



# Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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## Spanish God's Way Lesson Finished

We are thrilled to announce that 3ADM has completed a full Bible study series for the Deaf in Spanish! They have been printed and are ready for use. This Bible Study series is the Spanish translation of our God's Way lessons in Easy Reading English. This new 26-lesson series in Spanish is also Easy Reading. This series is now ready for use through the US Mail. **Two persons started the lessons as soon as they were printed!**

3ADM often receives requests for materials and Bible studies in Spanish. This will allow us to broaden our outreach in areas like Puerto Rico where many read Spanish. Also, some Deaf immigrants from Mexico are moving into the United States. While some of them do learn ASL and/or English, a good number do not or slowly learn as the years go by. Just as

a note, ASL is not used in Mexico. In stead, Mexican Sign language is used. This is completely different from American Sign Language. Due to the real communication challenges, these Deaf people in North America are especially isolated from the gospel work. Very few people are sharing Jesus with them.

Soon, these lessons will be added to the Deaf Bible School web site. This will allow Deaf who use Spanish to study with us, no matter where they live in the world.

Our Deaf Bible School director, Francisca Trexler, was born in Mexico. She learned to speak and lip-read Spanish before moving to the United States in order to obtain a better education. In recent years, she has had a burden for "her people" back in her mother land and began learning Mexican Sign Language. With her language skills, she will be well able to handle the Spanish Bible students.

We appreciate Harold Molina for his translation work. Harold lives in Puerto Rico where he is a theology student at Antillean Adventist University. He is hearing and has a great burden for Deaf ministry. In spite of their busy schedule, he and his wife remains highly active in Deaf ministry in Puerto Rico. Harold has been teaching sign language classes and hosting a Deaf club meeting. While mingling with Deaf people, he and his wife share Jesus with them. Harold has also translated our Spanish tracts that we share at Deaf expos.



## 3ABN Closed Captioned

Eighty percent of the programming on Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) is now closed captioned. So finally, the network is accessible to Deaf people.

3ABN is a 24-hour television network with Christian programming. Not only do they have preaching programs, but also have programs on cooking and health, stop smoking and weight loss, children and family issues, organic gardening, natural home remedies, children's programs and more. It is a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. To learn how you may see 3ABN, go to [www.3abntv.org](http://www.3abntv.org) for details.

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## From the Speaker: Are You Still Alive or Dead?

One day a doctor was walking on the boardwalk at the beach to enjoy the day. He saw a crowd of people at the pier. They were surrounding a man who had drowned. The crowd did not know what to do with this man. Not really caring, the doctor walked toward the crowd out of curiosity. He thought that the man was somebody he did not know. But, when he reached the crowd and saw the man's face, the doctor recognized him as his own son! His attitude changed completely. He rushed forward and pushed people out of the way in order to save him as best as he could. He worked hard and finally his son was revived. The doctor's son was not saved only by the doctor's skills in medicine. He was saved because his father recognized him. His son might not have survived if his father did not rush to him immediately.

What is your attitude toward other lost souls? What is your attitude toward other church members? Do you know that there are many members drowning in the sea of sin even though they are still members of the church? They are dying! Some of them may already be dead. The dying members may still go to church. Maybe they are about to leave the church. Many have already left. Now take the time to look at yourself. What about you? Do you know yourself? Are you dying or are you in full energy with the love of God?

We can be like the doctor who was not willing to help someone he did not know. That doctor only cared about his family, not others. We could call that doctor "dead" in sin because he only cared about himself. The story is an illustration of our spiritual condition. We are the same as the doctor or his son, or maybe both at the same time. In Revelation, Jesus made clear that our church is identified as Laodicean.

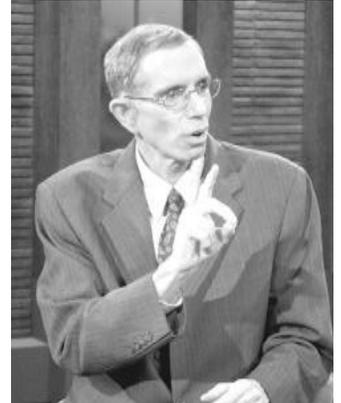
"I know what you are doing. I know you aren't cold or hot. I wish you were either one or the other! But you are lukewarm. You aren't hot or cold. So I am going to spit you out of my mouth. 'You say, "I am rich. I've become wealthy and don't need anything." But you don't realize how pitiful and miserable you have become. You are poor, blind and naked.' " (Revelation 3:14-22 NIV)

Do you think of yourself as "hot"? "Hot" can be interpreted as someone who is full of the Holy Spirit and on fire for the Lord. A "hot" person loves the Lord and his fellow people, members and non-members alike. He is "alive."

