



Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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Another DVD in Production!

Three Angels Deaf Ministries is now working on the next *Signs of God's Love* DVD program. This program will study evidences of the age of the Earth and will discuss evolution and creation theories. As host of the program, Esther Doss is passionate about this important topic. In Revelation 14:7, we read the first angel's message saying, "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Esther believes that the truth of Creation is a large part of the Three Angels Messages.

"If you do not believe God is the Creator, then how can you believe the Bible? Why worship God on the Sabbath?" Esther asks. "Sadly, many no longer believe in Creation."

While preparing, she found

many evidences of a young Earth and a global flood. Even secular scientists now believe things happened much quicker than they first thought.

Arizona is a great place to explore and study this topic! Video was taken at the Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, Sunset Crater volcano, Meteor Crater, 1,000 year-old Native American ruins and other places in the beautiful desert.

God provided a miracle during the shoot. Permits are required to shoot on the Navajo Reservation. Esther followed the steps, by filling out and sending them paperwork. She was told to stop at an office in Cameron. She did but found that it was the wrong office. She needed to go to the one in Page. The lady officer in Page was angry with Esther for trying to get a permit at the last minute. Esther showed her the paperwork and emails. The lady, a Navajo herself, realized Esther tried to do everything correctly. She said, "OK, but it will take about five days to have this permit ready for you." Esther was concerned because she had to be



Esther Doss talks about fossils at the Petrified Forest National Park.

Photo by Ethan Doss

in Maryland in a few days, but said nothing.

The woman asked questions about the DVD. Esther told her it was in ASL for Deaf people. She smiled, "I had two foster brothers who were Deaf." After more questions, she became excited. She said, "Come back at 4pm to pick up your permit."

An hour and a half later, the lady gave Esther the permit and permission for an extra day in case of bad weather. Esther asked about the permit fees. She learned that the fees were \$750 but were waived because the woman wanted to support the DVD for the Deaf.

Esther was thrilled to see God at work! Instead of waiting five days, she had the permit in less than two hours and at no cost! Praise God!

The DVD will be ready early next year. Keep this in prayer.

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Speaker's Dialogue: Peace and Goodwill Toward Earth

We are living in a dangerous world. It is more dangerous than ever before. We are seeing bombings, terrorist attacks, bad weather, accidents, murders, deadly diseases, death, and other tragedies everyday. Everyone is worried about the future. Are we out of luck for having a better world in the near future through peace and love? Can love and peace come to this world in our time?

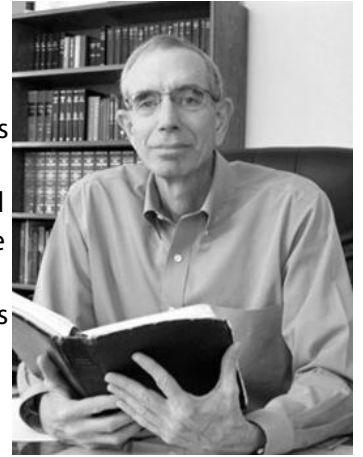
Let us go back to the time when the angels sang the song of joy about Jesus who was born. "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:14, ESV). Was there peace when Jesus was born? We all know that there was no peace at all. It was a troubled world when the Romans ruled Israel. A guerrilla war fought against the Roman occupation. Several men falsely claimed to be the messiah and fought against the Romans, but failed. God's people were not happy and they expected the Messiah to deliver them from the hated Romans.

When Jesus was born no one in Israel knew about it, except for a few shepherds. But, wise men from the East came to seek the Messiah. They studied the Scriptures carefully and believed that the time was right for them to visit the land of the Messiah. The King did arrive as a helpless baby under the care of Joseph and Mary, but the angels protected them. Jesus would have been killed if not for the angels who warned them. There was a spiritual war. The dark kingdom sought to kill Jesus, using human beings to kill the baby. But, thanks to God who commanded loyal angels to guard Joseph, Mary and Jesus. There was no peace on earth at that time, but the Prince of Peace came.

