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Ministry Office Moves to Maryland

In the previous newsletter, we stated that 3ADM will move its office from Arizona to Maryland slowly. But it did not happen that way. In December, we received a surprising message from our beloved friends George and Arlene Belser. The Belsers informed us they had decided to move on January 22. Actually, the Belsers were surprised as well for leaving Arizona on such a short notice, but they found a perfect place to live in a short time.

George has been a loyal 3ADM office manager, assisting me these last four years. His help allowed me to work from my home office in Maryland. George has been very dependable and I will miss him

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Photo by David Trexler

very much. George told me that he will miss working for 3ADM for he loves this viable Deaf ministry.

We acted quickly, planning for the move. No time could be wasted in order for 3ADM to have a seamless transition. All of our products were in Arizona and they needed to be moved. On January 16, my wife Francisca and I flew to Phoenix on a one way ticket when the airfare was the cheapest. The Belsers generously invited us to stay in their home although they were in the middle of packing their things. They also loaned us George's trusty 1988 Oldsmobile to do our errands. We then rented a 26 foot U-Haul truck.

The 3ADM office has been in a wing of the Apache Junction

SDA Church. When the hearing members heard of the move, Paul Vliet met and told George that he wanted to help. After packing in the office for three days, we were ready to load the truck. George and I were surprised that not only did Paul Vliet come to help, but he came with another member, Mark Wiley. They brought hand carts to speed up the loading. It took us only a few hours to complete the job at two locations! You see, not only did we load things from the office, but we had boxes of books and other materials in a storage unit. We returned to the office for the final "mopping up." Paul and Mark were a big help! A real godsend.

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From the Speaker: Sunsets and Sunrises

One evening in Mesa, Arizona, while preparing for 3ADM's move to Maryland, we witnessed a beautiful, colorful sunset. Arizona is famous for such sunsets. The sunset was a symbol of the end of our time in Arizona. That sunset reminded my wife and I of our moving experiences during our 41 years of marriage. Actually, we moved 18 times in many different states.

The opposite of sunset is sunrise. We think of sunrise as a new beginning: of our day, our life, or our new home. So now, 3ADM is experiencing a sunrise as the office moves to Maryland.

Each time we move I get emotional as I looked back to the past. I remember good and bad times in the different places we called home. Some places were easy to leave. But leaving some other places was hard. I can not help but get emotional and have flashbacks of the past. Thanks to technology I can check on our old homes through Zillow and Google Map. I can look at the map in "satellite" mode and I can see the land and houses. I have wondered about the changes in the various areas. I found that a house we lived in Oregon is much different now from the time we lived there. Sometimes we have been tempted to go back and live there again.

While driving 2,400 miles across the United States, we saw many rental trucks hauling cars. Other Americans are moving to different places. Why are so many moving all over the country, or perhaps just across town? The many reasons include: job relocation, job search, divorce, marriage, death, education, retirement, military transfer and a desire to move from the city to the country. For many countries in the world, I must add war as a reason as many people become war refugees.

For some people moving can be adventurous and fun, but for others, moving is a sad and difficult. I remember my childhood well. I grew up in a military family that experienced many moves across the country. My brother and sister did not like it because they missed their friends whom they did not see again. I had mixed feelings about it. Yes, I missed my old friends, but I also gained new friends, as did as my brother and sister.

My family and I moved eight times because of my dad's military duty. But, one of eight was for my education when we moved from Cheverly, Maryland

to Riverside, California where I attended the school for the Deaf for the first time in my life. That was a turning point of my life educationally and socially.

The Bible tells of God's people who were forced to move from Jerusalem to Babylon. "We were sitting by the rivers of Babylon. We cried when we remembered what had happened to Zion" (Psalm 137:1, NIV). These Jews cried because they might never return home. Jerusalem was destroyed. They were so attached to the place they loved.

Moving is nothing new. Ever since the entrance of sin people have moved for many reasons. Some had to leave their gardens that would be harvested by invaders or new homeowners. Death disrupted many homes, causing those still living to sell and leave. We build up a home and then we move or die. It seems we are doing something for nothing.

Good news! Jesus promises us a better home where we will never have to move again! We will be with Him and we will stay and enjoy what we have built forever.

"I will create new heavens and a new earth. . . . My people will build houses and live in them. They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They will no longer build houses only to have others live in them. They will no longer plant crops only to have others eat them. My people will live to be as old as trees. My chosen ones will enjoy for a long time the things they have worked for. Their work will not be worthless anymore" (Isaiah 65:17, 21-23, NIV).

Jesus is coming again to bring us to our eternal home. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust in me also. There are many rooms in my Father's house. If this were not true, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. If I go and do that, I will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am" (John 14:1-3, NIV).



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Office Moved to Maryland, Continued

On Friday and Saturday night Francisca and I helped the Belsers with their packing. On Sabbath, 3ADM worshipped at the Apache Junction church for the last time. We had a very special time of fellowship there. 3ADM is very appreciative for the wonderful support that the Apache Junction church has shown this ministry and we will greatly miss them. Thank you, Apache Junction Church!

