

Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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Last Day Events DVD Finished

We are delighted to announce that the *Last Day Events* DVD is now completed! The DVD is the ASL version of the *Final Events* DVD with Doug Batchelor created by Amazing Facts. We deeply appreciate Doug Batchelor who generously allowed us to make this DVD. We are also grateful for the financial support from the North American Division of Seventh-Day Adventists.

David Trexler is the speaker for *Last Day Events*. The DVD is one hour and 25 minutes long. It is broken into 7 short parts: last day signs, world divided, decision time ends, Jesus returns, 1000 years, end of sin and the new earth. The DVD is all in ASL with voice added for the hearing.

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Voice/VP: 301-850-0542 Fax: 866-986-2122 The DVD is well done and has the same

pictures, video, animation, and acting that Final Events by Amazing Facts has. These extra pictures and video make the DVD a lot more interesting. Also, they really help to explain the Bible

teachings about what will happen in the final days of earth's history.

We planned to finish the DVD a few months ago, but we ran into some problems during editing. Amazing Facts planned to send some files to add to our DVD. These files are important as they include the scenes with acting and more. But after a few weeks of looking, they could not find them. Thank the Lord that we managed to find

Last Day Events DVD Prices

\$7.00 each 20 or more \$6.00 each 100 or more \$4.00 each (Postage included)



We have wanted to do this DVD for awhile and we are excited to now have it finished! The Deaf need to know what the Bible prophecies say about the future. No matter what happens, we have a wonderful hope in Jesus for He is truly coming and He is coming soon! Before He comes again, the gospel message must go to the entire world...which includes the Deaf. We must do our part.

This DVD is excellent for sharing! Be sure to get copies to share with your Deaf friends! You can save money by buying 20 or more DVDs.



Speaker's Dialogue: Do Pets Understand Mathematics?

Deuteronomy 29:29 (MEV)—"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

The question is: Can a dog or cat understand algebra? Can babies understand calculus? Of course not! Dogs and cats will never understand math. They do not reason like we do. What about babies? No, not as babies. But as babies grow and learn the basics of math, then they may understand calculus.

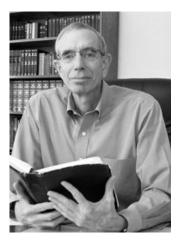
You may wonder why I am asking these strange questions. The questions are based on the Bible text above. Yet, more and more people try to be equal to God.

We have wonderful technology that makes life easier. But they bring more problems if we do not handle them correctly. People look at themselves and say that we are making a lot of progress. We are very smart because we are smart. Do they thank God for the increase of knowledge and skills? I am afraid that most people do not realize that all of our knowledge, intelligence, skills and more come from God Himself. Without God we are nothing! We read and see a lot of ego in news reports and self-glory in conversations. Where is God? God is forgotten. God is not there. Let me give you one example of self-glory.

Several years ago a movie actor went into an Apple Store in the Los Angeles area to buy an iPhone. The sales person asked the actor for his driver's license for identification as he was buying with a credit card. Guess what! The actor was very upset and yelled at the salesman. He told the sales person that he should recognize him. He should not be asked to show his license at all. Of course, the sales person recognized him! The salesman tried to explain that the store policy required every purchaser to show their ID for every purchase. But the actor did not accept this and continue to yell. He said that he was famous and everyone should know him. He refused to show his ID and left the store angry. What was his problem? EGO. That actor thought himself great, even greater than anyone he met. The question is: Are we like him?

Let's go back to the beginning after the creation of our beautiful world. Adam and Eve were perfect

in body, health and mind. They were warned about the tree of knowledge of good and evil. One day Eve came to the tree of knowledge of good and evil. She thought its fruit beautiful. Then she heard a serpent talking. That serpent challenged her, saying God did not want Adam and Eve to



eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil because God had a selfish reason. The serpent (Satan) tried to prove that eating the fruit of that tree would not hurt her as God said. Satan contradicted God's word. He claimed that God was not fair to them. Satan finally convinced her to eat the fruit because she believed what Satan said about God. "Then the serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! For God knows that on the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:4, 5, MEV).

Eve was attracted to Satan's claim that she would gain knowledge and be equal to God. In other words, the forbidden knowledge would raise her up to the same level as the Creator God! She accepted Satan's lie but what she got was far from what she thought. The knowledge she received was pain, suffering and death. And all of their descendants have had to experience this as well.

