



# Three Angels Deaf Ministries Report

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## Spark of Deaf Ministry in Canada

April 15, 2017 was a high day at the Surrey SDA Church in British Columbia, Canada. Six Deaf people came together that Sabbath. It was the first time that church had so many Deaf at one time. Also this was the first time their church services were interpreted.

One Deaf member attends the church in Surrey. His name is Samuel Heine. Both Samuel and a hearing member Mateusz Sobczak invited Nohe Jarnes and her husband in Washington to interpret the church service for him.

Not only was there much excitement about having so many Deaf people, but also Samuel had the privilege of offering prayer for



*Pictured left to right: Cheryl Kramer, Curtis Davis, Nancy Brown, Samuel Heine, Nohe Jarnes, Mateusz Sobczak, Shawn, and Braiden.*

Photo by Brian Jarnes

the hearing church through the interpreter. He wanted them to know that just because he is Deaf does not mean he cannot lead in prayer.

Nancy Brown, a Deaf member from Ferndale, Washington got a small group of Deaf people together and drove up to Surrey. A Deaf person came from another part of Canada to join them. He had not been able to attend church in quite some time.

Samuel Heine did not realize that there were many other Deaf SDAs and this was an exciting day for him. He has a love for God that shows in all he does. The hearing church members love him because he works with them and

is patient when teaching them sign language.

Nohe wrote, "After church was over, I had multiple individuals come to me and said that the entire experience was amazing. These people had never seen an interpreter before! Samuel kept reminding me that today was a day in history for the church."

Please keep British Columbia area in prayer as they are trying to grow their Deaf Ministry. The hearing that are interested in Deaf Ministry are learning American Sign Language and for some of them, it will be their 3rd or 4th language to learn.

Nohe was to return May 6 for a Deaf Ministry workshop.

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## Speaker's Dialogue: What Happened to Respect and Civility?

What should a Christian do when a policeman does not treat you correctly? Do you fight back? Talk back? Resist? Protest?

We are seeing more and more videos showing how policemen mistreat people who did not obey them. For example, one video showed a policeman tackling a girl who refused to obey him in a classroom. What wrong did the girl do? Her teacher asked her to stop using her phone during class, but the girl did not obey. Was the policeman wrong for trying to arrest her and then accidentally hurting her?

What about what has happened on several airplanes when some passengers did not do what the flight attendants asked? Less and less respect is shown to persons of authority like flight attendants, policemen, firemen, and security. More and more people are becoming angrier against the authorities. At the same time, those in authority are becoming very frustrated and aggressive to those who show no respect to them.

I believe that some kids test policemen and their authority by refusing to cooperate with them. They do this on purpose to cause some policemen to become frustrated and angry with them. In other words they are trying to cause the public to get angry with the people of authority.

The truth is we see the worsening of no respect and civility (good behavior toward others) in our society. This is one of many signs of the last days before Jesus comes again. We have not seen anything like this years ago when we were younger. Do you agree?

True, some policemen and government officials are corrupt and bad. But remember NOT all of them are! We tend to believe that the police are bad because of a few who have done wrong. We know many policemen are very kind and thoughtful in how they do their job, protecting us from bad people and danger. Negative news can cause us to have a bad attitude toward the police and those in the government. These bad feelings lead us to judge all of them as corrupt and bad. But, we Christians must not have a bad attitude toward them if we are stopped by the police or TSA for questioning, etc.

What should we do as Christians if a policeman

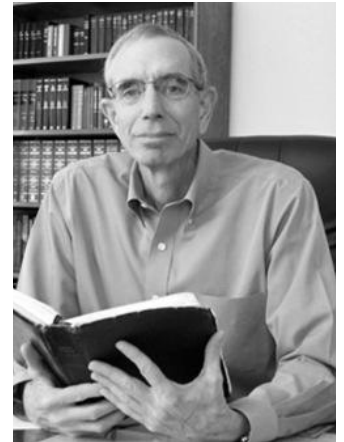
arrests us without a good reason? Let us look at the Bible for examples of God's people who were arrested, beaten and killed by the government authorities and the public.

When Jesus was arrested, Peter was angry and cut off the ear of a high priests' guard. Jesus immediately healed the man. He said to Peter, "Put your sword back in its place. For all those who take up the sword will perish [die] by the sword. Do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will at once give Me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" (Matthew 26:52-54, MEV). Peter was trying to protect Jesus. But this was not the right action.

