



Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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Signs of God's Love #6 Ready for Sharing

Signs of God's Love #6 DVD is now finished and ready for sharing. We are excited about this new program.

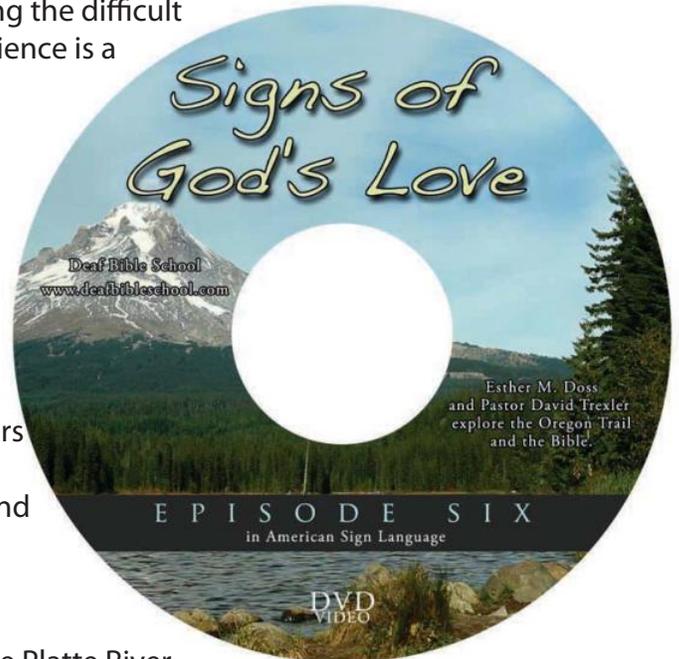
This program is hosted by both David Trexler and Esther Doss. The message of this DVD is the hope of Heaven and the need to be fully committed to Jesus.

The Signs of God's Love DVDs have all been shot in the outdoors using lessons in nature to direct thoughts to God's truths in the Bible. This DVD is no different. This time, the Oregon Trail is featured. In the 1800's, thousands of people desired a better life and loaded up wagons to move West. They traveled on trails such as the Oregon Trail. Despite the challenges, they were fully

committed to making the difficult journey. This experience is a perfect example of our journey to Heaven. We also are looking for a better country and are working our way upward, despite challenges and difficulties.

David Trexler tours landmarks in dry western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming, such as Chimney Rock, Smith Rock, Register Cliff, and the Platte River. He also takes you to a place where the wagon ruts can still be seen.

Esther Doss is at the trail's end



in lush, green Oregon. She takes a look down Laurel Hill where wagons traveled, walks through deep woods, and visits Mt. Hood.

By the time you read this newsletter, the DVD program will have already been shared with hundreds of Deaf people at expos in Austin, TX and Phoenix, AZ. Many of these people look forward to seeing a new DVD each year. You may wish to order your copy or even extras for sharing with friends.

It is our hope and prayer that this DVD will lead people to not only learn about God but rather make decisions to love Jesus with all their heart and follow Him all the way.

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From the Speaker: The Gospel Support System

Hospitals provide support systems to save patients from death. These support systems are oxygen, medicine, IVs, feeding tubes, surgery, nurses, and doctors and more. Without a support system many patients would die. So, support systems are very important for the lives of many sick and injured people.

There are many different kinds of support systems not related to health. Right now, I have the Gospel work in mind.

Francisca and I are very proud to be part of Three Angels Deaf Ministries. 3ADM is truly a wonderful Deaf gospel support system that is created and operated for and by the Deaf members of Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are very grateful that we can work well as a team with some Deaf and hearing members who are filled with the love of Christ. As a team we are able to work in evangelism for outreach and provide nurture and support to the Deaf.

Reaching out to the Deaf with the gospel of Jesus has faced many challenges because of communication barriers. Also Deaf people are scattered all over the country, separated from each other. Giving continual spiritual support to those who have been baptized is not easy.

Praise God for the faithful hearing and Deaf members who are partnering with 3ADM in different ways—prayers, financial support, and volunteering. We are also grateful for the technology that allows the Deaf to communicate with each other in different ways—live streaming worship service, sermons on DVD, archived video sermons on the web, e-mail and text, newsletters (old fashioned but dependable), video conferencing, and video chat. 3ADM has been able to keep the Deaf members and non-members connected to each other. Daily we receive many video phone calls for Bible study, for counseling, to make orders for our products, and for news updates.

