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Letter from the Director

As Spring arrives, I'm delighted to see the flowers after their winter slumber. Just like them, it's time for us to shake off any spiritual sleepiness and be alert to what's happening around us.

In **Romans 13:11–14**, we're reminded to wake up spiritually, realizing that the time for Christ's coming is near. It's like seeing signs pointing to His soon arrival.

"Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:11-12 ESV).

Let's not delay in waking up and letting others know about it. Jesus is coming soon!

One great way to share this message is by telling our family and friends about the **Signs of God's Love** video series, now available online (see next page). The videos explore the Bible with the wonders of nature. It's like going for a peaceful walk while learning about God's love. Let's invite others to join in this uplifting journey!

As we enjoy the beauty of Spring, let's also grab the opportunity for spiritual renewal and share the message of God's love with those around us. May this season be a time of joy, growth, and deeper connection with our Creator.

Sincerely in Christ,

Amanda Colgan

IN GRATITUDE: PAUL KELLY'S RETIREMENT

FROM DEAF BIBLE SCHOOL



Paul Kelly has begun stepping away from his two roles as an evangelist and manager of the Deaf Bible School due to health challenges. 3ADM recognizes and values the commitment Paul has shown. Although Paul is retiring from his official duties, his commitment to serving the Lord remains strong. Alongside his wife, Tina, he intends to remain involved by assisting in 3ADM booth at upcoming Deaf Expos, for which we are thankful.

New Bible School Manager: Kevin Colgan

3ADM is pleased to announce that Kevin Colgan is the new Deaf Bible School manager. He is married to Amanda, who serves as the Director of 3ADM. They have been blessed with two children, Amy and Thomas. Kevin studied computer technology at National Technical Institute for the Deaf and Rochester Institute of Technology. With 15 years of experience as a software engineer at Savant, Kevin brings a wealth of knowledge in computing and technology to his new job. His experience in computing and technology will contribute to improving the Deaf Bible School.



Kevin's journey of faith led him to be baptized in 2007 during the Northwest Deaf Camp Meeting (Milo). He currently serves as the deacon and Bible Study coordinator for Ava SDA Church in Ava, MO. He is one of the 6 Deaf students who attended the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE) program last Fall. With the training and experience he gained during his time at AFCOE, he has a deep passion to train Deaf members to become more active and effective in their faith. Welcome aboard, Kevin!







Exciting news! We're thrilled to announce that all episodes of the Signs of God's Love series are now accessible online! Visit <u>www.soglseries.com</u> or simply scan the QR code to be directed straight to the website.

Contact 3ADM today to request free sharing cards that you can share with your friends and families. Plus, each video comes with both voicing and closed captioning for accessibility. Don't miss out on this incredible journey of faith and inspiration!

JOURNEY OF FAITH: MY AFCOE STORY



I don't know where to begin with my experience with the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE) last fall, but it was truly a blessing. I gained forty-plus new friends because I went to this center. I have a handful of memories that I cherish from this three-month program, such as playing frisbee with the well-known evangelist Doug Batchelor, as well as gaining knowledge from the brains of several speakers, including the program vice president Dean Ross, program director Carlos Munoz, and his assistant, Daniel Hudgen, and many others who gave up their time to educate us with materials what seems to be a four-year college course. In addition, I had spent three months in close brother-sister relationships with fellow students that I would not find locally among my church friends. They were not called "Amazing" for nothing.

AFCOE was considered a boot camp by most of the students there, who were nineteen years old and older, with roughly half of us over forty years old. The center pushes us up "against the wall" with our decision to follow God and be a faithful servant of the Lord. Before attending AFCOE, I was not strictly a faithful follower of the Messiah who regularly reads the Bible and prays to the Heavenly Father regularly. After the program ended, I was trained to set my mind that I would never sway from the path, so even today, I have not missed a prayer and reading.

This program was a big help for me. However, I have also learned that the Deaf group will need to have their own "AFCOE" to train soldiers for Christ. I am looking forward to having our own center for evangelism that would provide us with slower-paced training to be better Bible workers who use ASL as the primary language. With that, I would like to thank 3ADM for supporting us in attending this program with sign language interpreters and materials to supply us with this education.

Boyd Garner



Congratulations to the six deaf AFCOE (Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism) students who graduated on November 16, 2023! May God bless the graduates: Boyd Garner, Edward "Allen" Gilbert, Francisca Trexler, Kevin Colgan, Samuel Heine, and Steven Nobles as they go on on their journey to be effective Bible workers for Christ.



DeafNation Expo Kissimmee, Florida

Paul Kelly



On March 23rd,, we had a booth at the DeafNation Expo in Kissimmee, Florida, not far from Orlando where Universal Studios and Walt Disney are. We were surprised to see many attendees there -2,400 in total! We thought that it would be less since we had 'It's a Deaf Thing,' a local expo that took place in Lakeland, Florida last October.

It was a joy to reconnect with Norman and Cathy Ingram, who graciously assisted us with the booth ministry. Both were impressed with many new materials displayed on the table. Throughout the event, we distributed many books and magazines to interested visitors. In the afternoon, four

ladies expressed enthusiasm for receiving free books, especially the one called "Margie Asks Why People Have to Die." But by then, we didn't have any more of that book left, especially for the last lady.

But when they found out they could order the book, one of the ladies brought three more friends, and then two more to our booth to order it. Many people stopped by our booth, keeping us plenty busy. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work on their hearts leading them to Jesus Christ.





Share Your Testimonies or Stories with Us!

Send your testimonies or stories of sharing the message of Jesus with others by emailing to editor@3adm.org, and let them inspire our readers.

