



Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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Our Mission: Deaf Outreach

For years now, we have sowed seeds at Deaf expos, never missing a DeafNation Expo. We have also exhibited at other large Deaf events. Praise God for the awesome opportunities to see so many Deaf people under one roof! Again and again, God has led individuals to our booth. David Trexler brings to us brief reports from five such expos this spring.

Austin, TX March 16

We were thrilled to meet some Deaf members and also former members. Some former members left the church due to unhappy experiences with other members. Greatly impressed to do so, we encouraged them to reconsider returning to the Lord, forgetting the past. I told one person that we should not allow someone to keep



Photo by David Trexler

Francisca Trexler and Margie English are busy sharing Christ at a DeafNation Expo on the Gallaudet campus in Washington, D.C.

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us outside the gate of heaven. We all have faults and weaknesses. Holding bad feelings will never help us, but will only make us feel worse and lead us away from the Savior who had come to save us from sin. I shared that we too had a very rough past in the church. But, we stay because we love Jesus Christ, the Head of the church. Jesus would be very sad and heartbroken if we reject Him just because of gossip and criticism.

Also, we were happy to see Martha and Joel Salazar from the Dallas area. Recently, Joel had a dramatic change of life through the power of the Holy Spirit and our prayers. We were impressed by his testimony. He admitted he does not understand how this change suddenly happened to him. He used to love sin and fun of the world.

Then all of the sudden he no longer enjoys them. He became very thirsty to know God. His mother, Martha, was surprised at his sudden change! He is now studying the Bible with Francisca through videophone.

We were thankful that Raynell Vick helped us; we had a wonderful time together. Two years ago, Raynell moved to her parents' home in Texas from Portland. She has been lonely as she misses the Christian Deaf fellowship in Oregon. We visited with Raynell at her country home the day after the expo. I cleaned up her laptop and set up a video chat app so she can communicate with other Deaf members better. Hopefully, she will be able to join a video chat room for her spiritual and fellowship needs.

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From the Speaker: The Ten Suggestions

When you come to a red stoplight or stop sign, what do you do? Do you stop? Depends on which country you are driving in! In the USA you will get a ticket if you do not stop completely. Or you may end up in an accident. You must stop no matter if a car is at the intersection or not.

But, in third world countries like India, stop signs are just suggestions. People there do not see them as law and do not stop completely. One time, I was driving with an African Deaf man. We stopped at a traffic light and there were no cars at the intersection. He said that he would have gone on, ignoring the red light. He said that in his country, people would beep horns if you waited for a green light! They normally go straight on ahead.

One day my wife and I were riding in a taxi near our home. The taxi driver seemed to be an immigrant and did not stop at red lights. In other countries where the police force is weak, people see red lights and stop signs as suggestions, not the law!

This reminds me of today's religious and secular (non-religious) views of God's laws. Years ago, many people were careful about following the laws of God. Christians especially were law abiding people. Christians should learn and grow progressively according to the knowledge and wisdom of God's word. They followed the Bible with much respect and love. But, now look at the world today. It is very different from the past.

In the past, Christian churches taught that God's law was important for obedience, but now many churches teach that the Cross had done away with the law of God. Ten Commandments have become the ten suggestions. Many people call those who keep the Ten Commandments legalistic! Really, most people who say someone is legalistic do not even know what that word actually means. We know that Pharisees were legalists. It is true that some Christians act like Pharisees. But too many times accusers wrongly criticize those who love The Lord and keep the Ten Commandments! Sadly, some Adventists call other Adventists legalistic.

In the past, we would not have been considered legalists. But, because the world's views have changed so much, we are now considered legalists. Christians of today (and some in the past) tend to follow the morals (right or wrong) of the world. For example, years ago it was not common for Christian married couples to divorce while the divorce among non-Christians was common. Today, divorce in Christian homes is as common as non-Christian homes. Why is that? Jesus predicted, "And

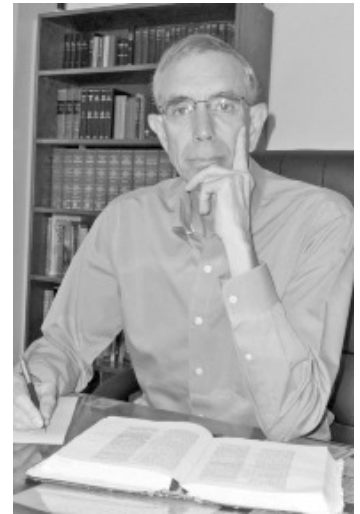
because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold" (Matthew 24:12, NKJV). We are attracted to fun and things of the world while our love for God grows colder. Therefore, we do not want the Ten Commandments to rule our lives. We feel that Sabbath keeping and other commandments are too restrictive. Here is how Jesus judged the church in Revelation. "... You have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love" (Revelation 2:3, 4 NKJV).