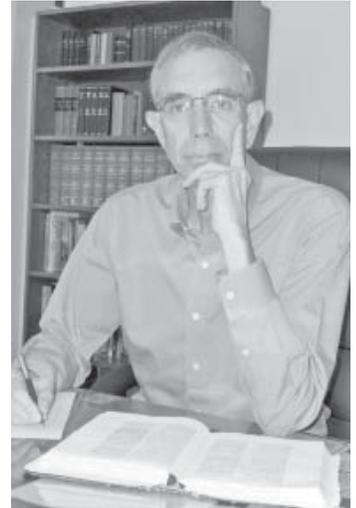
Many Deaf people, both members and non-members, have been blessed by the services of 3ADM. It is important for their spiritual survival in the world of darkness and ignorance. In other words, 3ADM has made the difference in the lives of many Deaf people all over the world through materials in sign language and in simplified reading materials. Also, some of the church's leaders have been sensitized through our ministry. What would the world of the Deaf be like without the presence of 3ADM? 3ADM is here because the Lord has called us.

3ADM is not only focused on Deaf ministry in North

America. It also provides ministry in different countries, such as, India, Japan, Mexico, Kenya, and soon Switzerland. Recently, Francisca and I went to India to train workers in Bobbili and give spiritual programs at the Deaf school in Kollegal. See the article about our trip in India.

Apostle Paul was a great missionary who established many churches in the Roman world. Many other missionaries have followed Paul's steps in spreading the gospel to all the world. 3ADM is doing the same thing as it is expanding the ministry to more places in the world. Deaf people all over the world need us. Jesus said, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Luke 10:2, NKJV). Please pray to the Lord that He send out workers into His harvest of Deaf people.

*David M. Trexler
Speaker/Director*



Speaker/Director's Schedule

March 23 - Phoenix, AZ - DeafNation Expo

April 6 - Detroit, MI - DeafNation Expo

April 20 - Washington, DC - DeafNation Expo

April 27 - St. Paul, MN - DeafNation Expo

May 18 - San Juan, PR - DeafNation Expo

May 23-27 - High View, WV - Deaf Young Adults Camp Meeting

June 13-18 - Geneva, Switzerland - International Deaf Ministry Weekend

July 7-14 - Milo, OR - Western Deaf Camp Meeting

*On Sabbaths when home, David Trexler preaches at the Silver Spring, Maryland SDA Church's annex building.

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Sharing God's Love in Tampa

The first expo for this year was the DeafNation Expo in Tampa, Florida on March 2. Mario and Ybon Romero from the Orlando area worked the booth.

They left for Tampa the evening before. Half way there, Mario realized that he left the banner at home. Ybon felt that they were too tired to go back and they were nearly to Tampa. They decided to pray about the matter and trust in the Lord.

The morning of the expo, Mario and Ybon were running late as they had difficulties finding the expo location. When they arrived, there was already a line forming at the door. When the Romeros walked to the door ahead of the line, they were told that they could not go in until 9:00, when the expo opens. But the expo workers were generous and they allowed the Romeros to go in the door ahead of everyone else at 9:00 sharp. So, the Romeros were able to set up the booth before the crowd flooded the aisle.

The attendees clustered around the entrance to the exhibit hall to visit. Our booth was in a quiet area, which allowed more time for the Romeros to witness to those who did stop by. They distributed about 250 gospel bags.

Since there was no banner, the Romeros relied on the small sign provided by DeafNation Expo. This small sign said, "Three Angels Deaf Ministries." This was new to the expo visitors and this drew some interest. A few people stopped to ask. "Why the name three angels?" This gave Mario and Ybon a chance to witness and share the three angels' messages. Each one walked away with a bag.

Mario noted, "We learned that if you offered a gospel



Mario and Ybon Romero pause for a photo while working our booth at the DeafNation Expo in Tampa, Florida.

Photo supplied by Mario Romero

bag to a person walking by, most of them would say 'No, thank you.' However, if you engage them in conversation by asking their name, about their family or work, or even talking about the weather then you gain a friend. Then when we offered them a gospel bag, they accepted it."

Mario also told us, "Thank you very much for this wonderful experience and opportunity to witness. It was unforgettable."

We are grateful to God for providing us a way to share seeds with so many people at one time. We look forward to additional expos this Spring. Please keep this work in prayer.

