



# Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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## DVDs Used Around the World

Contrary to popular belief, American Sign Language (ASL) is not universal. Many different sign languages are used around the world, such as Auslan in Australia and LIBRAS in Brazil. British Sign Language uses both hands for the alphabet, unlike ASL. Even our Mexican neighbors have their own sign language that do not resemble ASL at all. The first time I met a Deaf person from Mexico, I was fascinated by Mexican Sign Language and learned to sign some. Ironically, the only sign that looked the same as ASL was the word *same*; I had to laugh! However, ASL and sign languages originating from ASL are used in many areas around the world.

Resources for Deaf ministry are very limited. This is more true

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*Esther Doss and David Trexler are seen on the wall of the Deaf church in the city of Kwadaso in the African country of Ghana. This photo was taken January 3, 2015 when 28 Deaf people came to worship on Sabbath morning. In this photo, they are watching Signs of God's Love on the Second Coming.*

in places where Deaf ministry is quite small or does not exist. What a blessing signed materials from another country with the same sign language can be!

We have been told that our DVDs have proven to be useful in places outside of North America. Our friend John Blake sent us word that our DVDs are being shown in Ghana, Africa. This is not the first time we heard our DVDs were used in other countries. They have been used in: Kenya, Ghana, Uganda, Ethiopia, Madagascar, the Philippines, and more.

"I really appreciate the Signs [of God's Love] series. It is well done and gives me some materials to

send out." John said. "I have also used some of David [Trexler's] monthly sermons." John added that those who receive these DVDs always ask for more.

John Blake serves in Deaf ministry through his own local deaf work in Bentley, Alberta, the Alberta Conference, and Gospel Outreach. John Blake has produced some DVDs in ASL such as *Our World a Theater* and an evangelistic series with Pastor Jeff Jordan.

We praise God that Deaf people in faraway places have been blessed by our work. Thank you for your support.

*Esther Doss*

## Speaker's Dialogue: Life is Very Short as Vapor

Recently, we have heard much tragic news about people who died unexpectedly and suddenly. For example, an AirAsian airliner was lost, went into the sea and killed over 160 passengers. Some teenagers were killed by police. Terrorists killed innocent people. And many men and women died suddenly due to strokes and heart attacks. None of these people expected to die so soon! We do not know when we will die. Many of us will die without warning.

King Solomon expressed with sadness that our life is in vain. We all enjoy the pleasures of life but it does not last forever. An artist takes a step back and look at his beautiful painting. He is proud of his achievement and then suddenly falls to the floor due to a heart attack. We have known young people who just graduated from high school with big dreams for their futures, only to die suddenly in a car accident. I think especially about those who suddenly died without the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ. They did not want to die; they had plans to live. Sadly, in many cases, death could have been avoided.

The book of James clearly pointed out the futility of planning for a future of wealth and fun when not living in Christ. "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit'; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:13-14 NKJV).

Ask yourself these questions: Are you walking with Jesus who came to die for you? Do you realize how short life is? Do you think that God is so loving that He will not allow you to die until you come back to Him after many years of sinful pleasures?

Yes, God wants all of us--good and bad to be saved! Jesus died for all of us, good and bad. But God cannot forgive sins that we are not truly sorry for. Two more questions: Do you say, "I love Jesus," hoping that will impress God while at the same time you rebel against Him? Do you believe God will not allow death or consequences happen to you while you resist the Holy Spirit and make excuses for not following God? These are dangerous thoughts.

Most of us try to push the limit of God's patience. Remember God gives us the freedom of choice. It is up to us whether or not we have eternal life, not our beloved God! God allows you to choose whatever

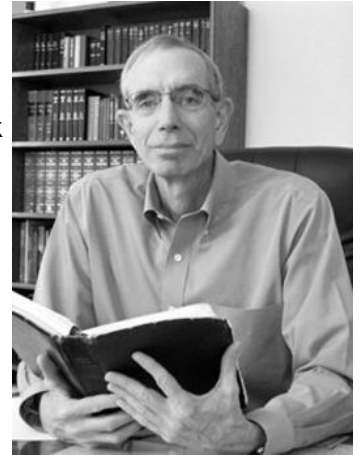
kind of life you want to live--good or bad. Our bad choices hurts Him but He does not force us to go back to Him.

Remember Lot's wife. Angels "forced" Lot and his family out of Sodom before destruction came. But Lot's wife rebelled against the command of the merciful God and died immediately upon turning her head to see the burning city she loved. God saved them physically but He cannot save her spiritually because she resisted His love and care. What was in her heart so was she!

Are we playing with fire? If you do not go to church or follow the Bible as your only guide, are you thankful that you are still alive through God's grace? Do you realize that at any moment you could be dead and not even know what happened to you? Would you be lost?