DEAFNATION EXPO SCHEDULE

Atlanta, GA – April 6, 2024 Minneapolis, MN – April 13, 2024 Dulles, VA – April 27, 2024 Pasadena, CA – May 4, 2024 Little Rock, AR – October 5, 2024 Seattle, WA – October 19, 2024 Chicago, IL – November 2, 2024



Deaf Youth Camp 2024

By Nohe Jarnes

Get ready for an amazing summer adventure at Deaf Camp, located at Sunset Lake, perfect for kids aged 9 to 16! It's like climbing a mountain, with surprises at every step, helping you become the leader that God has called you to be. Our camp staff are Deaf or fluent in ASL, so everyone can understand each other easily.

Deaf Youth Camp is completely free! Just remember to use the code '**Deaf Camp 2024**' when you sign up. We've got everything covered – meals, activities, and a place to stay (except for flights or transportation).

- 📅 When: June 30th July 7th, 2024
- Where: Sunset Lake Camp 30811 Quinnon Rd, Wilkeson, WA 98396

For more info and to register, visit our website: <u>www.camp4deafyouth.com</u>. Have questions? Email us at <u>camp4deafyouth@gmail.com</u>. Don't miss out on this incredible summer fun!





3ADM's Church Directory Undergoes Updates

3ADM has a Church Directory on 3ADM's website, where you can find at <u>https://3adm.org/church</u>. This directory is a valuable resource, listing churches across the United States, Bermuda and Canada with Deaf members and sign language interpreters available.

Alfred Griffith, 3ADM's Public Relations Associate, will be reviewing and updating 3ADM's Church Directory to make sure it's accurate and up to date. If your local church has a Deaf member, provides an ASL interpreter, or requires any updates, please email us at <u>3adm@3adm.org</u> or call us at **301-850-0542**. If your church no longer provides interpreting services, kindly inform us as well. Your assistance in this project is greatly appreciated!

RESOURCES

Easy Reading Sabbath school Lessons

The General Conference (GC), our worldwide church, prepares Sabbath School Lessons in many different languages around the world. In the United States, we can choose from two Sabbath School lessons. Both lessons are written in English. One is the Adult Bible Study Guide, and another is the Easy Reading lessons. GC makes the Easy Reading lessons for Deaf people and for people who are learning English. The Easy Reading lessons use English words from the 4th grade level. Many people in different countries around the world feel comfortable reading at that level. Yes, the members and visitors at Adventist churches in many countries use the Easy Reading lessons to talk about the same topic each week! Isn't that wonderful?!

GC plans our study guides five to seven years ahead of time. People in other countries also use the Easy Reading Sabbath School lesson to write again the same lessons in their own languages. Some deaf people in other countries use the Easy Reading lessons to share this information in their sign languages. If you would like to know more about Easy Reading lessons, please let us know.

Here are 3 options for receiving a copy or reading Sabbath School lessons online:

- 1. Contact your local SDA church clerk to ask about receiving a copy of the Easy Reading Sabbath School Lessons each quarter.
- 2. Visit <u>https://www.adultbiblestudyguide.org/current-quarter</u> and find the "Easy Reading Edition" under the Lessons section to read the Sabbath School lessons online.
- 3. Order a subscription to the Easy Reading Adult Bible Study Guide at <u>https://adventistbookcenter.com/easy-reading-adult-bible-study-guide-subscription.html</u>

For several years, 3ADM has been sharing DEAF Church services on video using Livestream. In January, Livestream was bought by another company, and they stopped offering Livestreaming. Now, we're using a new platform called Vimeo. We appreciate your patience while we switched. If you have any problems watching church online, please tell us.

Here are the options to watch DEAF Church services:

- YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/@ThreeAngelsDeafMinistries</u>
- Vimeo: <u>https://vimeo.com/user17653116</u>
- Vimeo App: Search for Three Angels Deaf Ministries
- Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/3AngelsDeafMinistries</u>

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:105

3ADM VIDEOS









2024 Camp Meeting Dates

June 30- July 7, 2024

Deaf Camp for Youth (ages 9-16) Sunset Lake Camp 30811 Quinnon Rd, Wilkeson, WA 98396 https://www.camp4deafyouth.com/ Email: camp4deafyouth@gmail.com

August 29 - September 2, 2024

Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting Cohutta Springs Conference Center 1175 Cohutta Springs Rd. Crandall, Georgia 30711 Email Pastor Jeff Jordan: **jwjordan@gccsda.com**

July 7 - 14, 2024

Western Deaf Camp Meeting Milo Adventist Academy 324 Milo Dr. Days Creek, OR 97429 Email Chuck McGehee: **chucktrades@me.com**

October 24 - 27, 2024

Deaf Eastern Autumn Revival Camp Meeting Mt. Aetna Conference Center 10375 Retreat Way Hagerstown, MD Email Sheelah Kimbrough: **deafsdachurch@gmail.com**

Sing about the Wonderful love of Jesus; Sing about his mercy and his grace. In the mansions bright and blessed He will get ready a place for us.

When we all get to heaven, What a happy day that will be! When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!

Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving every day; Just one look of him in glory Will make up for life's troubles.

When we all get to heaven, What a happy day that will be! When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!

#633 – When We All Get to Heaven (adapted)

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Our Prayer

Arthur W. Griffith, late Deaf Pastor

Lord, anoint our eyes with heavenly eye-salve, That we might see our heavenly Father's love. Release our grip on this earth's fleeting treasures, That we might take the wealth that waits above, Please take away our filthy earthly garments, And give us, Lord, Christ's righteousness instead The righteousness that He alone can offer, Because for us, on Calvary's cross He bled.