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Newest *Signs of God's Love* in Production

For the last few years, we have been able to create a new *Signs of God's Love* DVD each year. This allows us to have fresh material to share with the Deaf at expos across the nation.

Recently, the video for *Signs of God's Love* #8 has been shot and will soon be in the process of editing. It will be ready for use next year.

In this program, Esther Doss explores the difficult topic about why there is evil in the world and how evil will finally end. She also asks questions about hellfire: what is it, where is it, and how long is it? The answers are all in the Bible. Esther carefully discusses this topic and keeps the program as positive as possible. And through



Photo by Ethan Doss

In the badlands of South Dakota, Esther asks the question, "If God made the world and it was perfect, then what happened? Why do we have land that is bad?"

it all, we will see God's love.

This topic is important because misunderstandings about hellfire has caused many to not believe in God. These misunderstandings have also caused people alarm and fear so they are going to church and do their best to be good Christians for all the wrong reasons. God does not want us to serve Him out of fear but because we love Him. He desires a real relationship with us.

Most of this program was shot in Montana with its beautiful mountains, lakes, and streams. Also glimpses of other well-known places in the west such as Devils Tower in Wyoming are shown.

As a special feature, Esther's 6-year-old son will be making a guest appearance on the program. As her son pops in and out of the program, Esther shares a couple of lessons of truth through the eyes of a mom.

We thank the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists for their support which has allowed us to continue creating these interesting DVDs which have opened many doors, hearts, and minds.

We are anxious for this newest program to be finished. Look for announcements in future newsletters as to when the DVDs are ready to purchase and sharing.

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Speaker's Dialogue: The Power of Education

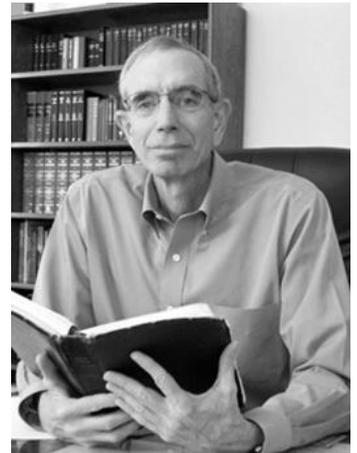
Many years ago a country in South America was colonized by British Protestants. The country did not have an educational system at that time but Catholic missionaries came to establish a mission which served as a school. Protestant parents who strongly opposed Catholicism sent their children to the Catholic school because that was the only school available. The parents believed that their children would not become Catholic if they only learned the basics of education. Were they correct in their thinking? What happened to the future generations after the parents died? Today, this very same country is mostly Catholic. Protestantism is almost extinct (gone). The Catholic educational system won the battle against the Protestantism. Now all of the South American countries are mostly Catholic.

Seventh-day Adventists have the largest Protestant educational system in the world. We believe Christian education prepares young people for the future. We also want to protect them from the strong anti-Christian influences in the public school system. With proper lessons and educational environment our children are better prepared for the heavenly kingdom. Which kingdom do you want to be educated in? God's or Babylon/Egypt.

We often forget that education and influence are very much the same. Look at the people of our country. See how they dress and behave. If you look at pictures of the past like in 1890's and 1950's, you will notice that inappropriate clothing and ungodly behavior is increasing today. Today's morality is far lower than in the past. People do things as they want to do without any thought of God. Even worse is that many people who claim to be Christians are not really Christian at all because they do NOT practice what the Bible teaches. We have been greatly educated and influenced by what we have heard and seen in TV, advertisements, movies, music, video games, and popular amusement places where Christians should not go.

Who is the great educator of the whole world? A famous pro player? A famous movie star? Your school teacher? Your parents? The answer is Satan. Satan is working behind the scenes through what we love to watch or hear daily. The world is following him for many do not realize the power of influence and education. Many Christians claim that they do not worship idols like in Israelites' time. They fail to realize that they are really committing the sin of idolatry through seeing and hearing things that Satan is teaching. We have to realize

that Satan teaches in subtle ways. Sports is not wrong in itself but it can become a great educational tool for the worst, not best, for our spiritual life. Have you seen a pitcher chewing tobacco on TV? Suppose I was a kid and the pitcher was my favorite. I would admire everything he did, including his chewing. I would not be surprised if I ended up chewed tobacco as an adult.



So, education is very important. So we need to follow the right education. The Bible gives us the true education that prepares us for the world we live in and the world to come. Our lifestyle must be in harmony with Bible principles. It is not hard to know or learn. A child can learn easily. You can, too. Does it teach us how to dress properly? Yes! Does it teach you how to behave like Christ? Yes, it does! Does it warn us about seeing and hearing things that are evil and bad? Of course! But the power of the Bible's influence become nothing when we spend more time watching TV or videos than reading the Bible or Spirit of Prophecy books.