I believe that many sincere Christians believe that the Cross did away with the Ten Commandments because they really do not understand the Bible correctly. They listen to what their pastors preach. Sad to say, their wrong ideas greatly influence their behavior, making them more worldly. They give the wrong message to the world. No wonder, we see much lawlessness in the world today.

The world should never influence or force us to be different from what the Bible teaches. Some Adventists follow the world. I am concerned about the growing influence of wrong teachings about God's law. The law of God is our standard. We are not saved by keeping the law, but we obey the law because we are saved through faith by the grace of God. The law is written in our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit. The more we grow into Christ the more we become different from the world.

Ask yourself: Are you afraid to pray in public? Are you afraid to tell your friends that you can not join in some activities because it would not be right for a Christian? Are you afraid to tell your boss or friends that you do not work on the Sabbath, but go to church to worship God? Are you afraid your friends or parents might call you a legalist? Let me tell you, Do not be afraid! Stand tall as a true disciple of Christ. The world mocked Jesus because He was not like the Pharisees (legalists) and the Sadducees (liberal and worldly). Let us be like Jesus the Perfect Example of obedience to the royal law of God.

*David Trexler
Speaker/Director*



Baptism at Ocala, Florida Church

Jodhana Orta met Marlene Angulo and invited her to church. They communicated by writing notes back and forth.

Marlene came to church and Jodhana asked me to sign with Marlene. I told her, "No, I have not signed in over eighteen years."

My wife was standing there and told Jodhana that I would be happy to sign with her. My wife told me, "Jerry, you have to do this." After forty years of marriage, I have learned not to say no to my wife. We had fun in church. I had to fingerspell most everything. I had forgotten most of the signs.

My wife and I gave Marlene and her husband Erick Bible studies. We all learned more about Jesus' love for us. And I learned and started remembering more signs. I knew I was in trouble and needed help. So I pray! The next thing I see is answered prayer. In walks John and Winnie Tunison (Deaf members). We have become close friends.

We started showing Pastor and Mrs. Trexler's DVDs and John would explain the hard parts. Erick and Marlene had accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and after Bible studies and DVDs asked to be baptized.

Sermon DVDs

One of the services that 3ADM offers Deaf members is a subscription program to Sermons on DVDs. Subscribers receive a DVD each month with a sermon by a Deaf speaker. This program is excellent for those members who are isolated and far from a Deaf pastor or Deaf group. This way, they can still receive the blessing of a sermon in their own sign language.

The mailing list was recently updated to ensure that those receiving the DVDs are indeed interested in them. Each month, over 120 DVDs are now mailed. To be added to the list, the Deaf member needs to contact us.

We have heard from several subscribers as to how they use their DVDs. Many save the DVDs and watch several each week. One person said that she invites her non-Adventist friends to her home to watch the DVDs. Another told us she sends some to her non-Adventist friends and family in another state to share the truth with them. We are encouraged to see the DVDs being used to nurture members and to reach out to others.

Our website has a new look!
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Photo supplied by Jerry Sutton

Photo (left to right): Jodhana Orta, Marlene Angulo, Erick Angulo, and Jerry Sutton. Marlene and Erick were baptized April 16, 2013.

Now Erick and Marlene, John and Winnie meet with those who want to learn ASL in church. We do not have any licensed interpreters yet in church. We do have three regular signers that love the Lord and want to serve. We have over twelve people fingerspelling.

With the power of the Holy Spirit, Deaf and hearing can worship and praise God together.

Jerry Sutton

News from the Northwest

The Deaf Adventist group in the Portland, Oregon area now meet at the Tabernacle SDA Church in Portland. They have been finding ways to stay active.

