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Developing New Bible Studies in Spanish

Three Angels Deaf Ministries is currently working on an exciting project, the God's Way Bible lesson series in Spanish. 3ADM has often received requests for Bible studies and materials in Spanish. Not only do Deaf Mexicans read Spanish in place of English, but Mexican Sign Language is completely different than ASL. The Spanish "speaking" Deaf in North America are especially isolated from the gospel work, as very few are ministering to them. We are working toward doing something to reach out to these hungry souls.

The Spanish version of the God's Way lessons will be available via correspondence through the mail or the Deaf Bible School website. While our focus is here in North America, those who live outside of North America can still use the lessons through our website. We hope to finish this project by the end of this year.

The translation from English to Spanish work is being done by Harold Molina, who currently

lives in Puerto Rico where he is a theology student at Antillean Adventist University.

Before moving to Puerto Rico, Harold was involved with a variety of Deaf community activities. Harold signs well and attended DEAF (the Deaf group at the Silver Spring, MD church) occasionally for several years. He led a student from the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) to the DEAF worship services. So far, he has been very active in Deaf ministry and he keeps in touch with 3ADM regarding his work.

This is not the first time

that Harold has assisted us. He translated our doctrinal tracts that are used at Deaf Expos. We have been sharing the Spanish version at Deaf events.

Harold sent us this message recently:

"I'm excited to inform you that our sign language classes are going well. We have been fortunate to meet a hearing Adventist man named Nelson Correa. He's been actively participating in a Baptist Deaf ministry for five years. We are asking for prayers as we give a push forward to help this Deaf group get started in the Arecibo SDA church."



Harold and his wife Molina are on the far right. Nelson Correa is the man in the middle with the ILY pin.

*Sharing
the Three
Angels'
Messages
with the
Deaf.*

Speaker's Dialogue: Reasons to Thank God Daily

As I write this, the sun is shining, the air is crisp, the trees are covered in colorful leaves. This beautiful autumn day tells us that winter is coming soon. This change of seasons will bring us different scenery and mood of life. Also, during this cold season, the year will come to an end and a new year will begin. As we approach the new year, we all often look back to see what we have accomplished or failed to do during the year. It seems that we tend to think of failures more than successes. Are you discouraged, sad, angry, burned out, or tired? Are you feeling that you have not accomplished much? Are you tempted to throw your hands up and give it up for good? Failures in our business, in marriage, in school, in school grades, in our health, and in spiritual struggles can discourage us so much that we do not want to try it again. Is this how you feel now?

When we successfully accomplish something, we are motivated to do something else even better. But, sometimes we are disappointed in our failures and we stop moving on. This should not be. One successful person said, "Failure is success if we learn from it" (Malcolm Forbes). Another good thought is given by Michael Jordan, a professional basketball player—"I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed." Whenever we are struggling, we need to remember these two quotations over and over again.

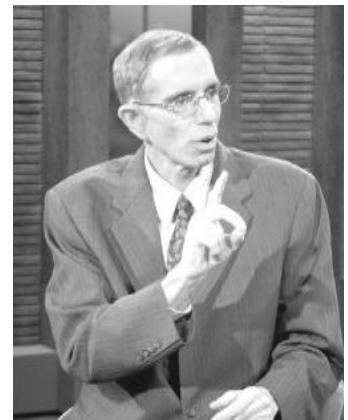
We have struggles in this sinful, old world. Remember that from the ashes of failure we can grow like a tree that becomes tall and strong. Look at the ants. They struggle daily. They just keep on trying over and over until they succeed.

Speaking of our spiritual struggle, we are like apostle Paul. Paul complained that he was trying to do what is right but failed miserably. See Romans 7:14-24. In verse 24, he wrote the sad confession—"O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" (NKJV). If we stop reading here it would be the most horrible news for all of humanity on earth. We would have no reason to continue in our battle against the power of sin. We are hopeless, period!

