, with only an address. After several days of walking (sunburned and hungry), she found it. No one was home, so she prayed, opened the door and went inside. She ate and fell asleep. Her mom came home and was excited to see her, but wondered how she came through a locked door! The only answer was that the young lady prayed to Jesus. The lady told Wanda that she wanted to learn the Bible and about Jesus. She said she knew nothing but only to pray to Jesus. Wanda gave her a packet and told her that it would help.

At first the helpers were nervous about the booth. Years ago, a zealous Deaf SDA offended many Oklahoma people. Many know that these four are SDAs. They focused on sharing Jesus. Most were very happy to take the packets, only a few refused.



John Tunison & Robert Fishbein talk with the visitors.



Oklahoma City, OK DeafNation Expo



Francisca talking with Winnie Tunison who is Deaf and Blind.



Booth helpers at OKC
L to R: Wanda Watson, Winford Taylor, Nona Breese, Esther and Ethan Doss.



L to R: Robert Fishbein, Francisca Trexler, Brian McMahon, Rosella Kelly, Raife Fretas, Winnie & John Tunison, David Trexler.

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Board Creates New Mission Statement

ADM Board of Directors and the Speaker/Director David Trexler met at the Mount Eagle Christian Center near Clinton, Arkansas for the annual board meeting on August 3-6. Board members attending were: Chairperson Bruce Buzzell, Vice-Chairperson Jenny Witteborg, Treasurer Cathy Ingram, Secretary Beth Dobson, Marvin Budd, Neil Davidson, Alfred Griffith, Paul Kelly, Kathy Marciniak, and Elaina Mathisen. Esther Doss attended portions of the meeting as an invitee.

The long meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday were held all day and even in the evenings, but it went very well.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the change in the mission statement. The previous statement was "Making a difference in the lives of Deaf people for eternity." The new statement is now **"Sharing the Three Angels' Message with the Deaf."** This new statement fits ADM's goals and objectives in spreading the messages in line with our Church's doctrines and teachings.

The board discussed the office building

relocation. We decided to let the Building Search Committee continue their work this fall and hopefully come up with a decision by next spring.

Chuck McGehee was elected to serve as a Board of Director. He will begin serving the four year term beginning January 1, 2010.

The Board also re-elected the same executive officers for the 2010 fiscal year.

The Board enjoyed the surroundings of Mount Eagle and noted the low cost to stay at this retreat center. So, we decided to meet again at the same location on August 2-5, 2010.

A note of thanks to two ladies to come to help us with the cooking and cleaning. Wanda Watson and Gloria Verweibe did an excellent job serving the meals. They worked hard to keep the kitchen clean, as well.

Please continue to pray for our Board as we make important decisions that will impact ADM's future in sharing the Three Angels' Message with the Deaf and to prepare them for Jesus Christ's second coming.

*Bruce Buzzell
ADM Chairperson*

Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting

On August 27-30, the Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting was held near Calhoun, Georgia. A total of 91 came!

Guest speaker Pastor Alan Meis from Michigan preached on "Living Through the End Time" based on Matthew 25.

Communion service and testimonies shared by many were uplifting. Two people were baptized on Sabbath afternoon.

Activities were offered Friday afternoon. Several

braved the torpedo ride pulled by the boat. Several also tried the 150 foot long water slide and the blob.

On Sabbath afternoon, many enjoyed the pontoon boat rides and the health/fitness forum with Jaycee Robinson and Michael who acted as a massage therapist.

SDF is also hosting Deaf Net 2009, an evangelistic series October 18-25. Pray for these precious souls!



Pastor Alan Meis, the son of Gordon & Jane Meis preaches.



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