Or maybe you think of yourself as "cold." "Cold" can be

interpreted as someone who does not know the truth. This person may be innocent who does not know the Bible.

Or are you "lukewarm"? "Lukewarm" is someone who knows the Bible, but is spiritually dead. This person enjoys being a member of the remnant church, but is more interested in worldly things than God's things.



Let me tell you the truth: we are lukewarm! We are like the doctor in the story. He showed a lukewarm attitude. We show lukewarm attitude toward spiritual things. We know the church's doctrines and standards, but we are in danger of losing our saving relationship with Jesus. Also, we could have NO saving relationship with Jesus when we are rebelling against the clear words of the Bible. We love the world more than God because we enjoy worldly things more than spiritual things. Think about it: do you? Spiritually dead is more dangerous than being physically dead, not breathing! What we need is revival and reformation in our lives. We need to accept Jesus' analysis of our spiritual condition.

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs" (Selected Messages, bk. 1, p. 121). We need a spiritual revival through the work of the Holy Spirit. We need the holy desire for change in our lives and in our church more than ever before as we come to the close of the earth's history. We need the fire from the Holy Spirit, who can revive us the same way as the disciples in the early church. We need to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but we must surrender our sins from our lives completely before He can grant the church the power promised to us by Jesus Christ.

Three Angels Deaf Ministries is following the General Conference's call for the revival and reformation. Every week the staff kneels and prays for each individual on our list. We do not pray for them alone. We do pray for our needs as well. We are asking God to show our needs, clean our lives, and empower us to share the Good News with the Deaf. Let us be revived from being dead or lukewarm! How? Pray, Study, and Obey!

*David M. Trexler  
Speaker/Director*

## Deaf Reach in California

A Deaf Reach lay-training workshop was held in Chula Vista SDA Church on April 16 and 17. Neil Davidson successfully planned this important training of Deaf members to be effective lay workers. Thirteen Deaf and hearing participants came from Fresno, Loma Linda, and San Diego areas. Five sessions were given on Sabbath. On Sunday, the entire morning was focused on learning how to use the Bible study series, marking your Bible, and giving a testimony. Then some of the members shared their testimonies of how they became followers of Jesus.

Deaf members expressed deep appreciation for the successful workshop. They said that they have more confidence in sharing their faith with the Deaf in the proper way. Also they had more courage to witness to other people in their communities.

Deaf Reach was held in Arkansas in 2004 and 2005, with Deaf members all across the United States attending. 3ADM decided to take the same training to regional areas so that more can attend. We created materials and an intensive weekend program. Since 2009, 10 regional programs have been held across North America. If you wish to have the Deaf Reach workshop in your area, please contact 3ADM.



Deaf Reach lay-training program at Chula Vista, CA

## Sermons on DVD

ASL Sermon DVDs is sent to a growing list of Deaf subscribers. These DVDs are sent at no charge to the Deaf.

Many Deaf members do not attend a church with a Deaf pastor or leader. These DVDs allows them to see a sermon in their own language and to share it with others. With these DVDs, small groups of Deaf people can meet in homes or in churches to watch the DVD together and then discuss what they saw presented.

If you are Deaf and wish to receive these DVDs, please contact us.

## Member Shares DVDs

Wanda Watson is an Adventist member living in Arkansas. She gave us a report on how she has shared our latest *Signs of God's Love* #4 DVD. This DVD is about the Sabbath.

"I chatted with an old friend of mine on the video phone after not seeing her for many years. Yvonne lives in Michigan. We talked for a long time, but we never discussed anything religious or spiritual. After we hung up, I began to think about sending her a DVD. I was not sure if I should send her a DVD on the Sabbath, but I sent it any way. Yvonne called soon after she received it and said, 'I want to tell you, thank you for the DVD!' She wanted to share the DVD with her hearing daughter and then added that **she decided that she was going to take the DVD to her Baptist church so the pastor and other Deaf people can see it.**

"An old school friend of mine, Chris, is a spiritual man. Over the many years, we have talked about God and the Bible. I decided to send him the DVD and some religious papers. He called and said that he and his wife watched the DVD. They had **no idea that almost two hours went by** until the program was over. They were so interested in what they saw that they had no sense of time. Chris called to tell me thank you for the DVD and the papers. He said that he learned a lot.