But thanks to God for the next verse after that sad confession: "I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin." Without Jesus Christ as our promised Messiah we would have nothing to be thankful for in our lives. But, Jesus did come here on earth and won the hard battle for us.

He lived perfectly without sin and died for us so we do not have to face the second death.

Imagine what our life would be like without Jesus Christ? I do not need to tell you, for we all know the facts as we hear and read the news of the happenings all over the world. The news we hear have discouraged us from moving on with our spiritual growth.



Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17 that if Jesus had not been raised from death to life we would live in vain. It would be pointless for us to attend church, travel across the country to share the gospel bags with the Deaf, baptize the Deaf, preach the gospel to the Deaf, and die for Christ. We would not be in a thankful spirit. We would not thank God for the life we are living right now. But, no! We are thankful to God because of the victory Jesus had done for us. We do not need to think of our failures at all. We need to look at failures with the right attitude and right perspectives. Sometimes, our failures were caused by over-confidence in ourselves rather than in Christ. So these failures humble us and teach us to look up to God. Remember this text: "I can do everything through him [Jesus] who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13, NIV).

In closing, let us read Jesus' promise, which gives us hope when we feel discouraged and worried. "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33, NIV). So, we have reasons for thanking God daily as we look forward to 2011. The events of 2011 may be worse than 2010, but be of good cheer. We will be closer to the Day of Deliverance when Jesus comes again.

3ADM thanks God for His guidance and support through the years. Thank you for your prayers and faithful financial support! May God richly bless you as you look forward to the Day of Fellowship with our God. "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God" (Revelation 21:3, NIV).

*David M. Trexler
Speaker/Director*

DEAR/DYAC

DEAR was held at Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, VA from October 21 to 23, 2010. The guest speaker of the four part series was Pastor Jeff Jordan presenting—Christ Is the Answer. His messages were well received by over 50 campers. On Friday night the communion service was conducted by Elder Paul Kelly. The weather was perfect for the camp meeting in the autumn setting with colorful foliage decorating the area.

Deaf Young Adults for Christ (DYAC) gathered there as they had their own program which included our lay training workshop with Elder Paul Kelly and



DYAC group during their mock board meeting for training. Here you see Josiah Kelly getting instructions from Paul Kelly.

Elder David M. Trexler. The parliamentary workshop was given by Elder Kelly and they had a good mock board meeting that gave 16 young Deaf adults more confidence and experience in running the meeting effectively.

The campers came from many different states such as: Washington, Oregon, Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Virginia, Washington D.C. Pennsylvania, California, and West Virginia. They returned to their homes spiritually and emotionally refreshed.



Pastor Jeff Jordan provides spiritual food for the DEAR camp meeting attendees.



Planting Seeds in Seattle, Chicago Deaf Communities

Chicago:

When we arrived at the Midway Airport we were slapped by the icy, cold wind of Chicago. But, the coldness of the Chicago air was not in the exhibition center at Harper College where DNE was hosted. Deaf people were friendly and warm when they met us at the booth. The hall was really crowded with Deaf people from different states such as Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

A Deaf pastor from another denomination came to visit me and I was thrilled to meet him again. He and I used to work at Gallaudet University as chaplains. He is now pastoring in Chicago area. We had a good discussion about some Adventist beliefs at the booth. Then our Adventist friend, Elbert Brignoni, with his daughter showed up. It was a good visit since we have not seen them for a long time. They lived in Arizona near the 3ADM office before moving back to Chicago. Then, later in the afternoon, Rhonda Treviranus came to assist us. She had many friends at the hall. This was a good Adventist reunion giving some spiritual and moral support.

At the end of the day we gave away all 300 gospel bags that we had brought. May God win Deaf hearts through the spiritual materials we shared, satisfying their hunger for happiness and fulfillment in life.

By David Trexler

Seattle:

The attendance at this expo seemed smaller than in times past. But our booth was still very active. We gave away 425 bags.

Christine Gilbrough helped us in the booth. Realizing that some Deaf people also struggle with blindness, she gave away some information about braille materials available at Christian Record Services.

