



His Name Is God

“Worship [God] him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters” (Revelation 14:7).

Waves dashing against a rocky coast. An eagle flying high above the valley floor. A doe with her fawn drinking from a still, blue lake. These tell us of God’s care. An arctic tern flying 11,000 miles to its nesting site, a chipmunk running along a fallen tree, and a line of ants taking food to their underground home—all show us something of our Creator.

What would it be like if you had no eyes to see the blues, golds, and crimsons of an autumn day? What if you could not hear the thundering of a waterfall or the beat of rain upon your roof? What if you could not see the early morning sun turning dew drops into diamonds? What if you could not hear the soft purr of your kitten? What if you were blind and deaf?

Hellen Keller was blind and deaf. When she was 19 months old her world suddenly became dark, silent, and frightening. It continued that way until her teacher, Anne Sullivan, taught her about the world through the sense of touch.

When Hellen was 10 years old, her parent decided it was time to teach her about God. They asked a pastor friend to come to their home and talk to her about the Creator. With Miss Sullivan as interpreter, he spoke to Helen about the mountains, sky, sea, birds, flowers, and animals. He told her that the Maker of the beautiful world in which she lived was called God.

Helen’s face smiled with joy and understanding. Quickly she spelled out with her fingers, “I have known Him all the time, but I never knew His name.”

God has given you eyes that you might see His power in a sprouting bean. He has given you ears that you might hear His voice in the pounding wave. He has given you a nose that you might sense His love you smell the honeysuckle fragrance. He has given you fingers

that you might feel the softness of a baby’s hand and know He cares for you. He has given you a tongue to taste the sweetness of a strawberry, and by so doing know Him better.

God wants you to know who He is. He wants you to worship Him as your Creator today. (Dorothy Eaton Watts, *This Is the Day*, page 186, adapted).

Do you agree with the author? Yes, God is love and He created everything for our enjoyment and learning. For example, we, the Deaf, may not hear the songs of many kinds of birds. But we can see their colorful feathers, different shapes of the beaks and bodies. We can see them flying in air in different ways. Hummingbirds are really amazing flying machines to watch. They are fun to see how they can fly like a helicopter and a fast jet plane. That tiny birds fly thousands of miles to South America during migration every year. Who taught them to fly and to know where to go to exactly places every year? How could something create them with the perfection of coloring and order? Nothing can happen by accident! Everything we see, hear, feel, smell, and taste is created by Someone who designed them perfectly for us to behold. Someone is our God who is Yahweh—“the self-existing being.” We thank God daily for us to be able to sign for effective communication for enjoyment and learning. Praise the Lord! Let us not be discouraged about what is happening to us and the world. God is caring for us daily.

“This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer and Creator: “I am the Lord, who made all things. I alone stretched out the heavens. Who was with me when I made the earth?” (Isaiah 44:24).

David M. Trexler

Deaf Nation Expo at Lakeland, Florida



The DeafNation Expo was held on November 8, 2021 at Kissimmee, Florida which was about 30 minutes south of Orlando. There were a total of 77 booths and 2,100 attendees. Upon arrival, it was a blessing to grab a chance to visit with an Adventist couple who lived northwest of Orlando. The husband was very ill as he had many tumors removed surgically. At the time of visit, he was recovering at home with help from his wife, friends and people from the church. According to Matthew 25:35-36, it was rather important to visit people by providing support to those in need physically and spiritually.

While at the conference center where the DeafNation Expo was held, it had always been a wonderful opportunity meeting people of all ages by sharing the Gospel with them, especially those we had not seen for a long time. We were thrilled to meet our old friends and some Adventists who came to the booth. We need your prayers for those who showed an interest in our gospel materials which will lead them to our beloved Jesus Christ. You might recognize some people in a snapshot. Pray for them as well.

Paul Kelly

10 Days of Prayer a Worldwide Blessing to Our Deaf Community

A special event, Worldwide 10 Days of Prayer, occurred January 5th through 15th, 2022, via Zoom.

More than 60 participants, including Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing people from across the US and around the world united by Zoom each evening for ten days. It was delightful to see brothers and sisters from different states and countries come together. We were blessed to have Deaf people from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Venezuela, the Philippines, Thailand, India, Hong Kong, Nigeria and Spain join us for these worldwide prayer meetings. It was indeed a heavenly, joyful experience for all of us!

The theme of the 10 Days of Prayer was "The Three Angels Call to Prayer." Each evening we explored a topic related to the theme, such as the Three Angels' Message, the Sabbath, Fallen Babylon, the Remnant, etc.

The 10 Days of Prayer readings and guides from the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists were translated into easy reading English so Deaf people could have access. That gave everyone an opportunity to understand the important information and encouraged participation in the prayer meetings.

Meetings were hosted by Sheelah Kimbrough with Jason Kimbrough helping with technology. Meetings were led by different Deaf members, including: the Kimbroughs, Amanda Colgan, Bruce Buzzell, Nicolette Reynoso, and Pastors David Trexler, Paul Kelly and Jeff Jordan.