When Governor Pilate questioned Jesus, He answered, "My kingdom is not part of this world. If it were, those who serve me would fight. They would try to keep the Jews from arresting me. My kingdom is from another place." (John 18:36, NIV). Jesus came to save the world from sin. He did not teach His followers to rebel against the Roman authorities at all. He never showed disrespect to the authorities. Jesus was there to teach the kingdom of God, not to overthrow the government. He showed respect and civility even though He hated their sins and evil behavior.

After Jesus ascended into heaven, Peter and John were arrested for preaching the gospel. They did not fight against the soldiers. They allowed the soldiers to arrest and take them to jail (Acts 4).

Paul made it clear in Romans 13 that we should respect the government even if it was very corrupt. Remember that during this time Roman emperors like Nero persecuted the Christians. He wrote: "All of you must be willing to obey completely those who rule over you. There are no authorities except the ones God has chosen. Those who now rule have been chosen by God. So when you oppose the authorities, you are opposing those whom God has appointed.



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## *Silently Guided* Tells of Mario Romero's Life

Mario Romero is a Deaf member who lives in Orlando, Florida. His life has been a real journey. He decided to write his story in a book *Silently Guided*.

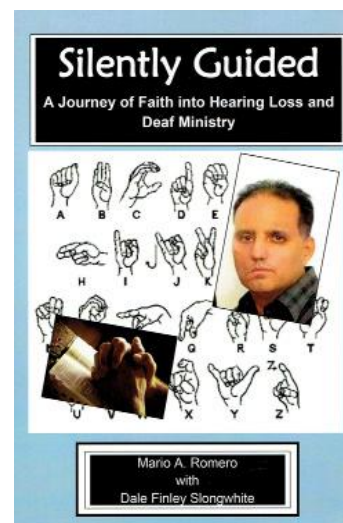
He was born hearing in El Salvador in Central America. He enjoyed a comfortable life, but then his father died after suffering from brain tumors. His young mother worked hard to meet the needs of her four young children. The family moved to Honduras, Guatemala, and finally the United States.

He walked through a massacre in progress. He slept on dirt floors. He avoided the green strap of discipline wielded by his grandmother. Then, just when it looked like life would finally be normal, he found that he had Neurofibromatosis type II, the same disease as his father.

Mario went through many surgeries and

gradually lost his hearing. In fact, he has come near death more than once. Through it all, he kept his faith in God. He has ministered to the Deaf community as a Sabbath School teacher, an elder, a prayer coordinator, and web master and logo designer for the Southern Deaf Fellowship.

If you would like to read about his experiences, you can order the book the book from us for \$15. See order form for details.



## Speaker Dialogue, Continued

Those who do that will be judged. If you do what is right, you won't need to be afraid of your rulers. But watch out if you do what is wrong! You don't want to be afraid of those in authority, do you? Then do what is right. The one in authority will praise you. He serves God and will do you good. But if you do wrong, watch out! The ruler doesn't carry a sword for no reason at all. He serves God. And God is carrying out his anger through him. The ruler punishes anyone who does wrong. You must obey the authorities. Then you will not be punished. You must also obey them because you know it is right. That's also why you pay taxes. The authorities serve God" (Romans 13:1-6, NlrV).

Paul explained that God has chose the governments to keep society safe. Remember, the Roman government controlled where Jesus lived and kept peace throughout the empire. So today, we should show respect to the authorities with humility, just as Jesus did. If everyone followed Jesus' example we would have peace and harmony in our society.

But, we must refuse to obey government laws if the laws conflict with the laws of God. God's laws are higher than earthly laws. For example, Peter and the apostles were arrested for preaching the gospel. The Jewish council warned them that they must stop

preaching or they would be punished. "Peter and the other apostles replied, 'We must obey God instead of people!'" (Acts 5:29, NlrV).

My brothers and sisters, let us give a good Christian example to the world. Let us show respect to the public and authorities, even if they mistreat us badly. The world will respect us if we are humble. The Holy Spirit is very anxious to change us into God's likeness before the great day of the Lord—Jesus' second coming.

*David Trexler*  
3ADM Speaker/Director

## Speaker/Director's Schedule

**July 6-17**—Milo, OR—Western Deaf Camp Meeting

**September 6-12**—Les Diablerrets, Switzerland—Mental and Spiritual Health Weekend

**September 23-25**—New Brunswick, NJ—New Jersey Deaf Fest

**November 2-5**—Montebello, VA—DEAR Camp Meeting

*\*On Sabbaths when home, David Trexler preaches at the Silver Spring, Maryland SDA Church's annex building which can be seen live online!*



## Deaf Outreach Dallas

On April 29, Esther Doss and Kathy McCain worked at our booth at the DeafUnited Expo in Dallas, TX. DeafUnited Expo is new expo traveling to different cities across the USA. But there is a controversy within the Deaf community about DeafUnited due to the dispute between DeafUnited (Language People) and the DeafNation owners. In fact, there is a court case that is not yet resolved.