Now, two thousand years later the world still have no peace. We have not learned valuable lessons. In the 1900's, we had two World Wars which killed more than 50 million people and many more were injured. But we continue to have many wars all over the world. War has not ended at all, but rather the opposite!

But, we still can have peace. Where? In our hearts. It is the spiritual peace that comes to who have accepted Jesus as the Savior and King through the Holy Spirit. "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). Jesus said that the world cannot give the kind of peace that Jesus can give. The world is full of sin so it cannot give the true lasting peace. Only God can. Jesus, the Son of God promised us peace if we surrender ourselves to Him.

Peace only comes from Jesus. That is the true peace, though we continue to have no peace here on earth. Jesus gives us the spiritual peace that we really need. Jesus did not promise us a peaceful life while living here on Earth. Ever since the Fall, all of God's people have experienced pain and suffering. They did not have physical peace, but they had true peace in their hearts. Worldly peace is false. Spiritual or heavenly peace is real. It helped those who suffered have peace in their hearts. Why? They had hope. Hope brings peace. Jesus is our Hope.



Three Angels Deaf Ministries has experienced the power of peace in 2015. We have reached out to many Deaf people with the message of peace—Jesus Christ. Also, we are seeing more and more Deaf people joining our church all over the world. Peace is winning against the power of darkness. Our Adventist Church has shown more interest in the Deaf than ever before. Thanks to the Holy Spirit who has impressed and changed the hearts of the church members and leaders to focus on our needs.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support for 3ADM in 2015. Also, we continue to need your prayers and support for 2016 and beyond until the Lord's return. May the God of peace and hope fill your life not only for this Christmas, but also for the rest of your life.

David M. Trexler

New ASL Devotionals Online

Recently, both David and Francisca Trexler were asked to go to the General Conference headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland to record some devotionals for Adventist Deaf Ministries International's (ADMI) website. They shot eight short devotionals, four of which can already be seen on ADMI's website. Within days, links to these devotionals were quickly shared on social media.

If you would like to see these devotionals, go to: www.adventistdeaf.org/devotionals.html.

3ADM Gives Special Recognition to Three

At two separate events, 3ADM showed special appreciation to three people who have made a real difference in Deaf Ministry in North America.

At the recent DEAF Thanksgiving Dinner at the Silver Spring, Maryland SDA Church, Beth Dobson was completely surprised when 3ADM Speaker/Director David Trexler presented her with a plaque showing our appreciation for her dedicated service to 3ADM. Beth served as secretary of 3ADM's board of directors for seventeen years before she chose not to be re-elected. She was one of the original board members when 3ADM was formed in 1998. Her meticulous and thorough work for years has not gone without notice and we have deeply appreciated her volunteer service.

Then during the North American Division's Deaf Ministries Committee meeting on November 16, David Trexler once again gave a sudden surprise. This time, he and his wife Francisca presented plaques of special recognition to two people: Debra Brill and Dr. Larry Evans.

Debra Brill is one of the NAD Vice-Presidents and chair of the Deaf Ministries Committee. Her gentle and encouraging spirit has motivated the committee to think out of the box and move forward in a more bold way. A faithful advocate, she has been instrumental in opening doors to Deaf ministry within church leadership in North American Division.

Dr. Larry Evans has been tireless in spreading Deaf awareness. In fact, someone who learned about Deaf needs from Dr. Evans called him the Deaf Awareness Evangelist. Using Dr. Evan's passion for Deaf ministry, God has opened many doors around the world in a short time. You can read more about Dr. Evans on page six.

Deaf Booth Ministry

Our booth ministry continued to reach out to many Deaf people with wonderful helpers in the following cities:

- * Louisville, Kentucky on September 19 with Bruce and Susan Buzzell,
- * Edison, New Jersey on September 26 with Edie Hotchkiss, Sheelah Kimbrough, and Francisca Trexler
- * Pleasanton, California on October 10 with Chuck and Barbie McGehee and Gwen Tsujimoto
- * Portland, Oregon on October 17 with Chuck and
- * Barbie McGehee and Arlan Howard
- * Chicago, Illinois on November 7 with Francisca Trexler



Pictured (l to r): Bob Plubell, former chairperson; Speaker/Director David Trexler; Cathy Ingram, former board member; Beth Dobson; Paul Kelly, current Vice Chairperson; Amanda Colgan, former board member; and Margie English, current board member.