"I was in a nearby town doing some business. A Deaf friend of mine, Brenda, lives there. She drove by, recognized my truck, and stopped to see me. She told me that her sister went to the 3ADM booth at an expo in Arizona and picked up a DVD. The sister said that she was **surprised that the Sabbath day is on Saturday.** She had never heard of this until seeing the DVD. Brenda has been studying with me and she attended our church, so she was familiar with this. Brenda told her sister, 'Yes! It is Saturday!' Brenda was excited about the DVD and asked how she could get a copy.

"I gave some DVDs to Eloise, a Deaf friend of mine who I am studying with. Eloise likes to share what she has learned with others, including her hearing sister. One day, I asked Eloise what her sister thought of the DVD. Her sister really liked it and **watched the DVD twice.** She wants to see the other DVDs now. I am glad that the DVDs have voice on them so that Deaf people can share them with their hearing family and friends."

If you have been sharing DVDs, we would love to hear your stories! Please contact us.

Also, if you would like to have some *Signs of God's Love* DVDs to share, you may use the order form on page 7. If you order 20 or more, there is a discount. Contact us if you would like to order in bulk.

## Booths Continue to Draw Interests

Continuing our booth outreach, we gave away materials in: Greensboro, NC; Warren, MI; Austin, TX; and Riverside, CA. Here are reports from two locations.

### Austin, TX - April 16

We looked at the heavy boxes with 300 bags early that morning. We seriously doubted all of them would be given away. Imagine our surprise when they vaporized by 3pm, leaving a barren table for the rest of the day. The expo was heavily attended with 4,300 persons.

Kathy McCain, Winford Taylor, and Wanda Watson helped me. Winford, having lived in Austin years ago, met some old friends. His friendly chats with friends drew eyes of others, causing them to come explore our booth.

I left the booth and chatted with a familiar face from another expo. I noticed a man eagerly, yet shyly, waving his hand. He had a great big grin on his face. Earl came to the expo hoping to see our booth, but after looking all around, he could not find it. What joy that he spotted me in the big crowd! He was at the expo three years ago and received a *Signs of God's Love* #1 DVD. He loved it so much that he admitted that he made copies to share with many others. "Do you have any new DVDs?" I took him to our booth with its bare table so I could get his address. I promised him copies of the newer DVDs. He was elated.

Bill was excited to see our booth and visited with us for a while. He took our Bible study course a few years ago. Bill knew Arthur Griffith and expressed grief that Arthur had died. He shared his experience at Gallaudet back in the 70's, the time when Arthur was working in ministry there. Bill was interested in vegetarianism and was looking into Yoga when he met some Adventists. He was amazed at Arthur's knowledge of the Bible and ability to make Bible teachings simple. He stated that we need more Arthur Griffiths today. How right he is!

A member of a different church approached our booth. Dennis seemed to want to debate with us. He wanted to prove to us that his church was the true church and ours was a fake. He was very intense and had Scriptures ready on index cards. I pulled out my Bible and read the texts with him. I asked him to read not just the one line or verse, but the entire chapter. Then I asked him what the chapter was talking about. He was stunned a number of times, unsure of what to say next. I then explained it to him. I admire his devotion to his faith and desire to follow God fully. We parted on very good terms and we agreed to stay in touch. He saw me later in another part of the expo and asked again that I be in touch. I promised that I would (and we have been since).

Robert walked up to our booth and asked me what

church we belonged to. When I told him, he turned cold. I was not ready to let him go and asked him some questions. The Holy Spirit led in our conversation. Kathy and I talked with him about God and the Bible in depth, including prophecy. Our conversation was so intense, Kathy and I took turns to let our minds rest a little! We could see that he was learning a lot. He was at our booth for four hours and returned two more times to say a few words. He was no longer cold but very warm and friendly. Let us pray for the seeds that are sown!

*Sent by Esther M. Doss*

### Riverside, CA - May 6,7

David Trexler and his wife attended the expo in Riverside which was on the campus of California School for the Deaf. David was a former student there. Years ago, when David was just a boy sitting in classes at the school, he never dreamed that he would come back to share about Jesus Christ.

