



# Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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## ADM Changes Name to 3ADM New Name Focuses on Ministry's Mission

Adventist Deaf Ministries (ADM) has a new name! **This ministry is now named Three Angels' Deaf Ministries (3ADM).** This name demonstrates the focus of this ministry. We do not only reach out to Deaf SDA members, but to all Deaf. This new name goes hand in hand with our mission statement: Sharing the Three Angels' Messages with the Deaf.

The board has long discussed a new name for ADM. Because the word *Adventist* made ADM's work seem limiting, board members had concerns. The term *Adventist* has caused some people to think that we minister to only those Deaf who happen to be Adventists. Of course, our ministry is far more than that! We also have a large emphasis on outreach, sowing seeds of truth to all Deaf.

Also, we found that some non-members were hesitant with us because of the word *Adventist* in our name. So, we began using a different name when we create books, tracts, and DVDs. We

began using the Deaf Bible School name so that the materials would face minimal prejudice.

Then some months ago, we faced a legal issue with the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church over the trademark name—*Adventist*—in which we used since the establishment of the organization in 1998. At that time, we had thought and believed that we had the right to use *Adventist* in our name (Adventist Deaf Ministries) because we are faithful and loyal members. Also a number of church leaders were aware of the ADM name and they did not express any concerns.

The legal department of the Seventh-day Adventist church notified us that the words *Seventh-day Adventist*, *Adventist*, and *SDA* has trademark protection by the federal government. No one else can use those words in their name. However, the General Conference offered us a trademark license agreement which would allow us to use *Adventist* in our name.

The Church had some conditions if we wished to keep the trademarked name.

The Board of Directors prayed and discussed at great length for months about this name issue, wanting to do what would be best for this organization that is for, and by Deaf Adventists. The Board of Directors felt that it would be best to decline the trademark license agreement due to many reasons. It is prudent and practical for us to have our own new name that defines our true mission for the Deaf. Three Angels Deaf Ministries (3ADM) is our new name because it follows the mission statement well.

This change is in name only; nothing else changes. Our mission, our goals, our attitudes, and beliefs are the same. In other words, we are still ADM but with a different name. We are absolutely supportive of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We believe full-heartedly in the Church's mission and doctrine.

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*Sharing  
the Three  
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Messages  
with the  
Deaf.*

## Speaker's Dialogue: The Message of the First Angel

The first angel's message is found in Revelation 14:6,7: "Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Do you know what three important missions are found in the first angel's message? They are as follows:

1. We preach the everlasting Gospel to the Deaf population. What is the Gospel? It is the good news about the first advent (coming) of Jesus Christ (the Son of God) who volunteered to come down to earth as a human being in our likeness to live among people. He preached the kingdom of God, exemplified His Father, suffered and died in our place while he had never sinned, and was raised to life again from the dead. Now, He lives as our Intercessor until His second coming to take us to heaven as He has promised in John 14:1-3. The goal of Jesus Christ is to restore the image of God in all of us

through His life. That is the true gospel.

2. We warn the world of the judgment. With the help of the Holy Spirit we prepare the Deaf to be ready for the Second Coming of Christ. Without the judgment, Jesus could not come back again and give rewards for the righteous and the wicked. The beginning of the judgment shows that God is about to finish His work so Jesus Christ can come back again with the reward for the saints. God wants all of us here on earth to be prepared for the great event—moving from this sinful world to sinless heaven.

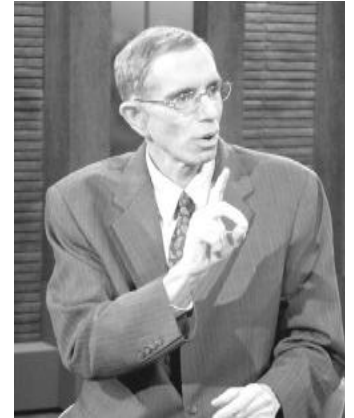
We need to be aware of the fact that God's Ten Commandments are the basis of the judgment, and they are the kingdom of heaven's Constitution. We want Deaf people to become citizens of God's kingdom in order to be ready for the great day of deliverance from the prison of sin. As citizens of God's kingdom we must have Christ in our hearts. That means we are to be changed people. We are not of the world, but of the heavenly kingdom where we will be happy in God's perfect and sinless environment.