Not much has changed today. Many in the world seek for more wrong knowledge and sinful ways to find happiness and satisfaction.

To be clear, there is nothing wrong with good knowledge to improve our lives. The problem is that people seek to use good knowledge in wrong ways. They twist knowledge into bad knowledge. Many Christians doubt God because they try to get knowledge from places other than the Bible. Sadly, many Christians fall for Satan's lies.

For example, many TV preachers preach the wealth gospel. Wealth gospel is not the gospel of Jesus Christ. They use a few Bible verses to support their teachings and habits. In other words, they twist Continued on page 3

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Texas Visitors at DEAF

On Sabbath, June 24, DEAF members in Silver Spring, Maryland were surprised and happy to have visitors from San Antonio, Texas. At the same time David Trexler returned to church to give a sermon after his surgery three weeks before. The visitors were Pastor Gabriel and Jessica Perea with their four lovely children. Pastor Perea is on Sabbatical



Photo supplied by David Trexle

leave and vacation to travel across the country. They wanted to visit our DEAF church for a long time. They enjoyed the full Deaf Sabbath School and worship service. Following the worship service we had a fellowship dinner. The family stayed with us for our afternoon study on *Prophets and Kings*.

In 2015, some Deaf leaders met Pastor Gabriel and Jessica at the NAD's pastors' conference in Austin, TX. Then they met a few days later in San Antonio, TX for the GC Session. Pastor Perez is

the associate pastor at Scenic Hills SDA Church where three Deaf people attend regularly. Jessica is involved with the Deaf ministry. Both are very supportive of the Deaf ministry.

If you travel to San Antonio, please visit their church and enjoy the spiritual fellowship! If you need the church's address, or any other church with Deaf ministry, go to **www.3adm.org** and click on "Churches."

David Trexler

Speaker Dialogue, Continued

the truth about God. Look at Jesus! He lived a simple life. True wealth is only found in God's Word. All of the world's wealth is nothing and will be destroyed at the end. God's word is more important than gold or diamonds. All the gold in the world cannot save us from sin and trouble. Only God's word brings us to the true knowledge of our great God and Jesus Christ who only can give us true knowledge, happiness and eternal life.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7, MEV). Earlier, we read a verse about the secret things that belong to God. We need to accept what God has given to us. We will never be equal to God in power, knowledge, or anything else. We are created beings who are made beautifully by our loving and kind Creator God. He knows what is best for us. If we seek Him daily we shall be wise in the ways of the Lord. Rich in faith is what we need in this world, not rich in worldly knowledge, greatness, and materials. They fade away while God's word never fades. If we totally accept God as our basis of knowledge and salvation, we will not fade away.

David Trexler 3ADM Speaker/Director

Deaf Outreach in Denver

We had a booth at a second expo this year. This time on May 20 in Denver, Colorado. Francisca Trexler worked our booth this time. Her husband David was not able to go with her due to the Deaf Awareness Sabbath at the Atholton SDA Church on the same day. He made a commitment to the church before DeafUnited announced their expo schedule for 2017.

DeafNation is not doing expos this year.
DeafUnited attempted to take their place and scheduled expos in a number of cities across the USA.

3ADM reserved a booth for DeafUnited Expo in four cities for this spring. However, we went to only two of them. DeafUnited apparently was forced to cancel the other events due to the lack of Deaf interest and strong opposition. There is a lawsuit between DeafNation and DeafUnited. DeafNation could not host the DeafNation Expo. DeafUnited went ahead with their plans for expos in 2017 but apparently it did not work out well for them.

In Denver, DeafUnited moved their expo two times because of the opposition by the Deaf community. Francisca set up our booth at the third site, wondering how the expo would go. Francisca was surprised to see only six booths there. Very few Deaf locals came to the expo. She brought 150 gospel bags but only ten people came to pick some up. It was a very slow day. There were only two religious booths—Baptists and 3ADM.

A few people talked with Francisca about God and spiritual things. An Adventist Deaf couple, Ken and Linda Croson came to spend a lot of time with Francisca. They were baptized at the Western Deaf Camp Meeting in Milo, Oregon several years ago. This

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Francisca Trexler stands in front of our booth at the DeafUnited Expo in Denver, Colorado.

was a very good visit as they have been lonely for other Deaf Adventists for a long time.

