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Sowing Seeds of Truth During Spring Expo Season

Orlando, Florida

On Friday, March 16th, David and Francisca Trexler flew to Orlando for this year's first DeafNation Expo. After the booth was set up, they visited the others. They met a Deaf man who is a former Adventist. They were delighted to meet each other. He shared a little about his past experience and gave his address to enroll in the God's Way lessons and to receive *The Deaf Messenger*.

Eileen Ramirez Diaz-Lizardo and Mario Romero also came to share materials with the Deaf visitors during the afternoon. Cathy Ingram from Maryland came to stay for a while. Cathy is staying in Florida to care for her aging parents. They were happy to meet some local young Adventist members. Some of them needed spiritual support and counseling. It was good to have Francisca there for



Photo by Esther Doss

Winford Taylor, Kathy McCain, and David and Francisca Trexler working at a booth in Dallas, Texas

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this purpose.

Most of the day they had very little time to rest since many Deaf people were interested in the booth. David shares, "I had a "confrontation" by a group of three hearing young women who challenged our beliefs. They focused on death and hell. It was a long discussion but they left unfinished. A few Deaf visitors came to talk with us about their desire to know more about the Lord. One Deaf man came and talked with us for a while. He believes in the Lord, but he does not care for church. He said that it is good enough just to believe the Bible and Jesus. I challenged him to follow the Bible with right doctrines and church fellowship. The concept of only believing in Jesus without joining a church is very common among the Christians today. That was why I challenged this Deaf man to know God's will for us today."

Back in the Maryland office

after the expo, Francisca received a call from a Deaf young lady who picked up our materials. She found our videophone number in a special issue of *The Deaf Messenger* and she called to ask some questions. She said that for ten years she has looked for a church to worship God. She also has not been baptized yet. She was encouraged to send in the enrollment card for Bible lessons.

David adds, "On Sunday we went up to Ocala to visit a lonely Adventist couple who used to live in the northeast part of the USA. The visitation was a blessing to them. We returned back to the airport at evening and arrived home after midnight. This trip was well worth it. The Lord had truly blessed the ministry to the Deaf. Please continue to pray for the Deaf to accept the impression of the Holy Spirit as we share materials and talk with them."

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From the Speaker: The Flying Gems

After several busy, hectic months without a long break, we finally took a short and very productive vacation. My wife and I drove from Maryland to northwest Ohio east of Toledo to do some bird watching. Marcia and David Irwin from Michigan joined us.

We went to Magee Wildlife Center known as the Warbler Capital of the World. It attracts more than 30 species of colorful flying gems. We became very excited about spotting them when we walked on the boardwalk through the woods at the border of Erie Lake beach. We were not the only people who came to see these warblers. In fact, many birders came from all over the world. Actually we were there a little too early as most warblers come in the May. Because of my work schedule we were forced to come earlier, but it was worth it every minute. We did see warblers. Including warblers, we spotted over 50 species of birds. Francisca and I were thrilled to spot a few warblers we have not seen before. It



was fun to add some new birds to our records. David and Marcia have been to this place in the past and spotted more than we did this year. Every time we spotted a warbler we said "beautiful!"

A young man in the group who was familiar with the area told us that someone saw a Blackburnian Warbler. I wanted to see it badly and add it to my life record. Many people were looking for it. I walked between crowds of people and I saw a bird move from one tree to another. I quickly grabbed my binoculars and could clearly see it was a Blackburnian Warbler! Once I identified it I shouted, "I got it!". Immediately, the birders rushed to my side and shouted similarly. That man patted me on my back, congratulating me. What a good feeling of accomplishment!

We had a real relaxing, though exciting birding trip. Birding is always fun and adventurous. But, I am not preaching you to become a birder like us. Although I must admit it would be fun if every church member is a birder. We usually praise the Lord every time we sight any birds that are colorful God's creation. Birds and animals remind us of the Creator of every good thing in this world. When we sight a flying gem like the warblers we think of King David's well known expression of praise to God found in Psalm 139:14. "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well" (Psalm 139:14 ESV).