3. We preach the Sabbath truth, the center of the Ten Commandments. The

Sabbath is the seal of the living God that clearly describes God as the Creator of the earth and the heavens. God calls us to worship Him because He is the Creator of the universe. "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). Theseventh-daySabbath is the day the Creator God appointed to help us to remember Him as the Creator of the universe. We see the wonders of nature showing Him as God of love and care. We remember Him in a form of worship.

This is why Three Angels Deaf Ministries exists. 3ADM is following God's call to preach the Gospel to the Deaf community.

Some people asked: who are these three angels in Revelation 14? Are they real angels coming down from heaven to warn the world? Based on the context of the Bible these three angels are the symbol of God's people who have the burden of warning the world to be prepared for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Why do we have this burden? It is because we love them as God loves



them. God saved us from sin, and because of what He had done for us we follow Him, keeping the commandments of God and sharing the good news with our fellow Deaf people. We have the motivation to support 3ADM because of the Three Angels' Messages.

Imagine yourself as one of the three angels. I invite you to accept the great call of God to share the messages of God's love to the world, especially the Deaf. Deaf people need to know the truths of Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, the Sabbath, Ten Commandments, the state of the dead, and the hope of true victorious life over the power of sin that has enslaved millions of Deaf people in this self-centered culture in this country.

*David M. Trexler*

## Check out ADM's Updated Website!

Our website has just had an extreme makeover. It now has a fresh new look.

Be sure to visit our website from time to time. You will find all kinds of information. Our calendar is always up-to-date with camp meeting announcements and contact information. We will post our newsletters online under "News" in a .pdf format so anyone can read them at anytime. You will still find more detail news information and photographs under "News." The store has a whole new look so people can find the things they want more easily. Also, we have some



helpful information under "Ministry Resources" for interpreters or hearing people looking for advice and/or counsel on Deaf ministry.

Take a look at our website and browse through the many different pages. The web address is: [www.deafadventist.org](http://www.deafadventist.org). Please note that our web address will soon change to reflect our new name. Watch for our new web address in the next newsletter!

## ADM Changes Name to 3ADM, Cont.

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Our new mission statement, Sharing the Three Angels' Messages with the Deaf, was voted last August during the annual Board of Directors meeting. We wanted to clearly show that we are making a difference in the lives of Deaf people based on Revelation 14:6-11, with an emphasis on verses 6 and 7: "Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those

who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." This is our vision, which is God's last-day call. We feel that the new name Three Angels' Deaf Ministries also clearly shows our vision. We are excited about the new name!

3ADM is the same

## Clips Now on YouTube!

We have uploaded some clips on YouTube!

Most of you are quite aware of YouTube and have probably used it a lot. You can watch just about anything on YouTube. This website is one of the most popular ways to communicate and share on the Internet.

We have posted one of the Amazing Bible Truths programs with Francisca Trexler (on Creation) and also Signs of God's Love #1.

Not only are these clips now accessible to Deaf all over North America, but all around the world, too. Already we have had viewers from other countries, such as Spain and Venezuela.

We hope to reach

Deaf people around the world who might be searching for God and surfing YouTube. But this is not all! This is a sharing tool that you can use, too! It is easy to share links to these clips with your friends and family through email and social networks, such as Facebook.

You can find these clips by typing the words "Amazing Bible Truths ASL" or "Signs of God's Love."

Tell your friends about these clips on YouTube!

Also, become a fan of our page on Facebook so you can stay up-to-date with our news!

as before. Our bylaws will have to have a new name, but the principles of the governing body of the organization is still the same. The Board of Directors must be Seventh-day Adventists in good standing. Most of the board members are Deaf. We continue to work with the Church in preaching the Three Angels' Messages so that Deaf people will be baptized in our church.

Please pray for your organization, 3ADM, that it will fulfill its mission.

3ADM is here for you and your fellow Deaf people in your community. We need 3ADM to keep Deaf members together and to bring other Deaf people in through evangelism. We need your prayers and generous support in order for us to have a final thrust in the Gospel work among the Deaf to finish God's work. May God bless you as you trust in Him who provides you His grace and strength to be faithful to Him forever.

*David M. Trexler*



## DeafNation Expo in Florida and Arizona Fruitful

### TAMPA, FL

On February 20, Francisca and I were in Tampa, Florida for the first DeafNation Expo in 2010. We found that God had planned for us to meet certain people.