At the closing of the expo several police officers came to investigate a bomb scare. Someone called 911 saying that there is a bomb at the expo. Apparently, someone played trick to hurt DeafUnited Expo. After the police officers left, Lamar Stewart, the CEO of DeafUnited, asked Francisca and a man from the Baptists' booth to lead in prayer for safety and also for forgiveness for whoever was trying to hurt the expo.

We are not sure of the future of DeafUnited Expo. Many Deaf been opposed to the new organization. Also we were quite surprised when we heard news that Lamar Stewart, the same man who asked Francisca to pray, died in June in a car accident.

3ADM will not abandon the Deaf booth ministry this year. We have reserved several booths in different locations across the nation for this fall. They are local events hosted by the local Deaf communities. These events have drawn thousands of Deaf people. We look forward to spending more time with the local Deaf people with hopes that many will respond to our offers in our gospel bags and DVDs. Pray for the outreach ministry to continue and be successful in planting the seeds. We have seen good results at past booth events. Our Deaf Bible School continues to have new students through the work of the booths. Please keep us in your prayers.

David Trexler

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Deaf Awareness Sabbath

Deaf Awareness Sabbath was held May 20 at the Atholton Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbia, Maryland. David Trexler was invited to be the featured speaker of this special event, the first for this church to ever have. The Deaf participated in the worship service with sign language interpreters. Most of the DEAF (Deaf Evangelistic Adventist Fellowship in Silver Spring, MD) members attended this special event. The hearing congregation never had this experience before. They were exposed to Deaf ministry in action and they really had a special blessing. After the service the church's deacons passed out 3ADM's brochures as people left the church. Some took Esther Doss' book *Can You Hear Us?*

Individuals who planned the event are: Laura Quinn (a hearing member who strongly supports



David Trexler preaches the word to both hearing and Deaf.



Farrah Santiago, Margie English, and Sheelah Kimbrough sign a special music song.

Deaf ministry), Oma Sampson, Jason and Sheelah Kimbrough, and Pastor Shawn Paris. They did a wonderful job.

David Trexler



Frances English and her daughter Margie lead out in the congregational song service.



Farrah Santiago signed a solo special music.



Jason Kimbrough and Neill Bridges monitored the video shooting for live streaming.

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Baptism in Washington

On June 3, a Deaf woman was baptized! Cynthia Costa was baptized by Pastor Ben Orian at the South Tacoma Adventist Fellowship in Washington.

She studied the Discover Bible Course with a Bible worker for a few months. She was full of happiness and joy when she was baptized and her love for Jesus can be clearly seen.

Nohelani Jarnes found out about the baptism a few days before it happened and was able to be there on that special day to interpret this special event for Cynthia. God provided just in time!



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In Memory: Skipper Garner

Aldon C. (Skipper) Garner passed away on June 14. He was 72 years old. He was married to Sharron and lived in Malvern, Arkansas for many years.

Esther Doss has a hearing brother who wrote what he remembers about Skipper: "Sorry to hear about Skipper. Skipper and I met in Hot Springs [Arkansas] when I was a member of the Hot Springs church. He was excited about the SDA church and mostly about the Sabbath.

"When I met him he was wearing a black vest, a Greek fisherman-style hat. He was funny, always joking and laughing. We started Bible studies along with his wife. I taught a special Sabbath School class that included him, his wife and me. We met every Sabbath morning for a few months. He never missed a class. Skipper became very excited when we talked about end time prophecies.

"After the Bible Studies he wanted to be baptized. But before he was baptized he wanted me to make two important phone calls. First he wanted me to call his aunt and let her know he was becoming an Seventh day Adventist. She was an Adventist but did not know he was studying to become an Adventist. She had been praying for him for many years and when I talked to her she was so happy and surprised.

"Next he wanted me to call the leader of the Pentecostal church. Skipper was an ordained minister and he wanted them to know that he could no longer be a Pentecostal minister and is leaving their [church]. So I call them and told them he no longer belongs to their church because he decided to become a Seventh day Adventist. Skipper was so happy when I made those phone calls. He felt proud to be a new member of the Adventist church. We continued to study together and be good friends. I will miss him."

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