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European Deaf Conference

Fifty-six attended the Deaf conference held by the South France Conference. This special event was held in Flaine, France about 45 minutes from the Adventist University of France (Collonges). The place was gorgeous as the conference was nestled in the Alps, with its beautiful valleys, forests, and villages. The attendees came from eight different countries and represented six audio languages and six different sign languages! Having several different languages gave a unique challenge, but the camaraderie was strong.

Thirty of the attendees were Deaf, coming from Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy (the couple had moved there from Romania). We also had surprise visitors from Brazil. They were visiting their friends in Germany who brought them to the conference.

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Group photo of those attending the European Deaf Conference. This picture was taken by a lake in Geneva, Switzerland.

The rest were hearing—some interpreters and others interested in Deaf ministry.

Valerie Lefebvre, the conference president's administrative assistant, was the primary coordinator. Corrado Cozzi, the recently appointed Inter-European Division Liaison for Deaf Ministries, also attended.

Coming from the United States were David Trexler (3ADM), Alfred Griffith (Gospel Outreach) and Larry Evans (General Conference). Trexler and Griffith were the presenters. The attendees shared testimonies about the Deaf work in their countries. The work in Brazil as shown by Douglas Silvia, a Deaf theology student, was impressive.

Pastor Trexler also presented the Sabbath sermon at the Adventist University of France (Collonges,

France). The sermon was signed in ASL, which was then voiced by Alfred Griffith into English, which was then translated into French and Spanish. The Spanish and the French verbal languages were then translated into their own sign languages. The verbal French was also translated into verbal Dutch.

The sermon started late due to technical issues between Trexler's laptop and video projector, despite working fine during testing before Sabbath School. Corrado Cozzi brought his laptop which worked. He said later that he was impressed to bring along his laptop. The Lord overruled Satan's attempt to spoil the sermon.

Pray that Deaf ministry continues to grow in Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Switzerland and Brazil.

From the Speaker: More Powerful Than an Atomic Bomb

Did you know that the power of the Holy Spirit is more powerful than any known weapon of mass destruction, for example a nuclear bomb? Now, do not start calling me a crazy man! I am talking about a different kind of power. The nuclear weapon's power is destructive. The power of the Holy Spirit is love and constructive (builds up)! Interestingly, God created the stars in the universe. Our sun is a star. Our sun has much more power than any power that man has made. If our earth is any closer to the sun than it is now the earth would be destroyed! Can you imagine that God, including the Holy Spirit, created the sun with such power! God has awesome power to create. He can create with just a command; God spoke and it came into existence. Remember Jesus' command that quiet the storm.

People are sinners who have the ability to destroy the world ("those [human beings] who destroy the earth" Revelation 11:18 NKJV). But we can not bring anything back to life! The Holy Spirit is God who has created life since the beginning. But the wonderful truth about the Holy Spirit is that He can re-create a sinner who has surrendered his life to Jesus into a new person! "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV).

We need more of the Holy Spirit's saving power today! We have been here too long! Are we too satisfied with the world? Are we hoping and wishing that Jesus will not come soon? Are we selfish, wanting to experience many things of the world before God destroys it? I know of some persons who wanted to get married before Jesus comes again! Unfortunately, their marriages did not survive long. Did you know that we can not be true Christians if we wish to stay here longer so we can enjoy the world rather than to look forward to Jesus coming again to take us to a truly better world? Jesus is very anxious to return to deliver us from this sinful world because He really misses us. If Jesus who created us loves us so much to save us from eternal death we should be touched by His love and follow Him. It is not hard to love Him. Love can change us.

We need to wake up and be alive with the power of the Holy Spirit who is wanting to pour out His full blessing on the church. Are there any evidences that the Holy Spirit is working hard on the hearts of the people? Yes! We have seen the wonders of the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Deaf people and former members. Recently, we had four baptisms—three were re-baptized and one is a

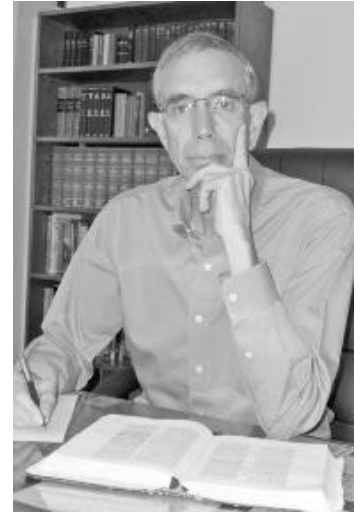
new convert. I have heard of more baptisms at other Deaf camp meetings. We are thrilled to see former members who are coming back and loving Jesus more than ever than before! They have thanked Jesus for His grace and patience with them. They experienced difficult journeys without Christ.