I encourage you to think twice before you push the "power button" of your remote control or pick up a book to read. What kind of program do you want to be educated by? Would Jesus sit with you while watching dangerous programs that hurt your spiritual life? You know the answer! "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

"I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set nothing wicked before my eyes" (Psalm 101:1-3).

I encourage you, my brothers, sisters, and friends, to follow the plain teachings of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Your education can decide your future—to be fit or to be unfit for heaven.

*David Trexler
Speaker/Director*

Booth Ministry Continues to be a Great Way to Share Truth

These photos are from Boston, MA; Tacoma, WA; Pleasanton, CA; and Denver, CO. Also, David Trexler shares a few words of his experience in Denver on October 25.

“Ken and Linda Croson were at our booth. It was good to see them again after their baptism at the Western Deaf Camp Meeting in July. They are lonely for Deaf Adventists to fellowship with, so our time together was meaningful. Ken Abernathy, another member, visited with us also.

“The most interesting part of our day was our discussion with a couple who used strong language while criticizing us for not believing in eternal hellfire. The man, a former Muslim who became a Christian, felt that we had sinned for not accepting the doctrine of eternal hellfire. We presented evidences from the Bible but they accused us of being confused. However, they never showed us any Bible verses that showed their point. Finally, they left after a final warning about our false ideas about God.”



Photo by DeafNation

Julius Vold, David Trexler, and Jessica McGowan share encouragement and truth with booth visitors in Boston, Massachusetts. The day after the expo in Boston, David Trexler was a guest speaker for a special meeting with local Deaf members and friends.



Photo by DeafNation

3,200 people came to the Expo in Pleasanton, CA. Chuck and Barbie McGehee (also Gwen Tsujimoto who is not pictured) worked our booth.



Photo by David Trexler

In Colorado: Mario Carson (left) grew up Adventist. Joshua Dupre (right) knows the Trexler's well. He lived in MD before moving to CO.



Photo by David Trexler

In Denver, Francisca Trexler enjoys a friendly chat with Kenneth Walker (on the right) who used to play football for the Denver Broncos back in the 1990's. They both are alumni of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and they shared their experiences. He was a surprise visitor to our booth.



Photo supplied by Tim Connelly

Nohe Jarnes, Tim Connelly, Chuck and Barbie McGehee, Rosemary and Ignacio Salazar at our booth in Tacoma, Washington. 2,600 people came to this expo.



Photo by Francisca Trexler

Before and after the expo in Denver, David and Francisca Trexler visited with Harold Switzer in a nursing home nearby. Harold's wife passed away a few years ago and he rarely has company. He is now 89 years old.

DYAC and Interpreters Join SDF Camp Meeting in GA

The 9th annual **Southern Deaf Camp Meeting** took place in Georgia August 6-10. The theme was "God With Us" with Alan Meis (MI) as the main speaker. Over 150 people (a new record) came from various places, including fifteen from Barbados. Neil Davidson (CA) also preached. Special recognition was given to him as the first full-time Deaf SDA pastor hired (1960). This was in Southern California. But sadly in 1968, the conference let him go. Neil's faithfulness is an inspiration. He did not leave the church or his God despite feelings of rejection. His reward will be in heaven when souls will say "Thank you" because of the seeds he planted.

Afternoon activity options included: a Bible class with David Trexler (MD), a health class with Beth Adner (IN), or activities such as swimming, horseback riding, zipline, etc.

We began Sabbath with Communion and testimonies. Sabbath morning, we enjoyed a spirit filled Sabbath School and worship service. That afternoon, we witnessed five baptisms! Live streaming was provided on the Internet again this year. We were encouraged as we returned to our different states and countries. It can be very lonely and isolating in our local areas.

This year DYAC and the 7th Day Interpreters came to the camp meeting and held their own workshops.

Pastor Jeff Jordan

Deaf Young Adults for Christ (DYAC) hosted its camp meeting during the SDF Camp Meeting. The theme "Rooted in Christ" focused on the stages of growth a Christian has in developing a relationship with our Savior. While DYAC gave its own workshops, the young adults joined others for meals, activities, and Sabbath worship. Our most popular event is the Bible Questions and Answers, which allows young adults and Bible teachers to discuss challenging questions using the Bible. Chuck McGehee (WA) was our main guest speaker. About 20 Deaf young adults attended our meetings.

The camp meeting is a way young Deaf Adventists can meet each other. DYAC also provides Bible studies online every Friday night. There are two different groups and is open to all ages. You are welcome to join our Bible studies.

DYAC is looking for young deaf adults who would like to host a social event for young adults in their home area this year. This would be a good chance to invite friends to meet your fellow young brothers and sisters in Christ.

DYAC helps Adventist youth learn more about themselves and their gifts from God. Our goal is to give young adults opportunities to practice their skills in service for God. If you know someone who is between the ages of 18 and 38, please encourage them to contact

DYAC at DYACDeaf@gmail.com.