Let me change this verse to mention warblers. "I

praise you, for the warblers are wonderfully created for our pleasure to our eyes and ears. Wonderful are your works; I know it very well."

In this world we are busy doing this and that. Everyday we need to spend more time in nature and observe what God created for our well-being and spiritual growth. As Jesus spent a lot of time in nature we should do likewise. In heaven we will see a more beautiful world of birds and animals. We look forward to heaven and the re-creation of our home—the earth—a planet spoiled by sin but greatly loved by God. Amen.

*David M. Trexler
Speaker/Director*



Speaker/Director's Schedule

July 3-8—National Association of the Deaf Conference/
Kentucky DeaFestival, Louisville, Kentucky

July 15-22—Western Deaf Camp Meeting, Days Creek, OR

July 29-Aug. 1—DeafNation World Expo, Las Vegas, NV

Aug. 8-12—Southern Deaf Camp Meeting, Crandall, GA

Aug. 30-Sept. 1—DEAF Camp Meeting, Groton, MA

Oct. 18-21—DeafNation Expo, Seattle, WA

**If you desire to have David Trexler come to your area as speaker, please contact us here at 3ADM.*



*David Trexler sharing God's Word with Deaf in Little Rock, Arkansas.
See page 6.*

S.N.E.C DEAF Weekend and Baptism

The weekend of May 18 found about 25 Deaf people at the lovely country setting of Canaan Seventh-day Adventist Church where S.N.E.C. DEAF had its special weekend. Deaf members came from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Maryland. David and Francisca Trexler were featured speakers. The program began on Friday night and went through Sunday morning. Also, some hearing members prepared meals and sat through some of the meetings.

On Sabbath afternoon the group enjoyed hiking by the river. Then Edie Hotchkiss from Poughkeepsie, NY was baptized. Edie's decision was the results of prayers and Bible studies by her good friend Kathy Marciniak. Edie is so happy to be part of God's family and the group was delighted to share the special time with her.

A special thank you to Jessica McGowan, Patrick and Elaine Bennett, and the Canaan SDA Church members. Also, much appreciation is extended to Ellen Kiefer and Vanessa Rutledge two of the interpreters. They are non-Adventists and yet have given their time and talents not only for this weekend, but also regularly at the Plainville, CT church.

Edie Hotchkiss' Baptism:

Kathy Marciniak shared with us: "God has a way of setting things up long before they actually happen. Sometimes God has you meet someone so that you can share His Word with them later in life. His timing is of great importance! Years ago I met a wonderful, bubbly woman named Edie Hotchkiss and we were roommates



Photo submitted by Jessica McGowan

at RIT/NTID along with some other women. During those years, we were not Christians but, that did not stop God's plans. Seeds of friendship and perseverance developed first to pave the way for seeds of truth. I became a Christian in 1992 because of a personal crisis. I leaned on the Lord big time! After years of growing with Him and sharing what little I knew with Edie, we became closer. When a crisis hit her, I told her that we needed to study the Bible and put Jesus first in our lives. Slowly, but surely, over three years of studying the Sabbath School quarterlies and Sharing God's Word with the Deaf (published by 3ADM), Edie made a decision! Praise the Lord that she decided to become His loyal disciple and Adventist member. God's plan came to fruition and He saved us both! I hope other college roommates will follow but, I know all of heaven rejoiced when Edie went into her watery grave and put her past behind her at Canaan SDA church in Connecticut."



Photo submitted by Jessica McGowan

Group photo taken at the S.N.E.C. DEAF Weekend in Connecticut

The Spring Deaf Expo Season, Continued

Dallas, Texas

Wanda Watson, Kathy McCain and Esther Doss drove to the Dallas area from Arkansas to be at the DeafNation Expo on March 31. Winford Taylor, also from Arkansas, and David and Francisca Trexler joined them. The booth stayed busy while 3,700 people came to the expo.