The Deaf Messenger

The Deaf Messenger (TDM) continues to be mailed to Deaf homes all across North America as a part of our evangelistic endeavor. Thanks to the support of the NAD, TDM is mailed at no cost to Deaf people. Currently, there are about 700 TDM subscribers and the mailing list is continually monitored to keep it current.

TDM has been instrumental in leading some Deaf people to the Seventh-day Adventist church. Inside each issue is an offer for Bible lessons, which many take. A special edition of TDM along with a subscription offer is included in the gospel bags given away at Deaf Expos. This is how most people subscribe to TDM.

At expos, we meet subscribers who tell us how much they appreciate TDM. They tell us how they keep it in their purses, study it with their Sunday School classes, and share it with their friends. They are indeed cherished.

Christian Record Services/Deaf Department began publishing a missionary magazine *In This Sign* about 1985. The name was changed to *Deaf-Light* and publishing ended at the closing of the Deaf Department in 1997. In

2001, 3ADM restarted the missionary magazine with the new name *The Deaf Messenger*.



Deaf Ministry in India

A team of Deaf ministry workers have just returned home from a working trip to central and southern India February 20 to March 4. This team represented several organizations: David and Francisca Trexler—3ADM; Alfred Griffith—Gospel Outreach (GO); John Blake—GO; Dr. Larry Evans—General Conference of SDAs; and Dr. M. Wilson—Southern Asia Division.

Together, this team provided training to about 20 Gospel Outreach workers for the Deaf at the SDA Blind School near Bobbili (sponsored by Asian Aid) on February 20-24. Before this workshop, Alfred Griffith, the coordinator of the training workshop, was at the school a week earlier to visit with Deaf workers and make preparations. The ministerial team appreciates the use of the school's campus, including lodging, nutritious meals, and meeting space. The Lord blessed the workshop as the team were full of good spirit and joy.

At the close of the workshop on the Sabbath, three precious Deaf souls were baptized. They were led to Jesus Christ by one of the GO workers. That evening the blind school's staff and students worshipped with the Deaf workers during the communion service conducted by Elder David Trexler. Trexler recalls, "the school's administrators desired to join us for Christian fellowship on the Sabbath. It was a moving experience."

On February 24th, the team traveled 180 miles by taxi to Kakinada to speak to the Deaf believers. Then in the evening they traveled 425 miles by train overnight to Chennai where they visited with union conference leaders and spoke to a group of non-Adventist college Deaf students at a SDA church.

Then the team left Chennai for an overnight 220 mile train ride to Thanjavur where they took a taxi to Pattukottai. There, the team visited a new Deaf church being built above a hearing church. Dr. Larry Evans dedicated it with a ribbon cutting. About 10 Deaf people and three Deaf members attended this delightful event.

That evening, the team traveled overnight by train to Hosur 250 miles south to visit the Southern Asia Division. The team met with the president of SAD to discuss the Deaf work. He is very supportive of the work and wants to improve the ministry.

Next day, the 28th, the team traveled three hours by taxi to Kollegal for a few days at the SDA School for the Deaf (sponsored by Asian Aid) to give inspiring messages to the children. The school has 99 wonderful students who inspired the team more than the team inspired them. The school is directed by Pastor Jacob Bhaggien who has introduced students of Hindu and Muslim backgrounds to Christ. Some students were baptized as

a result. The team shared with the children messages of hope and love of Christ. It was very difficult for the team to leave the school which is filled with love and joy.

The school does not have 11th and 12th grade levels of education. So, instead of graduating, the students complete their education at 10th grade. The school wants these additional grades, but need to hire more teachers fluent in sign language. Keeping the students longer is very important for spiritual survival in a world where deafness is not treated with respect. They need more time in this Christian environment.

The highlight of the trip was Sundamma's baptism. She is a former Deaf student who faithfully attended the school's worship service. She did not let obstacles stop her from visiting the school to bring blessings to the students through her God-given talents.

John Blake emphasized the value of having the Trexlers in India. He noted, "Francisca [Trexler], in some places, was like a magnet for the Deaf – a very special role model for the women and girls."

On Sunday, March 4, Alfred Griffith and David and Francisca Trexler left for home. Dr. Larry Evans and John Blake left the next day. The Lord truly blessed, despite a packed schedule of visitations and meetings with very little time for rest. Everything was arranged by Dr. Wilson, a department leader at the Southern Asia Division. Please pray for the Indian Deaf Ministries and the Deaf school. Workers face challenges in sharing God's word with many Deaf people who do not know the wonderful hope of Jesus Christ.