Photo supplied by David Trexler



Chuck McGehee talks with a booth visitor in Oregon.

Photo by DeafNation



Edie Hotchkiss, Francisca Trexler, and Sheelah Kimbrough work at our booth in New Jersey.

Photo by DeafNation

Northwest Outreach

The Deaf group at the Tabernacle SDA Church in Portland, Oregon held their annual picnic on September 20th at a park on Lake Vancouver. This fun picnic was a way for Deaf non-SDAs to become better acquainted with Adventists and to encourage former Adventists. This picnic was a success! Eighty people came, and about 30 of them were non-Adventists! The lunch featured garden burgers and pumpkin burgers (vegan and gluten free) and fruit salads. After the yummy lunch, many played volleyball and the fun caterpillar game. As a result, two became interested and remain friendly with us while others left with a good, positive impression.



Outreach Picnic and fun games in the Portland, Oregon area.

Photo by Judy Johnson

DEAR Camp Meeting

More than 30 people attended the DEAF Camp Meeting at beautiful Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Virginia October 29-31. The secluded camp is up in the mountains near the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway, allowing campers to leave the world behind. Pastor Alfred Griffith was the featured speaker who gave a much needed four-part series titled "Happy, Holy, and Healthy." Several other activities kept the campers busy. The campers especially enjoyed Norman and Cathy's play, the same one that was later done at the Silver Spring, MD Thanksgiving dinner.

A real highlight of the weekend was witnessing Sara Johnston re-baptized in the cool waters of the little lake.



DEAR camp meeting in Virginia.

Photo by David Trexler

Southern New England Camp Meeting

On September 3-7, DEAF (Deaf Everywhere Are Family) held their camp meeting at a new campground in Western Massachusetts in Huntington. Paul Kelly gave a series of sermons on the theme "All The Way With Jesus".

Thomas Colgan, the newest member of the Colgan Family, was dedicated to God by Paul Kelly. Also, Kevin Colgan gave an informative presentation on stewardship and money management.



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We were blessed with beautiful weather and during the free time some campers went kayaking, swimming and tried out the stand-up paddle boards which provided lots of laughs. Some people stayed dried by going on a hike or made new craft creations.

We look forward to meeting again in 2016 at Camp Cherokee in Saranac Lake, New York.

International Interpreter's Workshop in Spain

The Inter-European Division (EUD) held the first International Adventist Interpreters Workshop on September 18-20 in Seville, Spain, an old, historic city where bull-fighting is still practiced. Thirty-five attendees came from seven countries: Spain, Portugal, France, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, and the USA. American representatives were Esther Doss, Jeff and Missy Jordan and Larry Evans.

Esther shared, "We learned quickly that people in Spain do not go to bed early! On the first night, the meeting began at 7:30pm and ended at 11:30pm! But these long days allowed us to cover many topics."

The topics included: Sabbath School, ethics, the interpreter's health, and International Sign. They also discussed plans for next year's World Congress for the Deaf. Many attendees are new in Deaf ministry, so basic training was given. Of course, friendships were created.

The American visitors were surprised that sign language was just recently recognized in Europe. The

Deaf in Europe have not had the opportunities at success as the Deaf in America. Someone said, "America is like heaven to the Deaf in my country."

On Saturday night, attendees were given a special treat, a carriage tour of the historic area in Seville. After the ride, the group walked the streets and learned some of its history. "It was an amazing!" Esther recalls. "In Seville, we saw the world's third largest cathedral. It was impressive! The highest point reaches 184 feet. Visitors to the inside of the cathedral can see the tomb belonging to Christopher Columbus. A short distance away, is the place where tens of thousands of Protestants were burned to death because of the Spanish Inquisition. It was a touching experience to walk the same streets as those who gave up their lives for God."