We need the power of the Holy Spirit as seen at the Day of the Pentecost today! Three thousand people were baptized on that day! The growth of the early church was explosive in a constructive way. We should never be satisfied with the "normal" growth of Deaf membership. We need more! We need to reach out to the lost Deaf people. God wants to fill His kingdom with His people. Here are the secrets of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives:

- Pray daily.
- Love one another and be reconciled with one another.
- Seek Christ and be born of the Spirit.
- Fellowship with one another every Sabbath.
- Witness to other people.

Our goal is not the reward of eternal life in the kingdom of God. Our goal is to have the character of Christ—Christ's righteousness. Because of having Christ's character we shall enter and live in God's kingdom forever and forever!

*David Trexler
Speaker/Director*



Speaker/Director's Schedule

August 1-4 - Crandall, GA - Southern Deaf Camp Meeting

August 5-7 - 3ADM Board Meeting

September 4-8 - Groton, MA - SNEC DEAF Camp Meeting

November 1-4 - Chicago, IL - DeafNation Expo

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

Western Deaf Camp Meeting Experiences God's Blessings

July 5th, the Sabbath before the Western Deaf Camp Meeting, the Tabernacle SDA Deaf Group in Portland, Oregon had a high Sabbath. Elder Paul Kelly gave a powerful message. Visitors from other states worshipped with the Deaf group as they were in the area ahead of the camp meeting. Some of the local members were not able to attend Milo, so this gave them the opportunity to see some faces and have a very blessed Sabbath.

The Western Deaf Camp Meeting was held at Milo Adventist Academy located in the beautiful Umpqua River valley surrounding by the forested mountains in southern Oregon July 7-14. Here, the campers are far from the distractions of the world. More than 70 campers attended the camp meeting.

The Holy Spirit was present for the whole week of the camp meeting. The main speakers this year were Elder Paul Kelly and Alan Meis. Their messages greatly inspired the campers. Elder Kelly presented on "The Godhead" and Alan Meis spoke on "Serving Jesus." Using Power Point, Elder David Trexler held an afternoon Bible class each day. A popular class, they discussed the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. The evening messages were given by Francisca Trexler and Chuck McGehee. Their messages led the campers to a better understanding of our God who loves us so much that He wants us to be prepared for the future victoriously.

The Sabbath at the Western Deaf Camp Meeting is always a real high day. Boyd Garner taught the Sabbath School lesson. The sermon was given by Elder David Trexler. Following the camp meeting custom, the group photo was taken shortly after lunch. Afterwards, campers



Left to Right: Daniele Gould, Donald Robedeau, Paul Kelly, Robert Plubell, Gary Holden, and David Trexler

Photo supplied by David Trexler

headed to the river. This was such a time for joy as campers witnessed three persons recommit their lives to Jesus through rebaptism and the baptism of a new convert. Praise the Lord! Then there was a special time of remembrance of our beloved brother Curt Mathisen at the church. The memorial service was very spiritual and uplifting as we remembered a person who exemplified the life of Christ on earth. He is now resting and waiting for the soon coming of Christ. We also received word that our dear sister in Christ, Alyce Griffith passed away.

It was reported that many campers expressed their positive experiences with the Lord during the camp meeting. We encourage you to plan on coming to the camp meeting next year in order to prepare you for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is coming soon!



Deaf Young Adults for Christ

Deaf Young Adults for Christ (DYAC) camp meeting was held in High View, West Virginia over Memorial Day weekend. Sixteen young adults from all across the country spent four days together learning more about Christ and His teachings. Francisca and David Trexler joined this camp meeting as guest speakers along with Paul Kelly, the DYAC Advisor. Paul Kelly's wife, Tina, led out in the activities for the young children.