David Trexler

First student, first to take stand for Jesus!

Sundamma, the first student who joined the Seventh-Day Adventist School for Speech and Hearing (was known as the Asian Aid School for the Deaf) became the first student to be baptized by Pastor Alfred Griffith on March 2, 2013. The whole weekend was very special as we were ministered by Pr. Alfred Griffith, Pr. John Blake, Pr. David Trexler and Mrs. Francisca Trexler accompanied by Dr. M. Wilson, Director for differently abled ministries, Southern Asia Division. The earnest sermons, councils, teachings and the simple Christ-like lifestyles of the pastors have made a deep impact on the students and many more have decided to take a stand for Jesus. We are so thrilled and we praise God for the Holy Spirit working wonders among the deaf.

*Jacob Bhaggien
Principal for the Seventh-Day Adventist School for
Speech and Hearing in Kollegal, Karnataka*



Interaction during one of the training workshops for the Gospel Outreach Deaf Workers.



David Trexler baptizes one of three people who were brought by one of the Gospel Outreach workers.



David Trexler leads out in communion service with both the Deaf Gospel Outreach workers and the blind students at the school. This was a very moving experience.



Francisca and David Trexler, Larry Evans, Alfred Griffith, John Blake (front row - left to right) pose for a photo with Deaf college students who came to a meeting at a local SDA church. Dr. M. Wilson is standing behind Blake.



Sundamma is baptized at the SDA School for Speech and Hearing. She lives in a village nearby the school and faithfully attends worship service.



Francisca Trexler teaches a Bible class to the students at the SDA Deaf school.

Photo supplied by David Trexler

In Memory

Mazine Coleman Davidson was born in Quail, Texas on October 6, 1922. She died on February 14, 2013.

At one time, she was a member of the Silver Spring Seventh-day Adventist church in Maryland where she was instrumental in starting the Deaf ministry. She signed the sermon weekly for many years as part of the Deaf ministry at the Silver Spring church.

She has lived with both of her daughters in Annapolis and Harwood, Maryland for the last ten years. For the past six weeks she has lived at Rutherford House assisted care facility in Davidsonville, MD. Mazine is survived by her two daughters and son-in-law, three grandsons and their wives, as well as four great granddaughters.

2013 Summer Camp Meetings Save the Dates!

Deaf Young Adults for Christ May 23-26
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Making Use of Videophones

Our Deaf Bible School uses the videophone (VP) to study with many people. There is nothing like a face to face contact to communicate clearly. Some have difficult questions and others want to continue further study after completing the two Bible study courses.

Many Deaf members all across the USA are also using VPs in ministry. Several are studying the Bible with a number of people. These include Amanda Colgan in Massachusetts, Jerry Roundy in California, Chuck McGehee in Washington and Nona Brese in Oklahoma. And there are many others. The VP has proved to be a very, very useful tool as any Deaf person with one anywhere in the USA can be contacted at no additional cost.

Wanda Watson is a Deaf member living in a very rural area of Arkansas. The nearest town of 350 people is 10 miles away. She has little money for spending on gasoline so she stays at home. Yet, she studies and shares Jesus with many Deaf people through the use of her VP.

She always wanted to share many DVDs with her friends, but was always afraid that they might not be returned. Some people lose the DVDs or hold on to them a long time, not allowing Wanda to share DVDs with other people who also want to see them. She has been frustrated waiting on these sharing DVDs while others request them. Now she has a favorite way of sharing God's Word and DVDs.

Wanda's VP is a few feet away from her television. She simply turns the television screen toward the VP and point the VP camera at the television. Then she starts playing a DVD. The person on the VP can clearly see the television and watches the entire program.

Wanda now sets up appointments with interested friends. She puts on DVDs like Revelation of Jesus Christ (evangelistic series by David Trexler) and sermons by Jeff Jordan. When the program is done, she asks the person if they have any questions or comments and set up another appointment. And the word is spreading. Several people heard about this from their friends and they called Wanda to see if they could also watch the DVDs.

This is working very well for Wanda and she encourages other Deaf members with VPs to do the same. She says that it is easy for anyone to do because the speaker on the DVD is doing the hard work of teaching. All she has to do is find someone interested and play the DVD for them.

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