The Deaf members have been spending time together after fellowship meal each Sabbath. They have discussions, study the Bible, and share ideas and tips on studying the Bible with others. Some times, they have skits to show examples of their discussions. Deaf member Danyette Mathisen shared, "Some [skits] were awesome to watch. One person would add some funny behaviors to make us think what would be the best response in the worst situation. For an example, what if someone had starting drinking when you are trying to give him a Bible study? Or how do you best deal with someone's smoking habit? And so on."

Also, the ladies have been getting together on Sundays from 10am to 4pm to crochet. Some are experienced while others are first-time learners. Danyette is one of those just learning and has been crocheting a scarf. She said, "I like doing crochet because it makes you slow down and just think peacefully with the rhythm." This gives the ladies another opportunity to become better acquainted with one another, encourage each other and to learn or improve a domestic skill.

Deaf Outreach

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Phoenix, AZ - March 23

The exhibition hall was packed with Deaf and hearing visitors and we spent a lot of time talking with those who came to our booth. We were impressed with a cheerful young Deaf lady whom we have never met before. She was impressed to talk with us about her spiritual journey. We talked for more than two hours! As a believer in Jesus Christ, she wanted to know deeper truths. I gave her Bible texts to help her to know God's will for her. We were grateful for the opportunity to spend time with her.

Joyce and Harold Sturm helped with the booth. We were thrilled to meet Stan Pease, Elbert and Alyssa (daughter) Brignoni, Ruby Rojas, Duane Talley, Mike Weir, and Melissa Drake. Melissa surprised us the most. She was a teenage student at Milo Adventist Academy during Deaf camp meetings in the 1980's. Duane Talley now lives in Mesa, after moving from the state of Washington.

Stan Pease and Joyce informed us that the Deaf ministry will move from the Apache Junction church to the SDA church in Gilbert. Gilbert is in the middle of the metropolitan area where many Deaf people live. Deaf people are more willing to attend church here. 3ADM was located at the Apache Junction SDA Church for seven years before relocating to Maryland. We pray that more Deaf people will attend church through the ministry of 3ADM and the witness of local Deaf members. Now, there are a few Deaf interests through the our booth and local lay members' witnessing.

Detroit, MI April 6

We were joined by Julius Vold and Rosanne Baker. Julius was on his way from Maryland to Minnesota where he has a house on a farm so he stopped in Detroit to help us. Rosanne Baker is a hearing Adventist who loves Deaf people. We were greatly overjoyed that the reception to our booth was very positive and almost all of the Gospel bags were gone at the end of the day. This was the best expo for us so far this year. We were busy most of the day talking with Deaf visitors who came to our booth. We were happy to meet some friends whom we have not seen for a long time.

After the expo we were invited to Rosanne's home for supper and to meet a wonderful elderly Adventist Deaf lady. Her name is Leona Johnson. We have not met her before but she knew me because of the services that 3ADM provides her. It was a blessing to meet her and we enjoyed her story of her wonderful past. She was one of the early Deaf Adventists in Detroit. At one time there were 10 members, but sadly there is now none except

for Leona who is still faithful to the Lord. Leona has been lonesome for Deaf Adventists and so this was a great time for her. We were greatly inspired by the experience in Detroit.

Washington, D.C.

This DeafNation Expo was held right on the Gallaudet University campus in Washington, D.C. Margie English joined us at the booth. Gallaudet's Field House was packed with over 5,300 people from surrounding areas, including three bus loads of Deaf visitors from Virginia. Usually, the exhibition hall is cool with air conditioning. But this time it was too warm to be comfortable.

Our booth was right front of the entertainment stage so our area was packed with visitors. It was difficult to walk through the expo because of such a crowd of people. We were so busy all day talking with our many visitors and friends that we could not have a bite of lunch until after the expo had ended. We had good talks with some of the Deaf visitors on spiritual things. Most of them were very open and friendly. A hearing lady asked for 50 bags and we gladly gave them to her. She wanted to share them with senior Deaf people.