Do not assume that you are okay because nothing has happened to you while living outside of Christ. Satan lies to us and one of his best known lies is that we can always come to God at a later time and still be safe. Remember Eve? She lost everything because she believed Satan's lie. She disobeyed the plain words of God because she thought God would not harm her for a little thing. Also, many people accuse God of using fear so people will obey Him. What do you think? Do you think the same? If you do then your life is a mist!

Brothers and sisters, my friends, repent! Now is the time to wake up from the sleep of sin and false feeling of safety! You will have a full life when you are in Christ. You will have the assurance of eternal life, no matter if you lose your job, home, friends, or family because of your faith in Him. Do not get mad at God if something bad happens to you. Apostle Peter encourages us to rejoice in difficult times because of our faith in Jesus. We hate troubles but we cannot avoid them. We live in a cruel world but it is a mist!! Rejoice in The Lord! Why? Because Jesus is coming back soon, sooner than we think! Our sufferings are but for a short time when compared with eternal life, full of joy and adventure.



*David Trexler  
Speaker/Director*

## Deaf Theology Student Graduates in Brazil

December 6th was a historic day for the Deaf work in Brazil. On this day, Douglas Silva was the first Deaf Adventist theology student to graduate from Faculdade Adventista Da Amazonia near Belem, Brazil. Douglas is also the first Deaf pastor in South America!

Visitors traveled from North America to witness this special event and to show their support. Among them were Pastor Jeff and Missy Jordan. Pastor Jeff is the first Deaf Adventist to graduate with a M. Div. degree from the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University and, currently, is the only paid pastor serving in North America. Pastor Jeff and Missy were asked to present Pastor Douglas and his wife Karen a special plaque during the graduation service.

Pastor Douglas Silva was not born Deaf, but rather, he lost his hearing as a young person. Soon after he became an Adventist, he began sharing his new found faith. He and his wife soon became very active and realized that they were called by God to the ministry. Pastor Douglas left a very good paying job and pursued a theology degree at the Adventist college. During his four years of study, a very special

lady, Nazare Ribeiro Aires, sacrificed her time and energy to interpret classes for Pastor Douglas without any pay.

Pastor Douglas's wife Karen is also very active in Deaf ministry; the two work wonderfully as a pastoral team. They are now working in the Paulistanas Conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the largest city in Brazil and in the top three largest cities in the world.

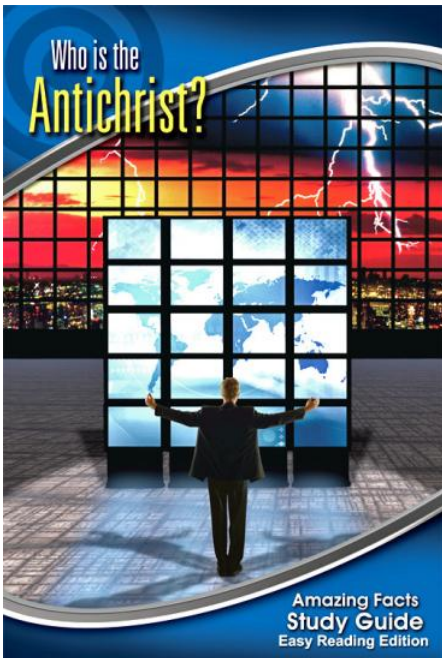


Pastor Douglas and Karen Silva

Photo by Jeff Jordan

Marcelo Bessams, another Deaf worker in Sao Paulo, is sponsored by Gospel Outreach. Also, Jacqueline Mennon, a hearing lady with a heart for Deaf people, is the Deaf ministry coordinator for the union covering the Sao Paulo region. We are thrilled to see Deaf ministry grow in Brazil! God be praised!

## New Amazing Facts Lessons



The new Amazing Facts Advanced Guides (lessons 15 to 27) in Easy Reading English are at the printers and they will be released this Spring for use by Deaf Bible School's students. The new lessons looks at Bible prophecies and also include lessons on spiritualism, Christian living, the judgment, tithing,

and more. Currently, we have the basic set of Amazing Facts Study Guides in Easy Reading English (lessons 1-14). We are excited about the new products for those who wish to take more advanced Bible lessons.

## Facelift for Deaf Bible School

The new and refreshed Deaf Bible School website is now in operation. Not only does the website have a new look, but it is also much easier for the Bible students to use and simpler for the Deaf Bible School Director to work with. Also, the website is mobile device friendly. With both God's Way and Amazing Facts Bible studies, this website is a powerful tool to help Deaf people study God's Word. We deeply appreciate Bob Plubell, a Deaf member in California, who has God-given skills to enhance 3ADM's ministry.

Spread the word about Deaf Bible School to your friends and family! The website is easy to remember: **www.DeafBibleSchool.com**.