The theme was "Walk with Christ." We had a very busy schedule with group discussions, presentations and activities. Margie English started off the camp with a presentation on Christian Stewardship. Amanda Colgan shared a message on Righteousness by Faith. David Trexler gave a message on facing temptations as Christians. The DYAC members enjoyed a brief lay training led by Paul Kelly with an in-depth discussion on witnessing that leads to baptism. This discussion led to some additional time with all the elders in a Bible Questions and Answers session later that weekend.

Sheelah Kimbrough gave several delicious food demonstrations showing how to make quick and healthy dishes. We learned together how to make Thai spring rolls, mean green smoothie, fruit-infused water, and banana ice cream.

Francisca Trexler spoke with the group about temperaments and how understanding ourselves helps us connect better with Christ and with others. Francisca provided questionnaires to help us identify our temperaments and spiritual gifts.

Sabbath was enjoyable as we participated in Sabbath School led by Josiah Kelly and then listened to Jason Kimbrough's thought-provoking message titled "God's Awesome Power." Lastly, but not the least, Danyette Mathisen led a group discussion on Christian living.

Each afternoon, after lunch, many of us took advantage of activities offered at the campground, such as high swing, mountain skateboarding, and zipline.

We were really impressed with the camp staff who were very attentive and made sure we were comfortable.



The first two nights were COLD! The camp staff provided lots of blankets and heaters because the cabins were not heated. Everyone was a good sport. Some people stayed up late in the cafeteria playing games and chatting. Amazingly, the camp staff stayed up late making cookies and popcorn for them! The food they served were top-notch; healthy and all from scratch!

We look forward to meeting again next year at a SDA camp meeting. Information that will be announced at our website: <http://dyac.weebly.com/>.

Amanda Colgan

3ADM Website's New Look

Some of our newsletter readers have already seen the updated look on our website. Our long range goal is to add videos on our site, including sermons so that they are more widely available. Articles and other information will be updated in the future. You can also read the newsletter on our site or recommend them to friends.

We greatly appreciate Mike Dobson for sharing his expertise and giving us much help in developing and updating our website. Mike's wife, Beth, has been our long-time secretary for the 3ADM board. Thank you so much, Mike!

Do not forget to check out our website's new look at: www.3angelsdeafministries.org

Jordan in the Philippines

After a long 17 hour flight from Atlanta to Manila with a stop in Tokyo, Pastor Jeff Jordan and his son Noah were taken to the camp on the property of the Adventist University of the Philippines, an hour south of Manila.

The Deaf Ministry at Pasay Adventist Church in Manila launched their first camp for the Deaf and Pastor Jordan was asked to be their chaplain while Noah participated as a camper, interpreter, photographer, and videographer. During the morning and evening worship services, plus the Sabbath service, Pastor Jordan preached a series of eight evangelistic sermons. As a result, ten people were baptized at the university pool. Most of them were already prepared for baptism by the leaders of the PAC ministry. Hats off to Lychel Gabuco and Cheard Gubuco, whose father is a retired minister.

A couple days after the camp, Pastor Jordan, Noah, and Lychel flew south to Cagayan de Oro in Mindanao, a big island. They were greeted and picked up by Daryl Famisaran, who has been involved with SULADS and the Deaf ministry with his wife, Sarah. Upon arrival at the Central SDA Church on the property of North Mindanao Conference, they were greeted by a group of familiar and excited faces. Pastor Jordan had visited and worked in this area before. The evangelistic meetings started right away.

Pastor Jordan preached the same eight evangelistic sermons and five people were baptized in the church baptistry. Hats off to Sarah Famisaran and Sonny Suad, a Deaf elder of that church.

God blessed their trip to the Philippines. How wonderful to see how God has been growing Deaf ministry all around the world.



More from Europe: David Trexler is preaching in the church at the Adventist University of France in Collonges. Alongside him are two interpreters for Spanish and French sign languages.

Outreach in Puerto Rico

David and Francisca Trexler flew to Puerto Rico for the DeafNation Expo held there. This is the second time for the expo to be in Puerto Rico. While ASL is used there, most read Spanish instead of English. Because of this, the Trexlers gave away reading materials that are in Spanish.