Eleven attendees came and we all shared about God. Some of them had an indepth study with us at the booth.

By Chuck McGehee

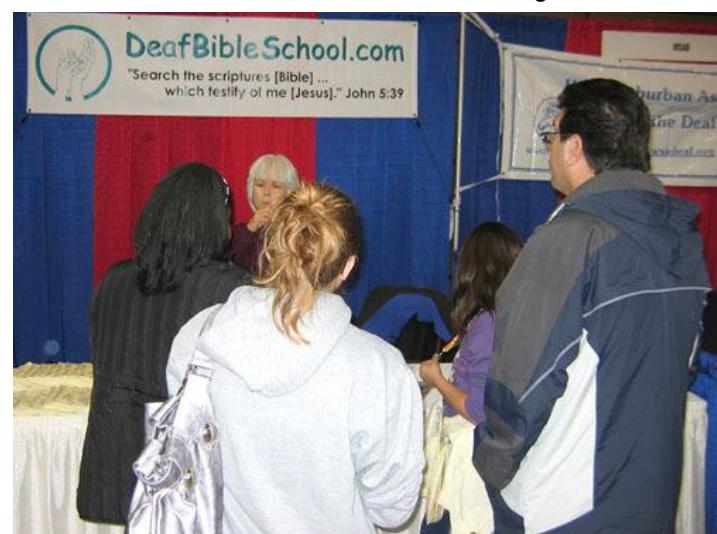
Deaf expos are over for the year. Thousands of seeds of truth have been shared with Deaf people all over the U.S. and the world. The results we will not know until we are in heaven with Jesus and the saints. We thank God for this awesome opportunity to share materials with so many Deaf people each year in such a simple way. Already, plans are being made for 2011. The first one next year will be February in Miami, FL.



How good to see Elbert Brignoni, our Adventist brother, again!



Rhonda Treviranus and Francisca Trexler both worked in the booth. Rhonda lives in the Chicago area.



Meet Michael Fantini

I became a member of the SDA Church on September 18, 2010, by re-baptism. If you like to see my baptism you can go to <http://chestnuthillsda.org/>. Just scroll down the web page until you see movie screen with my name on it (Michael Fantini).

I go to that church and they have an interpreter. I have learned a lot over the year from the Amazing Facts Bible study. A year ago, I met a member of the church, Carl, who owns a health food and Christian book store that opened about two years ago. Carl provides Bible studies every Monday at his store. One day I go to his store to have Bible study with the hearing group. I asked him what he will be doing the hour between work and Bible study. He said he planned to eat dinner. I asked him what about if he and I study during his dinner time. He was willing and he ate before I showed up. He had a computer and laptop. He used the computer and I used his laptop. I typed on the laptop for him to read and then he typed on the computer for me to read. That is how we studied together.

When we studied Revelation 13, my heart was touched and my life was changed. That night, I could not sleep because I thought about how once you get mark of the beast, there is no turning back. That night, I let Jesus in my heart because I need Jesus to make me a strong person to avoid receiving the 666 mark. I learn that mark on forehead or right fist not mean to actually have number 666 on it. The mark on the forehead means to decide to not follow God and follow His law. The fist means not want to obey man's law, but feel afraid and follow man's law anyway.

I studied the Bible with a Deaf group once a month



Michael Fantini is a new SDA believer.

before I met Carl. But I learned a lot from Amazing Facts study guides with Carl and I understand and know the truth. I used to be Catholic but I never felt that Catholicism fit me. I read the Bible a lot and tried to find the right church. Then Carl invited me to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. People at that church are so friendly, nice, and respectful. I feel very welcome and I love those people. That how I decided to re-baptized and become a member of the SDA Church.

I would like to receive the DVDs with sermons because I need to see someone who is Deaf or a hearing person who have very good skill in American Sign Language. I believe those DVDs will make me feel great, seeing Deaf people who have same beliefs that I have now. It will also help me to feel more confident.