Early Sunday morning, the 22nd, we slid into the truck seats and left for Maryland. I drove the truck all the way because it was not easy to drive it! Driving a big truck is not the same as driving a car, so Francisca felt it would be best to avoid driving it herself. On the first day we traveled more than 700 miles and stayed at Odessa, TX. Of course, we were tired from being on the road more than 13 hours. Then on the next day we arrived at Little Rock, AR more than 650 miles from Odessa. We traveled another 13 or so hours until we stopped at Bristol, VA for a night. Finally, on January 25th we arrived at home! The weather had



Mike Wiley, Paul Vliet, and George Belser pose after packing the moving truck. With such teamwork, the job was quickly done.

been favorable the entire way.

As we were nearing home, we were concerned about unloading the truck for there were some big things to carry. Francisca and I would have much difficulty moving some items. We had friends who could help, but they had to be at work. Plus, we needed to move some things into storage which had no light. We were surprised again by God's plan. When I maneuvered the truck to park on our driveway, our Deaf neighbor was out walking his dog. He wondered what was going on, thinking we might be moving out. I explained to him what we were doing and then he walked away. As soon as I finally parked the truck as it was difficult to do, our Deaf friend came back and told us that his son can help us! We did not even ask for help. Our friend himself had surgery on his toe so he could not help, but his son could. His son was yet another godsend, assisting us in unloading at my home and at the storage unit.

At this time, we have not found a suitable place for the new 3ADM office, but we are looking around. For now, we have converted our basement into a stock and shipping room. We also rearranged our office to accommodate 3ADM's furniture and equipment.

In closing, the Lord was indeed watching over us and provided us with what we needed. We want to thank you for your prayers for God's protection and guidance.



George Belser leads in the Sabbath School class discussion at the Apache Junction church. This was a bittersweet time with the Deaf class.

Photo by David Trexler

From the Speaker, Cont.

It is my prayer that you remain faithful to Jesus until the end. Then you will have full joy in your life. We will never depart again in heaven and the new earth! Let other Deaf people know the good news of the soon coming of Christ who has died to save us from the terrible price of sin. "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Speaker/Director David M. Trexler

David Trexler

Photo by David Trexler

Deaf Ministry in Southern New England

Our D.E.A.F. (Deaf Everywhere Are Family) Monthly Deaf church group has had another wonderful year with consistent growth of new Deaf visitors and members.

Last March we hosted a D.E.A.F. weekend at the Northboro, Massachusetts church. We invited Chuck McGehee, a Deaf lay-leader in the Portland, Oregon area to come preach to our group. Also on Sabbath morning, Chuck preached to the church congregation (hearing and Deaf).

In August, we held our annual D.E.A.F. camp at Camp Cherokee in Lake Saranac, New York with 50 people attending. That number was almost double to the year before, praise God!

2012 is going to be a busy, exciting year for D.E.A.F.! We plan on having two D.E.A.F. weekends in 2012. The most exciting plan for 2012 is our annual D.E.A.F. camp which will be held in Groton, Massachusetts August 30 - September 3. Stay tuned for more information about this camp.

We meet monthly in local churches where Deaf member(s) go to. The church services are interpreted in ASL, after which we have a potluck. Then in the afternoon, we study the Bible together. I always look forward to any of the D.E.A.F. events as we have a wonderful group. When we meet each month, an average of about 15 people come together for Christian fellowship, worship services (interpreted), and studying God's Word together. They come from all around southern New England,



Photo by Jessica McGowan

The Southern New England D.E.A.F. in October, 2011. They had a wonderful day studying together at Cape Cod, Massachusetts. They then went to the beach to enjoy a leisure walk and enjoyed a lovely sunset to end the Sabbath.

including Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Almost every month we receive new visitors and often they desire to join our group which is wonderful.

Jessica McGowan is the Southern New England Conference Deaf Ministry Leader. She creates flyers with information about upcoming D.E.A.F. events and we hand them out to the group. We encourage the group to pass out the flyers to their friends and people they meet. I find this method to work very well as it helps bring people to our church.

Please join us in prayers that God blesses our D.E.A.F. group as we plan our 2012 activities and D.E.A.F. Christian fellowship.

Amanda Colgan

(Editor's Note: We are thrilled with the growth in the Southern New England area. The Deaf members are highly active in sharing their faith. Also, some hearing members, such as Jessica McGowan, have been most supportive. They have truly been working as a team.)

Speaker/Director's Schedule

- February 6 - 20 —Kenya, Africa
- March 17 —Orlando, FL (DeafNation Expo)
- March 31 —Dallas, TX (DeafNation Expo)
- April 1 —Lewisville, TX SDA Church
- April 14 —Atlanta, GA (DeafNation Expo)
- April 21 —Denver, CO (DeafNation Expo)
- May 5 —Pomona, CA (DeafNation Expo)

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Deaf Ministry Featured in Magazine

The *Adventist World* magazine featured Deaf ministry in its recent February 2012 issue as the cover story. The article was written by Dr. Larry Evans who consulted with Deaf ministry leaders to ensure that his information was correct.