Esther continues, "This workshop was such an encouragement to me. The networking and sharing ideas was exciting and we supported each other individually in the ministry. We were all fast friends!"

World Congress for the Deaf

The Inter-European Division invites all Deaf Adventists to the World Congress for the Deaf and Deaf Blind May 13 to May 16. The meeting will be held at the beautiful Hotel TRH Alcora in Seville, Spain.

Many activities are planned from a wide variety of meetings and classes, amazing tours of the area, fun games and activities, and even outreach to local Deaf non-Adventists. Special speakers are both Deaf: Pastor Jeff Jordan from the USA and Pastor Douglas Silva from Brazil.

For more information go to: <http://adventistdeaf.eu/seville-2016/>. If you are interested in attending, feel free to contact Esther Doss for some information and tips.

DEAF Thanksgiving Dinner

DEAF in Silver Spring, MD had an annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 15. The very successful banquet had 35 people attending. Visitors from other states came due to the NAD Deaf Ministries Committee meeting the next day. Visitors from the Deaf community also came. The Thanksgiving celebration began with a story and prayer from David Trexler. Then the delicious dinner was served. During the dinner, Beth Dobson was given special recognition for her tireless service on the 3ADM board. Norman and Cathy Ingram acted as suffering Christians during the terrible reign of Roman Emperor Nero, on their way to the colosseum where lions will kill them. They talked of the wonderful experience of becoming Christians and how Jesus' death touched their lives. Excellent play!



GC Special Needs Ministries



The United Nations reports that an estimated "one billion" people live with disabilities worldwide. Seeing the need, in 2011 the General Conference (GC) formed the Special Needs Committee and placed it under the Personal Ministries/Sabbath School Ministries Department. At this time, Larry Evans was serving as Deaf Liaison while

also an Associate Director for Stewardship. Becoming more aware of the needs, the church realized that more attention was needed. The work of the Personal Ministries/Sabbath School Ministries Department was already large and unable to focus on these specialized needs.

The GC Administrative Committee in September voted to move Special Needs Ministries to presidential oversight. Elder Ted Wilson, GC President, delegated this ministry to a new position. Larry Evans was appointed to be the Assistant to the President for Special Needs Ministries. This new role will address the needs of the deaf, blind, orphans and those with physical and/or mental limitations. Attention will be given to providing opportunities for those with special needs to become more involved with the mission of the church.

Ultimately, Evans envisions the creation of a world advisory council to give guidance in the development of strategic ministry plans. He strongly feels that each of the five groups has as much to offer the global church.

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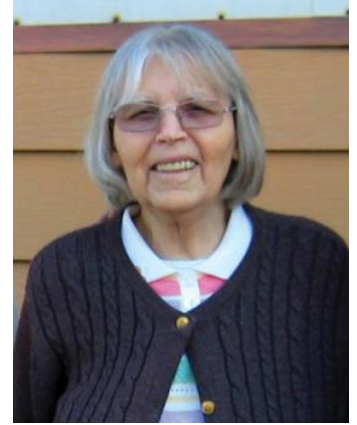
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In Memory - Janet McVay

Janet Mary McVay passed away November 17 in Lodi, California. Born on November 17, 1935 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she had seven sisters and two brothers. Janet is survived by her husband Vernon. She was eighty years old. Janet is remembered as a very sweet person who loved to think about Jesus. She was known to pray much every day. Janet loved to read her Bible and study the Sabbath School Lessons. She signed songs with such beautiful expressions. A memorial service was held on December 13 at the English Oaks SDA Church in California where she was a member.



New DVD about Jesus

The new *Jesus Life Story* will take you on a trip through the story of Jesus' life, from His birth to the resurrection. This is a very visual program with hundreds of paintings, maps, and photos. The story is told by Alan Meis, the son of Deaf parents. This program is about seven hours long and is subtitled and has voice.

The DVDs are \$20 plus postage. To get a copy, go to www.adventsource.org and search for *Jesus Life Story*. Or email: info@edgemontvideo.com or call 800-371-5777.



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