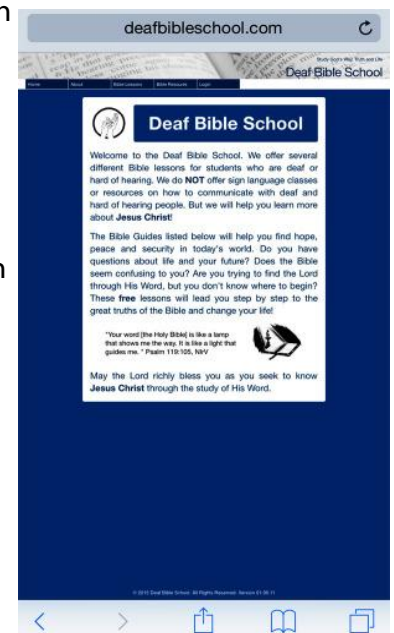


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## 2015 GC Session

The 2015 General Conference Session is happening July 2-11, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas. The GC Session is always an exciting time for our Adventist Church! Larry Evans serves as the coordinator for Adventist Deaf Ministries International (ADMI) and is overseeing ASL interpretation. The Sign Language team for this year's Session is Nohelani Jarnes (Nohe) as lead interpreter along with Darrell Strait and Grace Ann Ashley.

This year at GC Session, all meetings presented will have the option of being interpreted into American Sign Language. For program details and schedule, please go to [www.2015.gcsession.org](http://www.2015.gcsession.org). To find the schedule, go to the website homepage and scroll down towards the bottom; you will see "Tentative Schedule" on the right side. Also at this website you can find information about hotels in the area, information about the Alamodome (where the GC Session main meeting will be) as well as the convention center where all other meetings will be held. Also at the convention center you will find many booths of different things to see, including 3ADM's booth and a joint booth for ADMI and Gospel Outreach. The ADMI booth will have various division representatives running it.

If you are interested in attending GC Session meetings, you must hurry and get your hotel rooms reserved soon! With lots of people coming to San Antonio for the meetings, hotel rooms are running out.



Photo supplied by Esther M. Doss

*Rosalinda Davis interprets at the 2010 GC Session in Atlanta, GA. On Sabbaths, more than 60,000 people from all over the world and from many language groups come to worship our Savior together. This experience gives us a glimpse of the multitudes that will meet in heaven as we worship our Creator God.*

The local shuttle service is called "VIA Shuttle" and if you want a ride from the hotel to Alamodome, you can ask the hotel if they are near the VIA Shuttle line.

It's a good idea to bring good walking shoes and water bottles! The Alamodome is about a 15-20 minute walk from the convention center where booths, exhibits, and classes will be held. Be prepared for lots of walking!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at 2015 GC Session!

*Nohe Jarnes*

## NAD Deaf Ministries Committee

The North American Division (NAD) of Seventh-day Adventists has a committee focused solely on Deaf work



Photo by Nohe Jarnes

*In November, 2014, the committee discusses plans for Deaf work across North America.*

across the division. Each November, the committee meets to decide how to use the funds the NAD sets aside specifically for Deaf work. The committee also lays plans and discusses challenges and ideas. The use of the funds are carefully considered before allocation. Some funds have been granted to 3ADM for projects. The funds have been used to sponsor events and other projects. The NAD leans heavily on 3ADM to meet many of the committee's goals.

NAD Vice President Debra Brill chairs the committee of nine voting members; seven of them are Deaf. 3ADM has a permanent place on the committee with the Speaker/Director serving as an ex-officio member with no voting privileges.

3ADM deeply appreciates the support we receive from the NAD Deaf Ministries Committee.

## New Webinars by DYAC

The Deaf Young Adults for Christ (DYAC) meet once a year for camp meeting, but leaders and attendees sensed that was not enough. DYAC developed webinars as a way to continue meeting together throughout the year. What is a webinar? A webinar is a live event held online. A live video of the speaker is seen through an application for computers, tablets, or smartphones. Interaction among the attendees is usually limited to a chat window.

Last December, DYAC hosted its first webinar with a presentation by Pastor Paul Kelly. He talked about how to grow in Christ without quitting. During the presentation, rich in ASL and visual aids, Pastor Kelly suggested that keeping our eyes on Jesus is the same as a flower turning to follow the sun. Those who attended were able to ask questions and have a discussion during and after the presentation with the help of a facilitator. About 25 people joined the webinar, and many of them expressed excitement. This experience provides SDA Deaf young adult members opportunities for hands-on experience planning these events and facilitating the presentations and discussions. DYAC plans to schedule these webinars on a monthly basis with presentations by strong students of the Bible and facilitated by young adults. The second one was held January 25th with David Trexler. The webinars are open to Deaf people of all ages.