More than 8,000 people had gathered over the two days, most of them came on Saturday. This was the busiest expo ever experienced in our outreach ministry. Friday was a slow day, but many of the school children picked up a bag because they wanted to watch the "movie." 500 bags were given away.

The Trexler's were assisted by loyal local members—Darrell and Lorna Strait and Aivars and Seandette Ponkratjevs. A few Deaf members visited the booth. A number of former members came by for a visit as well. David wrote, "Francisca and I met some of our old friends from our school days. Some of them we have not seen for more than 40 years! It was a joy seeing them again. Also, we met a few Deaf pastors and lay workers. We had good discussions on Deaf ministry."



*Our booth in Austin, TX*



A visitor with Francisca Trexler in Greensboro, NC.



The booth stays busy in Warren, MI. Marvin Budd interacts with a couple while Francisca is busy with another visitor.



A Deaf Bible School student meets Bible instructor Francisca in Greensboro, NC. They were delighted to meet and chatted for a time.



The Riverside, CA expo was held outdoors with booths in tents. In this picture, Lorna Strait talks with a visitor while Sean Ponkratjews looks on.



Booth workers in Warren, MI: Roseanne Baker (hearing), Marvin Budd (interpreter and 3ADM board member), Kevin Mayes (visitor), Marcia Irwin (Deaf), David Irwin (Deaf), and the Trexler's.



Francisca happily meets another Deaf Bible School student in Riverside, CA. Meeting Bible students like this develops relationships and builds trust.

## GC Liaison for Deaf Ministry

During the General Conference (GC) Spring meetings recently, something historic happened. Elder Larry Evans, who was elected to serve as Associate Stewardship Director, was also asked by the GC (the Adventist world church headquarters) to serve as the GC Liaison for International Deaf Ministries. This is historic, for this is the first time that anyone has been appointed as a liaison for the Deaf work.



In the past, Elder Evans worked with Deaf leaders in Oregon and Georgia while he was serving in those conferences. He also was a member of the 1997-98 GC committee that considered the issues surrounding the Christian Record Services restructure. While serving as the Undersecretary of the GC, he helped to set up the GC Taskforce on Deaf Ministry, which he chaired.

Elder Evans has a true burden for the expansion of Deaf ministry. He has shared the need for Deaf ministry with many of his friends and colleagues, including with GC President Elder Wilson. He acknowledges that he has much to learn about Deaf culture and ministry and continues to learn from Deaf leaders as we work together to strengthen this vital ministry.

Debra Brill, North American Division VP, states, "In making this decision, the Adventist church is identifying Deaf Ministry as important to our mission of taking the gospel to every kindred, tongue and people. I am thankful for this decision, and welcome Dr. Evans as he continues to be a fellow hearing advocate in an official capacity."

3ADM is very pleased and fully supports the GC's selection of Elder Evans. Let us pray that God will bless Elder Evans as he assumes his new responsibilities.

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## Letters in Our Mailbox

Last Sabbath we watched Signs of God's Love part 3, finally saw it, pah! I thought the DVD was well made! I was blown away. Every story told was captivating! My favorites are the "red head" seagull and the housewife with 2 husbands- good and bad husband. It gave interesting perspective about following "rules" out of love and out of fear. Exactly as I thought! I definitely would love to watch the DVD again and enjoy it once more. Well done! God bless 3ADM for all the work you've done!

*Massachusetts*

Thank you for sending the DVD (sermons on DVD). I will stand for Jesus. I love Him more than world. May I see another part about what heaven is like next month? Thanks.

*South Dakota*

We watched Signs of God's Love Part 4! I think the video tackled the topic about Sabbath right head on! Bold! I like how it included history and explained the change of Sabbath to Sunday and I believe that helps make the case stronger. My favorite part is near the end where you talked about how Sabbath is a blessing and enjoyable, spend time with God, family and friends, minister to people's needs. That made me smile and feel warm. I'm glad it was covered and help show people how to keep the Sabbath. My husband liked how you used the example of a map as an example of the Bible and that we need to rely on the Bible not man teachings. I hope people will get that message. My husband said he will definitely give the DVD to his friend and I told him to give part 3 as well as it is a good introduction leading to the topic about the Sabbath. The DVD is very convincing and it makes me appreciate and love the Sabbath even more! Waving my hands, excellent job!

*Massachusetts*

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