Esther remembers, "One lady came by our booth and she was offered a packet. She asked what church we were and then said, 'Well, I am non-denominational, so no thank you.' She explained how she attended church for years yet learned nothing. She wanted to study the Bible. She decided to attend a non-denominational church and has enjoyed studying with them. Kathy shared her testimony of also attending church for years and learning little. But, when she began to study with Seventh-day Adventists, she was finally digging deep into the Bible. The lady was impressed with Kathy's story. She and I then spoke a long time about many Bible topics and about raising children for Jesus. She made sure she took a packet with her before leaving."

Esther added, "A man made sure to visit our booth. He always comes to our booth when we are in Texas. When he and I first met back in 2005, he told me he believed in the Sabbath. He was hoping we had some new materials."

The local Deaf members in the Dallas area are isolated and rarely have a visiting Deaf ministry leader. So on Sunday morning, David Trexler spoke at the Lewisville SDA Church. After a tasty Mexican lunch, the afternoon continued with an additional meeting. Then, most of the Deaf members and visitors went over to Eddie and Carol Joe's house to continue visiting. "But instead of catching up on years of lost time, we had a lively discussion about Deaf ministry. They had many questions and the end result were some ideas of what the local Deaf members can do to grow the Deaf work. This weekend was a blessing!" Esther reported.

Atlanta, Georgia

April 14 found the Trexlers in Atlanta. Pastor Jeff Jordan and Gordon Meis drove more than two hours from their home to help in the booth all day. The four were a good team and had very good interaction with many Deaf visitors. 3,100 people attended this expo. Jeff and Gordon met some Deaf visitors whom they have not seen for several years because DeafNation has not been in Atlanta for a while. Some of the Southern Deaf Fellowship members also came to greet the Trexlers. This was a happy reunion.

A Deaf Bible student recognized our booth because of the banner. Later, a group of young Deaf people came

and asked questions about our beliefs. Francisca shared with them Biblical truths. They were surprised to learn the truth about hell and death. Then one of them wanted to bring their pastor to talk with Francisca over some of the doctrines, but Francisca stopped them, concerned about a possible argument. Our purpose is to share the message of God's love with the Deaf, not to criticize anyone's beliefs. David says, "We wanted so bad to help them be prepared for the great day of Jesus' second coming."

The day before as the Trexlers were setting up the booth, they were surprised to see Donald and Brenda Snider. The Trexlers have not seen them since David left his work at the Potomac conference in 2007. The Trexlers visited their church in Rocky Mount, VA when he was a guest speaker. They enjoyed a happy fellowship.

Denver, Colorado

The expo in Denver on April 21 was small with 2,100 people attending. But David and Francisca Trexler still had good visits with some of Don and Julia Sutton's friends. Don and Julia are Adventists who lived in Colorado for many years. But they recently moved to Vancouver, Washington. So, they were not with us this time. But, Rachel Reichtel assisted in the booth. She was baptized at the Western Deaf Camp Meeting in Oregon last year.

David said, "We were surprised to see a young lady who traveled with us to Mexico in the past. She is a friend of Steven Santiago. Right now, she is teaching at Colorado School for the Deaf as an intern teacher. For the first time, our son Alfred visited the Deaf expo. He brought his friend along to experience in the Deaf event. We had another nice surprise, seeing a couple of Adventist members: Jorge Escandon (Nebraska) and Ken Abernathy (Colorado)."

They also met Linda, one of our Bible students. Linda and Ken, her husband, live in the mountains and has some horses. She became interested in our church through watching Amazing Facts on TV and agrees with Doug Batchelor's preaching. While the Trexlers were visiting the Sutton's last Christmas break, the Suttons invited some Deaf friends who also invited Linda and Ken to a home Sabbath meeting. The Trexlers answered many of their questions about Adventist beliefs and lifestyle. Linda wanted to study more so Francisca is now teaching her by videophone. It was a great time for Linda and Ken to meet us again at the expo.

This expo provided an opportunity to interact with Deaf people who are seeking God. It is very important for Deaf events to have an Adventist's presence.

Pomona, California

May 5th, the booth workers were not disappointed at DeafNation Expo at Pomona because they were "swamped" with many visitors taking packets. Deaf people in California seemed to be more open minded and willing to take something new to them. One young man accidentally came to our booth and looked at the banner. His expression was delightful and said, "It is cool to have a Bible!" All of the packages were taken by around 3:30 p.m. The exhibition hall was really packed with so many people that it was difficult to walk anywhere; 4,600 people attended this event.