DYAC also hopes to add a second session for a Bible Questions and Answers panel discussion. DYAC is also working towards posting videos of each webinar on their website so that the message will continue to be

## New Deaf Website

Adventist Deaf Ministries International has a new website sponsored by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The website is designed for both Deaf Adventists around the world and those hearing who wish to be a part of Deaf ministries. "It is our desire that this website will help foster a sense of international community of fellowship, unity and encouragement as both the Deaf and the hearing participate together in God's mission," Larry Evan states. The website will continually update with the latest Deaf ministry news, resources, and devotionals. So be sure to visit the website frequently.

The web address is: [www.adventistdeaf.org](http://www.adventistdeaf.org)

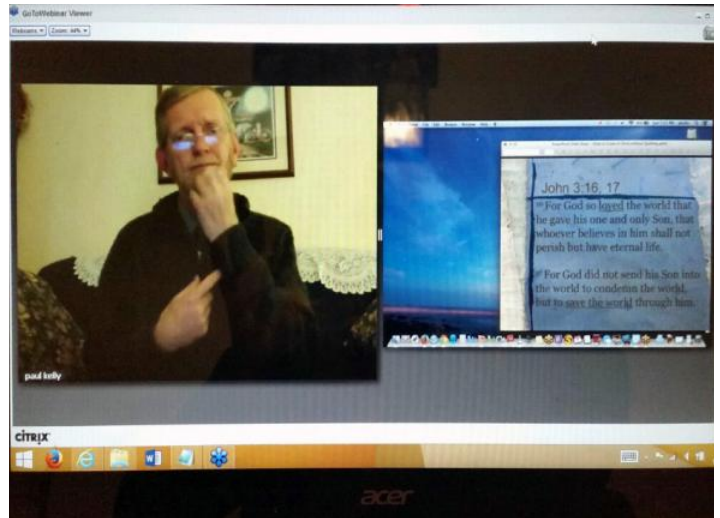


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*Pastor Paul Kelly gives a presentation online using a webinar service. Those watching can also see slides on the side.*

shared with others long after the live session.

DYAC hosts a national camp meeting every year with presentations, health/cooking workshops, and activities. Also, interactive Bible studies for groups are held online on Z5 led by regular participants on Friday nights. DYAC also provides one-on-one Bible studies. DYAC members eventually become involved as committee members, facilitators, and Bible students or teachers. These offerings would not have been possible without the North American Division's support. For more information about DYAC, please email: [dyacdeaf@gmail.com](mailto:dyacdeaf@gmail.com). Also, visit our website at: [www.dyacweb.org](http://www.dyacweb.org).

*Submitted by Margie English*

## 2015 Camp Meeting Dates

July 19 - 26—Western Deaf Camp Meeting  
Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek, OR

July 29-August 2—SDF Camp Meeting  
Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, GA

September 3-7—SNEC Deaf Camp Meeting  
Camp Grotonwood in Groton, Massachusetts

Date in October TBA—DEAR Camp Meeting  
Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, VA

## Gallaudet Ministry

The DEAF congregation in Silver Spring, MD has recently begun evangelistic prophecy meetings in a classroom at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. Jason and Sheelah Kimbrough are the teachers of this series which will cover Daniel and Revelation in 22 lessons. Members of DEAF have shown support by attending. Pray for these meetings.



Photo by David Trexler

Jason Kimbrough leads a study in the book of Daniel on the campus of Gallaudet University.

## Speaker/Director's Schedule

March 7—Phoenix, AZ—DeafNation Expo  
 March 21—Orlando, FL—DeafNation Expo  
 March 31-April 18—Fresno, CA—Evangelistic Meetings  
 April 25—Baton Rouge, LA—DeafNation Expo  
 June 28-July 1—Austin, TX—CALLED Pastor's Convention  
 July 2-12—San Antonio, TX—General Conference Session  
 July 17-27—Milo, OR—Western Deaf Camp Meeting  
 July 30-August 2—Hiapas, Mexico—Mexican Deaf Camp Meeting

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

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## SDF Does Outreach

The Southern Deaf Fellowship based in McDonald, TN has recently held some outreach activities.

Cooking classes were held in three cities: Ybon Romero taught a cooking class in Orlando, FL with eleven adults and six kids attending. Five people attended the cooking class in Atlanta, GA and eleven people attended the class in Collegedale, TN. The classes in Atlanta and Collegedale were taught by Tammy Andrews and Donna Jo Salhany.

Also, about sixty people came to the SDF annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the church on Sunday, November 23. Elder Mario Romero and Ybon from Orlando joined them and five others drove five hours from Virginia to enjoy food and fellowship. This was also a community outreach.



Photo supplied by Jeff Jordan

Friends enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner at the SDF church in Tennessee.

### Donations

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