DeafNation Expo was held at the Tampa Convention Center and the hall was huge. We wondered if it would be filled during the day. Yes, it was! Over four thousand filled the hall and saw our booth. We gave away 300 gospel bags by 3 pm. We should have brought 50 additional bags as more people came to see what we had at our booth. Some of them came by that morning but did not want to carry anything until near the closing of the expo. Unfortunately, they were disappointed to learn that all of the bags were gone.

Velma Wright and Patricia Strawhorn, members of the Port Charlotte SDA Church, came to assist us. Velma really enjoyed interacting with Deaf people. Later, two Adventist members from Gainesville came with flyers about the new Deaf ministry in their church. One of them is a deafened hard-of-hearing young lady, Marie Melton, who was excited about our booth, realizing it was a good place to share the gospel with the Deaf. In the afternoon a group of

Adventist members from Orlando came to visit us.

A Deaf lady who completed God's Way lessons met Francisca and she was so thrilled to meet her Bible School instructor who corrected her lessons. This lady was so impressed with the lessons, so she shared the Bible School enrollment cards with her friends. Several of them enrolled. She is a good witness.

A Deaf man met me asking many questions about our teachings. Then all of a sudden, another Deaf man came up and interrupted us and told the other very publicly that we were a cult. I recognized this negative man because he criticized us the last two years. The negative man kept talking, trying to keep the curious man distracted. But this seeker of truth ignored this harassment and listened to me. We exchanged our address for further study. I was surprised that he lives on the farm in Pennsylvania which is about two and half hours from Washington DC.

Later in the afternoon, we were so surprised when a young lady recognized us immediately. We were very thrilled to see her again since we last saw her at Camp MiVoden in Idaho where we worked for Christian Record

Service as camp director and counselor for the Deaf camp in 1991 or 1992. She was one of many Montana Deaf students who came for the summer camp, which was sponsored by CRS. Her life was changed through Francisca's counseling during free time. We corresponded with her until we lost track of her a few years later. Now, on the other side of the USA, she found us! She is now living in Florida. It was a happy short reunion.

She remembered that Francisca said, "Keep moving forward regardless of the negative things that happen to you." She kept this in mind and said to us, "I am here because I remember your sayings." And with her pretty smile, she said she still remembered Honey, the cute signing teddy bear with bright

yellow hands. (Honey is like a puppet. You can put your hands through the arms and use your own hands to sign.) She asked Francisca if she still has it. She said, "yes I do."

"Her presence at our booth really uplifted David and me." Francisca tells. "David and I thank God for the special moment to meet her once more because we both had a blessed time at Camp MiVoden with the young people there including her."

She begged us to give her our email, VP number, and address. Now we have her address so we can continue to stay in touch with her.

We never know what God has in store for us at any of the Deaf expos. We have met new and old friends who are searching for truth and really need God's guidance through



Francisca with one of the Deaf campers at Camp MiVoden Camp in the 90's. She claimed that her life turned for the better through the Trexler's counseling and sharing.

3ADM. It is crucial for us to continue this important ministry in sharing the truth until the end of the time. God loves Deaf people who have been left out in the cold due to the lack of communication between churches and the Deaf.

*Pastor David Trexler*

**PHOENIX, AZ**

George Belser, the Trexler's and I worked at the booth in Phoenix on March 6. I was surprised that more people wanted packets than last year! We gave away 262 bags.

Arizona is Francisca's home turf since she went to the Arizona School for the Deaf. Many old schoolmates came by to chat with her, giving her the chance to share Jesus with them. Francisca's good friend, Joyce, frequently came by the booth with several different old school chums so Francisca could see them. Then, the last two hours of the expo, Joyce stayed at our booth and helped to give away packets. She did a great job!

I decided to take a quick tour of the expo to see the exhibits, but I did not go far. One man walked right up to me, remembering me from last year's expo. He told me that he loves the DVDs we gave him very much and watches them

many times. I told him about the new DVD Signs of God's Love #3. He was excited and wanted one right away. So I walked with him to our booth so I could give him a packet.

A young lady ran up to me and gave me a great big hug. I was so surprised! I was her houseparent at the Arkansas School for the Deaf about 12 years ago. She was also one of the flowergirls in our wedding. She lives in Tucson now. She told me that she still remembers the Bible stories I told. She was only about 9 years old at the time. This shows that each seed we plant is important.