Rumors went around saying that the expo in Dallas had been cancelled. Esther and Kathy had no idea about the hot issue. But when they went to set up the booth, they were surprised to see that more than half of the booths were empty.

Due to the controversy and rumors, the crowd at the expo was much smaller than at others. But fewer people meant booth visitors had more time to visit with Esther and Kathy.

Several people are now friends with the two ladies

after meeting over the years. Seeing them again only strengthened their connection and they were happy to take bags of materials.

They visited with one man who keeps the Sabbath. He was quite surprised to meet other Sabbath-keepers. He asked to keep in touch with them and shared contact information.

Esther and Kathy enjoyed a good, long conversation with Christians and Muslims from Iran. Others shared their testimonies and discussed about God's love and care. Several people asked about Deaf churches near their homes. They were lonesome for weekly Christian fellowship. One hearing woman interprets at her church. She stayed at the booth a long time enjoying the Christian fellowship.

We do not want to get involved in the hot debates about DeafUnited Expo. But we are grateful that we can share God with the Deaf community in such a way.

## Big Day In Seattle



Photo supplied by Nohe James

On Sabbath, April 22nd, a special Big Day was held in Seattle, Washington. Paul Kelly was the special speaker and his wife Tina also came for the special weekend. Forty-three people enjoyed Paul's presentation and fellowship. This is the largest number of visitors ever since they began having Big Days in Seattle. Visitors came from Washington, Oregon, and even British Columbia, Canada. Several non-Adventist visitors came as well. The time together wonderful! The theme for the weekend was "Trust and Believe in Him."

## Tucson, Arizona Deaf Sabbath



Photo supplied by David Trexler

*Front row (l to r): Tess Garcia, Ambrose Purifoy, David and Francisca Trexler, Armando Moreno (Francisca's brother), Rosita Moreno, and Sara Moreno. Back row (l to r): Joseph Garcia and Geraldine Pacheco*

Deaf members and friends worshipped with the hearing congregation where David Trexler was asked to preach at Tucson Fil-Am SDA Church during the Trexler's vacation. The Deaf have been worshipping at this church and have a very good Adventist ASL interpreter. But having worship service in ASL was a rare treat for them. Afterwards, they had a wonderful spiritual fellowship during a great fellowship dinner. Later in the day Joseph and Tess Garcia invited the Trexler's to visit their home before a hike at the Saguaro National Park before sunset.

## Boonstra Series Interpreted

Washington Conference worked for several years to bring Voice of Prophecy meetings to the Puget Sound area in Washington state. Revelation Speaks Peace presented by Shawn Boonstra was a huge blessing to the hearing as well as the local Deaf who were able to come.

The meetings were March 10 - April 8, 2017. Every single night of the meetings were interpreted into ASL through interpreters Nohe Jarnes and Leslie Kentor. Even though on some nights there was no Deaf attendance, both Nohe and Leslie continued to interpret. These continued interpreted meetings caused many hearing to become curious about Deaf ministry. Local conference pastors not only saw the interpreting but were able to come and ask about Deaf Ministry in the local area. The Deaf attendees who attended on the weekends were able to understand Revelation and Bible prophecy through Shawn Boonstra's simple messages. A couple of



Photo by Heidi Baumgartner, WA Conference

*Shawn Boonstra showed great appreciation for the ASL interpreting team and is showing great interest in Deaf ministry.*

Deaf people who came left interested in studying their Bibles more. The meetings were a blessing and Washington Conference is excited about future events with Deaf Ministry involved.



## In Memory: Betty Jane Reno

Betty Jane (Campbell) Reno of Valencia, Pennsylvania died on April 16, 2017 on a Sunday evening at the Butler VNA Inpatient Hospice. She was 77 years old.

Betty Jane was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania on October 1, 1939. She was the only daughter and had four brothers. One of those brothers is Daniel Campbell, also Deaf and lives in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania. Betty Jane married John Reno in 1960 and became a homemaker. She had four children, nine grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Betty was a member and former deaconess of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

We are saddened by this precious loss and look forward to the great reunion when Jesus wakes up His sleeping children and takes us to Heaven.



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#### Western Deaf Camp Meeting

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Speakers: Paul Kelly and Alan Meis

### August 9-13

#### Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting

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### November 2-5

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Speaker: Margie English

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