Margie English

The 2014 **7th Day Interpreters' Conference** was a success! We had eleven who attended; five of these participants were from Barbados. We had really great discussions about interpreting and signing. Our presenters this year were Darrell Strait, Lorna Strait (CA) and Nohe Jarnes (WA). Darrell and Lorna presented various topics on interpreting and the use of ASL. Lorna taught us about Deaf Culture as well as correcting signs and teaching us new signs. Nohe Jarnes presented on the Code of Professional Conduct and Deaf Ministry. Darrell and Nohe co-presented a workshop on Team Interpreting. We were also pleasantly surprised and excited when Margie English agreed to an impromptu CDI demonstration for us. It was a great week and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our next conference will be held in 2016 at the Western Deaf Camp Meeting in Milo, OR. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2016. Start making plans now to attend!

Nohe Jarnes



Left to right: Christine Blankenship (IN), Wanda Stephens (GA), Jeff Jordan, Lisa and Tom Black (GA), Bonnie Fry (MO).

Photo supplied by Jeff Jordan



Interpreters posed for a fun group photo.

Photo supplied by Nohe Jarnes

DEAR Camp Meeting in VA

The DEAR Camp Meeting at Camp Blue Ridge in Virginia on October 2-5 was a time to get away from the world. Surrounded by beautiful fall colors, hearts were ready to focus on Jesus. Main speaker Esther Doss (AR) shared a series on how to walk closer with Jesus by first taking a look at Enoch's life. Attendees kept busy with devotionals, meetings, Bible games, a candle vigil, crocheting ragrugs, hikes, and, of course, visiting with like believers. The warm fire in the fireplace was a real nice touch. Sabbath afternoon was a real highlight as Katrina Mansell was baptized. Cathy Ingram did a fantastic job organizing the event.

Four old college mates from RIT in New York had a fun reunion. Two lived across the hall from each other; two were good friends; two used to date. Some had not seen each other in over 20 years. Never did they dream during those days that they would meet at an Adventist Deaf event, sharing the same faith. Praise God!



Katrina Mansell was baptized by David Trexler on a beautiful Sabbath afternoon. The temperature was about 50 degrees and was very windy so this baptism was quite refreshing. But in her heart, Katrina felt the warmth of the Holy Spirit and the love of her brothers and sisters who witnessed her commitment to follow Jesus.

SNEC DEAF Camp Meeting in MA



Photo by Jessica McGowan

Deaf-Blind people can not see ASL, so Kevin Colgan placed his hands under the hands of a Deaf-Blind person so that the movements of the hands can be felt.



Photo by Jessica McGowan

Two ladies discuss spiritual things on the shores of a lake.

Those attending the SNEC DEAF Camp 2014 August 28-31 at Camp Grotonwood in Massachusetts had a great time as they enjoyed Deaf Christian fellowship and focused on the theme "Faith, Hope and Love."

Pastors Jeff Jordan and David Trexler gave wonderful presentations. Linda McGowan gave health and cooking classes. Francisca Trexler gave a workshop on Philippians 4:8 and led in a beautiful candlelight ceremony. Margie English and Michael Carrier shared devotionals. Many attendees helped during the programs, including songs from little Amy Colgan. Several assisted with tactile and voice interpreting, including Edie Hotchkiss who helped with both. Kevin and Amanda Colgan did a great job organizing and planning this year's DEAF Camp. Plans are already being made for next year! Mark September 3-7, 2015 on your calendars!



Photo by Jessica McGowan

SNEC campers enjoy a boat ride at Camp Grotonwood in Massachusetts.

The 3ADM Board



The 3ADM Board of Directors had their annual board meeting August 12-13 at the General Conference headquarters. I had the privilege of attending and was deeply blessed by observing and participating in the many discussions. I saw that the board members are visionaries who are dedicated to God's work among the Deaf. They were cautious when making financial decisions and, most importantly, they had a spirit of unity. God certainly blessed this ministry with such leaders.

Esther Doss



Back row l to r: Paul Kelly (Deaf - NY), Bruce Buzzell (Deaf - MO), Alfred Griffith (hearing - WA), Marvin Budd (hearing - MI), David Trexler (Deaf - MD).
Front row l to r: George Belser (Deaf - WA), Amanda Colgan (Deaf - MA), Chuck McGehee (Deaf - WA), and Julius Vold (Deaf - MD)

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Jordan Trip to Barbados



Photo supplied by Jeff Jordan

Pastor Jeff Jordan held an evangelistic series in Barbados July 14-19. A year ago, Jordan was in Barbados with the purpose of encouraging missing members to come back to church. And the report is that many have returned after last year's visit.

This year, about 40 deaf and hearing people attended Jordan's "My Savior Jesus" meetings that were held in a park. Then for Sabbath worship service, the meeting was held at the Hearing-Impaired SDA Church a few kilometers away with a total of 70 Deaf and hearing attending. Right after the worship service, many drove a mile down to the beautiful beach to witness the baptism of four Deaf souls.

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