The response was great! All 400 bags were gone by the afternoon. David wrote, "We met two hearing Adventist couples and had a good visit with them. One of the Adventist men was looking at the materials on the table and picked up the one about the Sabbath. He looked at me and asked what denomination we are. I told him and he smiled. We had a good chat before they left. I learned that there are many Adventist churches in San Juan (large city in Puerto Rico), but no Deaf Adventists have shown up. As far as we know there is one Deaf Adventist in Puerto Rico."



Francisca Trexler meets a hearing Adventist couple at the DeafNation Expo in Puerto Rico.



Another picture from Europe (l to r): Elder Corrado Cozzi, representing the Inter-European Division, a female CODA from Spain, Larry Evans, the female's Deaf father from Spain, Alfred Griffith, and David Trexler.

Photos supplied by David Trexler

Camp Meeting Schedule

Did not make it to a camp meeting? There are still two more camp meetings this year.

DEAF Camp Meeting September 4-8

Camp Grotonwood in Groton, MA
Speakers: David and Francisca Trexler
Cost: \$160 for room, meals, and activities
Contact: snecdeaf@gmail.com

DEAR Camp Meeting September 26-29

Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, VA
Speaker: Esther Doss
Costs: Cabin - \$17 person/night; Motel - \$60 room/night; Meals - \$7 (adults)
Register: www.deafellowship.org/dear/reservation2.asp
Contact: director@deafellowship.org

****Please note that the MidWest Deaf Camp Meeting scheduled for September 18-22 in Arkansas has been cancelled.**

May you know sorrow
Only as it brings you joy.
May you know pain
Only as it brings you healing.
May you know suffering
Only as it brings you understanding.

By Joyce Rigsby

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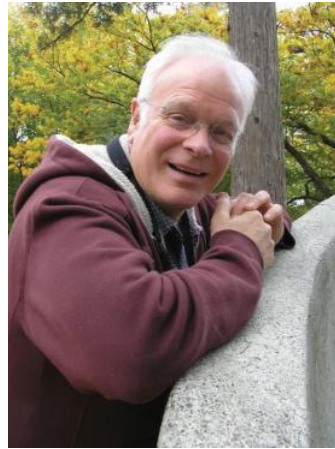
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In Memory: Curt Mathisen



Curt was born December 31, 1950 in Sacramento, CA. Growing up with two brothers, he was active in skiing, football, baseball, and soccer. Curt graduated from the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and moved to the Portland, OR area.

Curt met Elaina, who sat in front of him in church choir. Their friendship deepened as they were involved in Ingathering, music, hiking, backpacking, and other events. They were married July 2, 1978. The new family settled in White Salmon, WA where for the next 33 years he practiced dentistry.

Curt was devoted to his two boys, Justin and Jeffrey. Curt kept the family busy with many outdoor activities and mission trips. He loved having a good time with his boys.

The deafness of their son Jeffrey opened a whole new, wonderful world and close lifelong friendships were formed. For 30 years they eagerly awaited the Western Deaf Camp Meeting in Oregon. Always willing to share their knowledge of sign language and interpret for their deaf friends, Curt and Elaina have taught many church members and community friends basic sign language. Elaina served on the 3ADM board for several years.

For thirty years, Curt and Elaina went on short mission trips to Mexico, Alaska, India, Peru, and other countries, taking family and friends with them. They provided free dental work, health screenings and classes, VBS, and construction of churches and orphan homes.

To celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary, Curt and Elaina planned to work at the People of Peru mission dental clinic and then tour the Amazon and the Andes. While waiting in the Lima airport for their connecting flight, Curt experienced a heart attack. Feeling improved after being tended by airport medics, they took a cab to the Adventist hospital to acquire documents needed for continued travel. On the way, Curt had a second attack in front of another hospital. After 45 minutes of CPR by Elaina and hospital personnel, it was determined that Curt was gone. The Adventist Deaf Community lost a precious friend.

Curt lived his life in a way that blessed every one he came in contact with. The ripples of his influence have reached lands far from America.

Curt is survived by his wife Elaina; son Justin; son and daughter-in-law Jeffrey and Danyette; grandchildren Annie, Izzy, Marie, and Lillie, brothers Randy and Chris.

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14 Bible topics in ASL by Francisca Trexler. (No voice)

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