The wife of one of the expo's leaders walked up to the booth and we chatted for a long time about God and raising children to love Jesus. She left and came right back, because she wanted to chat some more. She asked if I was going to another expo this year because she wanted to talk more.

Several people said they wanted to start studying the Bible with the Deaf Bible School. Each expo, we keep planting seeds. Thank God for giving us the right opportunity to share God's word with thousands of Deaf people in one day!

*Esther M. Doss*



Francisca with one of her Bible school graduates who told her friends about the Bible lessons. As a result of her witnessing, at least five Deaf people enrolled.



The booth was busy in Phoenix! The Trexler's and George Belser share words of encouragement and faith with others.



Esther Doss chats with a mother about raising children for Jesus.



## Karen's Testimony

My name is Karen Hespe. I live in South Dakota and I have been an SDA for 35 years!

I have a new SDA friend, an Indian lady, Nona La. Brese from Oklahoma. Francisca Trexler introduced me to her by videophone. Nona and I are good friends and we do a Bible study every week. Also, I have a friend Kristy. She is interest with us. Kristy moved to my working place at her apartment; that is how I met her. But she moved to a different building. Of course, I still visit her cause I care about her.

Sometimes I feel not strong enough, like weak spirit. I need more spirit up. In the past, my husband and his friend hurt my feelings. But I am doing great now and stay on Jesus' side by Nona encourage me really good positive and to stay as long as we have a good chatting with the Spirit



as we have a good time every week.

I want to be like Jesus who loves us. Nona gave me a good verse, 1 Corinthians 1: 30. This helps me to understand more. If I am in Christ Jesus, then I will want to become like Him. Four things: wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption by Jesus can help me better. If I do them and then follow God's love, then I hope every one is drawn to Jesus and not to me. Behold Jesus always. Smile.

## Pastor Trexler's Schedule

April 8-11  
Tulsa, OK  
Deaf Reach

April 24  
Fort Worth, TX  
DeafNation Expo

May 1  
Pomona, CA  
DeafNation Expo

May 14-16  
Niles, MI  
Deaf Reach

June 23-July 4  
Atlanta, GA General  
Conference Session

July 7-11  
Shirley, AR  
MidWest Deaf Camp  
Meeting

July 18-23  
Las Vegas, NV  
DeafNation World Expo

## Meet us at the GC Session

The Seventh-day Adventist church will have its 59th General Conference Session June 23-July 4 to discuss church business. The GC Session meets every 5 years and nearly 2,500 delegates from around the world will meet to vote on important issues. Thousands from around the world will also come to see the events surrounding the meeting. The exhibit hall is very large and interesting with lots of things to

see. In years past, the attendance on Sabbaths swell to 60,000 to 70,000 people. 3ADM will have a booth in the exhibit hall to represent Deaf ministry. This is a good place to expose people to our Deaf culture and ministry needs.

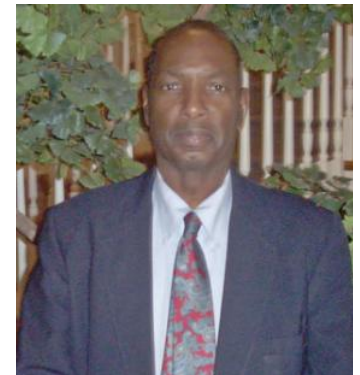
As a note, ASL interpreters will be available.

If you are at the GC Session, be sure to look for our booth! We would love to see you!

## In Loving Memory



Victor G. Lindgren, a Deaf member in southern California, passed away February 20th. He was a member at Downey SDA church before transferring to the West Covina Hills SDA church. Victor was a very faithful member and known to be a very nice, quiet Christian. He was 82.



Clarence Reese of Orlando, FL died February 25th of pancreatic cancer just before his 68th birthday. The Reese and Palmer families want to thank you for your prayers and support during Clarence's illness.

Moving?

Please remember to let us know if you have any address changes!

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Three Angels Deaf Ministries (3ADM) was originally incorporated in the State of Nebraska and was recognized by the federal government as a nonprofit religious organization on April 6, 1998. After moving to a new headquarters, 3ADM was subsequently recognized as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization by the State of Arizona on May 9, 2001. 3ADM has been granted the right to issue tax-deductible receipts for donations made to Three Angels' Deaf Ministries.

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