St. Paul, MN April 27

It was my first time to visit the city of St. Paul. My wife Francisca did not go with me. However, Julius Vold drove two hours from his farm home northwest of St. Paul to assist me. It was a real blessing to have him because he knew many friends who came by the booth. Julius graduated from Minnesota Academy for the Deaf in Faribault and then lived in Maryland after he graduated from Gallaudet. It was good for him to have a "reunion" with his school friends. Most of them were very receptive to our materials. I was thrilled to meet one of Julius' friends who subscribes to our *The Deaf Messenger*. He loves it and the DVD—Signs of God's Love.

So far we received at least 8 requests for God's Way Bible lessons from the Detroit DeafNation Expo. There are a few people who have signed up from the other cities we have visited as well. God is working on their hearts to know more about the truths in the Bible and Jesus Christ.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support making it possible to reach out to the Deaf and to give spiritual encouragement to lonely Deaf members. It is our prayer that our trips will prove to be very productive. God is sending His angels to warn the world of the coming of the end. Jesus Christ can not wait to come back to take us home.



Raynell Vick uses her skill for listening at the expo in Austin, TX.



Martha and Joel Salazar (on left) visit with Francisca, Raynell, and David at the booth in Austin, TX.



Francisca meets a Deaf Bible School graduate in Detroit, Michigan.



Left to right: Julius Vold, Francisca Trexler, Leona Johnson, and Roseanne Baker after the expo in Detroit, Michigan.



In St. Paul, Minnesota, a Deaf man pauses for some time to watch the new Signs of God's Love #6 DVD.



Michael (on left), a subscriber to The Deaf Messenger, poses for a picture with Julius Vold in St. Paul, Minnesota.

SNEC Weekend Brings Baptism

On the weekend of April 26-28, SNEC DEAF ministries held its annual DEAF Weekend hosted by the Worcester Airport Drive SDA Church in Massachusetts. The theme "Victory in Jesus" was presented in three parts (Victory over the Past, Victory Today, Our Future Victory) by Pastor Jeff Jordan of the Southern Deaf Fellowship in Tennessee. This event was attended by DEAF members and friends from all over Southern New England Conference and the Northeast. People came from New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and even Maryland.

On Sabbath afternoon, Janice Musco was baptized and gave a beautiful testimony of her life and decision to follow Jesus in baptism.

SNEC DEAF stands for Southern New England Conference Deaf Everywhere Are Family. The Deaf ministry in our conference meets once a month for a Deaf Bible study in American Sign Language (ASL) and for Deaf Christian fellowship. Other annual events include DEAF Weekends and a DEAF Camp.

For more information about DEAF or our upcoming events, please e-mail sneedeaf@gmail.com or call 617-934-1371 (video phone) or 508-838-5391 (hearing). Also please visit our website: www.sneedeaf.com

Photo by Jessica McGowan



Janice Musco was baptized by Pastor Jeff Jordan during the SNEC DEAF weekend. Praise the Lord! She has been a part of SNEC DEAF for several years. Welcome to the family, Janice!

Camp Meeting Information

Western Deaf Camp Meeting July 7-14

Milo Adventist Academy near Days Creek, OR
Speakers: Paul Kelly and Alan Meis
Costs: Room - \$15/night; Meals - \$7 (adults);
Registration fee - \$3/day
Contact: chucktrades@gmail.com

SDF Camp Meeting July 31-August 4

Cohutta Springs at Crandall, GA
Speaker: Chuck McGehee
Costs: Cabin - \$10 person/night; Motel - \$70 room/night;
Meals - \$7.50 (adults)
Contact: jwjordan@gccsda.com

SDA Interpreter's Conference July 31-August 4

Cohutta Springs at Crandall, GA (During SDF Camp Meeting)
Speakers: Nohelani Jarnes, Darrel and Lorna Strait
Costs: See SDF Camp Meeting information above
Registration - \$60 if registered by June 30
\$75 if registered after June 30
Contact: terpnjarnes@gmail.com

DEAF Camp Meeting September 4-8

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

MidWest Deaf Camp Meeting September 18-22

Beal Lodge (newer lodge) at Mount Eagle at Shirley, AR
Speaker: To Be Announced
Cost: \$10 a night (shared room) and \$4 meals
Contact: blossom1955@hotmail.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;
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Register: www.deafellowship.org/dear/reservation2.asp
Contact: director@deafellowship.org

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