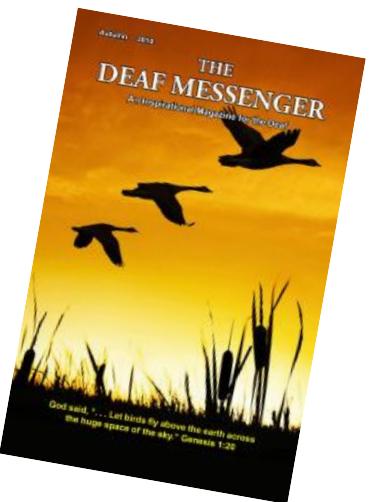
The Deaf Messenger

Each quarter, 3ADM continues to print and mail The Deaf Messenger to Deaf people all across the United States and Canada at no cost to those who are receiving them. These little magazines are truly messengers sharing words of truth with articles written intentionally for those who are Deaf.

To receive the magazine, subscribers must request it. Most of the requests come in as a result of our booth at Deaf expos, which allows for follow up after meaningful conversations at our booths. Often, we meet subscribers at Deaf Expos, who then express their deep appreciation for these issues. Their only complaint is that they do not come more frequently. They tell us that the magazines are shared with friends and with

others in their churches; others save them in a safe place so they can reread them. They told us that these magazines have been both inspirational and instructional to them.

The upcoming issues will feature topics such as the Sabbath, State of the Dead, Judgment, and more. We ask that you keep this magazine and its recipients in prayer.



Buzzell/Plubell Wedding



Here is the picture of a very happy couple. Bruce Buzzell and Susan Plubell were married at a non-denominational church on October 17, 2010. Pastor David Trexler officiated the small wedding with 40 total guests, with a few friends and all their relatives. The spirit was wonderful.

Bruce Buzzell is chairperson of 3ADM's Board of Directors. His name sign has been with the letter B touching both sides of the chin, much like the sign for bachelor. Perhaps he will need a new name sign now.

The day before the wedding, Neil Davidson hosted a special Sabbath day for the Deaf at the Chula Vista SDA Church where he attends. Pastor David Trexler was the guest speaker for the worship service. About 20 Deaf members and friends attended. Following the worship service, the Deaf group enjoyed a delicious potluck with hearing church members.

Bruce and Susan are now happily living in Bruce's home in the Saint Louis, Missouri area. May God bless their relationship!

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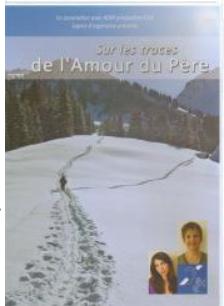
Marcus and Brooke Banks by Ladele Banks

Marvin Budd by Luis Leonor

Francisca Trexler by Mike and Beth Dobson

DVD Translated to French

The South France Conference has a true interest in Deaf ministry. The secretary to the conference president knows French Sign Language and has a true burden. There are only perhaps two Deaf members in France. They obtained a copy of Signs of God's Love #1 and contacted us to see if they could "translate" the DVD from ASL into FSL. We agreed.



The project leaders wanted a Deaf female, so they asked a Deaf non-Adventist to give the presentation. She was willing to give it a try. She watched the DVD we had made and she loved it. She worked hard to repeat precisely what Esther said and even mimicked her signing style and facial expressions. She did a very good job and she was richly blessed.

The shoot was done in the French Alps. Finding a place in the outdoors to shoot was easy. But, they needed a cabin. Before the video shoot, several people working on the project drove to the mountains, praying that God will help them find a cabin. They stopped and picked up a hitchhiker on the road. As they drove along, they told the man about their project and what they needed. He knew of one and immediately called the owner on his cell phone, gaining permission for its use. How thrilling to see how God led them! Later, they found out that the cabin owner's sister is Deaf. After the DVD was completed, they took a copy to her, isolated deep in the mountains. She was delighted to meet them and embraced the DVD. The DVDs are available through the South France conference.



Neil Davidson is very active in witnessing to several Deaf people in San Diego area.

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