The various leaders each started with one of the readings in ASL. After the reading, the program continued with discussion questions, praises, and prayer requests. We closed the prayer meeting by singing beautiful songs together!

Finally, Pastor David Trexler gave a summary sermon on all the topics from the 10 Days of Prayer on Sabbath, January 16th.

Prayer Day 2 through Day 10 were recorded and archived on YouTube, "DEAF Church," (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCApXQbQOKT7S0YJ2EuYellg>) for those who were not able to attend the meetings. Please feel free to share these recordings with anyone who has never heard of the Ten Days of Prayer in ASL.

We hope everyone will join us in January 2023 for the next 10 Days of Prayer. It was such a blessing for everyone, we wish it could happen every month!

Sheelah M. Kimbrough

3ADM's New Board Members



Amanda Colgan



Beth Dobson



Paulino Patino, Jr.

3ADM Board of Directors is pleased to announce three new board members to replace several long-time members whose terms expired at the end of 2021. The new board members are Beth A. Dobson, Amanda Colgan, and Paulino Patino. These individuals have replaced George Belser and Chuck McGehee. Paul Kelly resigned from the Board due to becoming the Speaker/Director on October 1, 2021. Assistant Speaker/Director David Trexler's retirement will be at the end of March 2022. We want to thank the long-time members for contributing their time and using their talents for many years.

Beth A. Dobson (from Virginia) and Amanda (from Missouri) were former 3ADM Board members. We are grateful to have them back. Paulino Patino (from New York) is the new board member. The current board members are Chairperson Bruce Buzzell (from Missouri), Vice-Chairperson Margie English (from Washington, DC), Sheelah Kimbrough (from Maryland) Treasurer, and Alfred Griffith (from Washington State) Secretary.

Please pray for 3ADM and our Board of Directors as they serve God in reaching Deaf souls for Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord.

Adventist Church has Deaf Ministries Committee

Many people do not know that the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in North America (NAD) has a Deaf Ministries Coordinator and a Deaf Ministries Committee (DMC). But this is true. Plus, the Adventist Church is firmly supportive of Three Angels Deaf Ministries.

I have the wonderful privilege to serve as the NAD Deaf Ministries Coordinator. The committee (DMC) is made up of people you know, both Deaf

and hearing members from all around the USA. The committee members now are Amanda Colgan, Nohelani Jarnes, Alan Meis, Sheelah Kimbrough, Song Hoa Choi, Jeff Jordan, Nicolette Reynoso. Paul Kelly also is on the DMC. Because of 3ADM's vast work across North America, 3ADM's speaker/director serves as an ex-officio member. This means that 3ADM will always have a seat at the table to represent 3ADM. The General Conference (world church) leader for Adventist Possibilities Ministries also has an ex-officio position. The NAD Vice-President of Ministries is the chair of this committee. Her name is Wendy Eberhardt, who was recently elected to this position.

The church dedicates some money for Deaf ministry each year. The DMC decides how this money will be used. The committee receives proposals that ask for money to help a project. Some money is given to Deaf camp meetings or events. If you attended a Deaf camp meeting, you have been blessed with lower costs because of the help from the Church.

The DMC met February 7th on Zoom. The committee voted to use the money to help the Interpreter's Conference and a Deaf Youth Camp in Washington. Also, monies will again be used to lower costs for camp meetings. But much of the money is given to 3ADM to support the work that 3ADM is doing. The Adventist Church appreciates *The Deaf Messenger* magazine, the Deaf Bible School, the outreach at Deaf Nation Expo and other events, live streaming and sermons on DVD, and much more. We thank 3ADM for working hard to nurture Deaf members and to reach out to the Deaf community. The NAD knows that we could not do the work without 3ADM.

While 3ADM receives money from the Adventist Church, 3ADM still needs donors to continue supporting the ministry. I say "Thank you!" to you who have supported 3ADM. If you have not donated in a while, or you never have, I appeal to you to consider sharing some of what God has given you with 3ADM.

Esther M. Doss

In Memory of Billy Butler, Jr.



Billy Ray Butler Jr. of Vancouver, Washington, passed away on January 29, 2022. He is the son of Billy Ray Butler Sr. and Laura Mae Perry. His siblings are Georgia Mae Butler-Hall (sister) and Jeffery Butler (brother). He was born in Pitts, NC, on October 23, 1958. He was raised in the country. He went to a special education school in Virginia from 1970 to 1974. He was married to Pamela Anne Miller on April 25, 2009. They have been faithfully married for 12 years and two months. The memorial service will be held at the Western Deaf Camp Meeting on July 16, 2022. May he rest in peace.

Camp Meetings 2022

July 10-17, 2022
Western Deaf Camp Meeting
Milo Academy
324 Milo Dr.
Days Creek, Oregon 97429

August 10-14, 2022
Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting
Cohutta Springs Conference Center
1175 Cohutta Springs Rd.
Crandall, Georgia 30711

October 19-23, 2022
DEAR Camp Meeting
Mt. Aetna Conference Center
10375 Retreat Way
Hagerstown, MD

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