For Deaf ministry, the printing of such an article is exciting. This was an unusual opportunity to bring attention to so many church members around the world to the need for Deaf ministry within the Adventist church.

The *Adventist World* magazine is an international magazine for Adventist members. It is printed in seven languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Korean, Portuguese, and Bahasa (Indonesian). The global circulation for the magazine is 1.5 million total. It is also available for viewing online in twelve languages. How thrilling to know that this article was shared with 1.5 million Adventist homes around the world! This does not include numbers of those who read the magazine online.

Dr. Larry Evans is an associate director of Stewardship Ministries of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He also serves as the General Conference liaison for International Deaf Ministries. In addition, he is a member of North American Division's Deaf Ministries Committee in an ex officio capacity.



As this newsletter is being written, 3ADM speaker/director David Trexler is in the country Kenya in Africa with Dr. Larry Evans, visiting with Deaf members there. The next 3ADM newsletter will share a report of their experience meeting our brothers and sisters.

Tennessee Deaf Church Hosts Thanksgiving Dinner

A vegetarian Thanksgiving Dinner was provided for the local Deaf community. A total of 58 individuals came to our church for the free food on Sunday, November 13, 2011. About half were non-members. Before the meal, I opened by reading the verse of 1 Thessalonians 5:18. I explained that we need to remember to always give thanks. I added a personal story of how much I thanked God for delivering me from being stuck 20 miles from home when I was a teenager. Joan Ceeto then signed a beautiful song. Next, Gordon Meis told us a short history of how Thanksgiving began. After that, Winston Stephens blessed the food.

I pray that we will continue to develop a stronger relationship with the Deaf. We are also planning on giving cooking classes and health seminars to the local Deaf community.

Pastor Jeff Jordan - Tennessee

(Editor's Note: This Dinner was a great way to break the ice and make friends with Deaf in the community.)

Summer Camp Meeting Schedule

Western Deaf Camp Meeting

Days Creek, Oregon - July 15-22, 2012
Contact Chuck McGehee: chucktrades@gmail.com

Deaf Young Adults for Christ

Days Creek, Oregon - July 18-22, 2012
(With Western Deaf Camp Meeting)
Contact Amanda Colgan: agtsully@gmail.com

Southern Deaf Fellowship Deaf Camp Meeting

Crandall, Georgia - August 8-12, 2012
Contact Pastor Jeff Jordan: jwjordan@gccsda.org

D.E.A.F. SNEC Camp

Groton, Massachusetts (new location)
August 30 - September 3, 2012
Contact Jessica McGowan: snecdeaf@gmail.com

Trexler to Visit Dallas Deaf

David Trexler will be speaking to Deaf Adventist members at the Lewisville Seventh-day Adventist Church north of the Dallas/Fort Worth metro area on April 1, 2012. Francisca Trexler and Esther Doss will also be joining him for the visit. Those living in the area are invited to come meet with them.

The 3ADM staff will be in the Dallas, Texas area due to the DeafNation Expo scheduled to be held on March 31.

For more information contact:
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Letters in Our Mailbox

Sermon DVDs

"I want to thank you for keep sending me the deaf videos. I pray for your mission work."

New York

"I really enjoy the sermon DVD each month. I learn more from sermon DVDs than at church. I have no interpreter at my church."

Virginia

3ADM Newsletter

"I have to inform you that I received the newsletter and the pictures in it from 3ADM yesterday. I really enjoyed reading and some pictures. I saw the pictures of deaf SDA people together and it made me cry because I feel so lonely and I don't have deaf SDA [fellowship]. I wish I could join with them and make new friends and learn more about God's Word. I love and care for God so much. I love the Bible also. I need to have [fellowship] with deaf SDA people."

Colorado

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Deaf Literature Evangelist

The Visitor's September 2011 issue contained an article written by Dan Jensen about a Deaf man. We wanted to share this with you:

Being a literature evangelist requires a unique skill set: someone who is very comfortable with people, can regularly take rejection and has a passion to keep going no matter what the circumstances. Lee Roy McKinney, a Radford (Va.) church member, has all three.

"Even though he is deaf, he won't stop trying to win souls for Jesus," comments Rhonda Poff, his daughter. "For more than 45 years, he has been going door to door selling everything from small paperback editions of *Steps to Christ* to books like *The Great Controversy*."

McKinney uses flashcards to explain his work and a notebook to write out answers to questions. He also gives away small tracts and Bible correspondence cards to almost everyone he meets. He is not afraid to approach anyone. "Only in heaven will we know how many people he has reached through the wonderful ministry of literature evangelism," adds Poff.

McKinney's testimony is simple: "There are many blessings in working for God. I want to give this wonderful truth to everyone. Jesus will come soon and I want to help finish the work."

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Sylvia House by Marshall House
 Denise Thompson by Eva Thompson

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