Aivars and Seandette Ponkratjev from San Jacinto helped the Trexlers all day. In the afternoon after church Lorna and Darrell Strait from Loma Linda came over with Donato and Brenda Cordavo, and Silsea Magu.

Summer Expos

Now, DeafNation Expo spring season is over. However, the booth ministry continues this summer at the National Association of the Deaf convention in Louisville, KY and

the DeafNation World Expo in Las Vegas, NV. These two big events are over several days, requiring more materials. We are praying that we will have good results. Your prayers and financial support is much appreciated.



Booth workers and visitors pose for a photo in Orlando. L to R: Lawrence Kitt, Francisca Trexler, Cathy Ingram, Allison Espe, Eileen Ramirez Diaz-Lizardo, and Mario Romero.



In Denver, friends posed for this photo. L to R: Francisca Trexler, Linda and Ken Corson, Rachel Reichtell, Marie and Don Cacciator, unknown lady, and Ken Abernathy.



In Atlanta, Pastor Jeff Jordan and Francisca Trexler share a packet with a booth visitor while Gordon Meis looks on.



A young girl watches Signs of God's Love DVD in Denver.



A Deaf Bible Student greeted her teacher Francisca in Atlanta.

Alfred Griffith Retires

On February 28, Pastor Alfred Griffith officially retired from serving as pastor for the Deaf in the Northern California Conference. He was a pastor for a number of years before moving to the Lodi, California area, including serving the Deaf in the Silver Spring, MD area in the 60's.

While Elder Griffith is now retired, he is not leaving Deaf ministry. His heart is devoted to the work and will continue to serve as God leads. He also serves as a 3ADM board member.

At present, in all of North America, we have only one conference paid pastor serving Deaf Adventists, Pastor Jeff Jordan in the Colledgedale, Tennessee area.

Western Deaf Camp Meeting

July 15-22, 2012

Milo Adventist Academy
Days Creek, Oregon

Main Speakers:

Alan Meis and Francisca Trexler

Other Speakers: Alfred Griffith, David Trexler,
Chuck McGehee and George Belser

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Evangelistic Meeting in AR

David Trexler came to Little Rock, AR for an evangelistic meeting May 12 and 13. We met in a small meeting room in an apartment building where Anthony and Wilma Glenn live. Wilma is a baptized member. The same day, the Arkansas Deaf Senior Citizens would have their monthly meeting. But, the Senior Citizens moved their meeting to the same building and were just down the hall. Fourteen people came, mostly non-SDAs. During lunch break, several from the senior citizens' meeting came to visit us. Also, we poked our head into the senior citizens' meeting to say hello. Wanda Watson stayed with them for a bit longer, sharing DVDs. The "conflict" ended up being a blessing. Deaf visitors were impressed with the messages. One lady, who has studied different faiths, told me that she really believed that what we shared was truth. This weekend was a success. A special thank you to Wilma Glenn and Wanda Watson.

Esther Doss

In Our Mailbox

Hello! Finish I read the book of *The Deaf Messenger* and I like to read the book and it is good book that I love it... God bless you!!! God loves you and so do I. Amen!!!

Email

God's blessings to you all and keep proclaiming the Gospel Message. I thank God and you for the opportunity to help even though its small.

Virginia

Congratulations on the move!

California

Enclosed the money order; it is for a donation, thanks for your service! God bless you! I really enjoyed learning a lot of things via God's words with your service! Smile!

California

I would like to let you know that _____ watched your DVD from expo few years ago and she said everything were so true. She and _____ has been going to church and Bible study and really learn lot . I think that is very good. Keep up good job .

Email

There are two more Deaf ladies from VP last night. They really enjoyed watching the DVD (picked up from an expo) and loved every minute of it. One lady ordered all of the other Signs of God's Love DVDs already. And the other is thinking about ordering, too. She asked me many, many good questions.

Francisca Trexler, Deaf Bible School Instructor

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