

THE INTERPRETER CONNECTION

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AMEN Provides Care in Tacoma

Adventist Medical Evangelism Network

(AMEN) came to Tacoma, Washington November 10 and 12, 2017. AMEN provided free medical, dental, vision care as well as free massages, haircuts and chiropractic care.

According to the Washington Conference e-newsletter update on Friday November 10, there were 470 volunteers from 6 cities, 2 counties, and 4 states (Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Texas). There were up to 7,520 volunteer hours valued at \$281,906 in donated



A Deaf patient gets dental treatment at AMEN Tacoma.

time. They had the capacity to treat 800-1,500 people who otherwise may not have received assistance. Based on 1,000 people being treated

the estimated value of the clinical services is \$438,000. On Sunday evening, Washington Conference

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Lancaster Celebrates Accessibility Awareness Sabbath

The town of Lancaster, Mass. celebrated Accessibility Awareness for the entire month of October with events at various places in town.

One of the events that occurred based on an agreement between the town officials and the College SDA Church was Accessibility Awareness Sabbath on October 21, 2017 at College Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Sabbath program that organized by church member and town committee member, Carolyn Stump, included an invitation to the Deaf Everywhere Are Family (DEAF) organization to explain more about their ministry and how to improve Deaf access to worship.

A special offering was collected during worship service to support Three Angels Deaf Ministries.

One program presentation made about Deaf Awareness was presented by Sheelah Kimbrough, a Deaf individual and Certified Deaf Interpreter. Sheelah, along with

her husband Jason and daughter Jade, made the trip up to Lancaster to take part of the Sabbath program. Both Sheelah and Jason interpreted for one of the Deaf-Blind members in



Above: Jessica McGowan interprets for Pastor Luis Gracia.

Left: Jason Kimbrough interprets for the Deaf-Blind member.

Below: Jessica McGowan interprets for Carolyn Stump's children's story.



attendance and later Jason led the afternoon Bible study. A table was set up with assorted brochures and information specifically related to Deaf Ministry.

This special Sabbath event was a great opportunity for connections to be made between the DEAF

group and the hearing people who attended. One hearing member commented that he had learned quite a bit from the group that day while town official, Michael McCue, was thankful to learn new information about Deaf culture. A special thank you to the



town of Lancaster, College SDA Church, the Kimbrough family, and to all the other individuals who helped to make this Accessibility Day a success.

Information and pictures provided by Jessica McGowan, DEAF Coordinator for the Southern New England Conference. Article by Nohe Jarnes.



Members of the DEAF group pose for a picture with Lancaster town officials.

Tidbits: Happenings & Events



Deaf and hearing enjoy food and fellowship at 3rd Annual Deaf Thanksgiving held at Volunteer Park SDA Church in Seattle.



UPCOMING INTERPRETER/DEAF EVENTS

February 10, 2018 SDF is going to host a “What If...?” evangelistic series of meetings beginning on February 10, 2018. It will be streamed live over the Internet. Details are being worked out so please stay tuned.

Deaf Camp Meeting Video

Were you not able to make it to this past summer’s Western Deaf Camp Meeting at Milo? You can check out the video that was created! Go to 3ADM’s Facebook page to see the video: <https://www.facebook.com/Three-Angels-Deaf-Ministries-120448061318848/>

From the Editor



Happy New Year! I am always surprised at how quickly a year goes by and a new one ushered in. God has been doing a lot in Deaf Ministry and it’s always so much fun to sit back and watch Him work. May your New Year’s Resolution be that your relationship with God will be closer in the year 2018. Let us all be ready for Jesus’s soon return.

Enjoy this edition of *The Interpreter Connection*. Do you want to contribute? Send all articles, pictures or points of interest for *The Interpreter Connection* to 7thdayterps@gmail.com. Thank you for all of your services for God!

—Nohe

DID YOU KNOW?

Older editions of *The Interpreter Connection* will be archived at Three Angel Deaf Ministries webpage. To see what you have missed, please visit 3adm.org and click on “ministries,” “interpreter” and then scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on the link labeled “Interpreter Connection.” Other locations for archived issues will be announced soon.

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reported that 627 individuals were treated who may otherwise not have received care.

Over the two days, seven Deaf patients came. There were four sign language interpreters who volunteered (myself included). One sign language interpreter who donated a few hours on both days was a certified community interpreter who received word through a mutual colleague in the field. She was impressed with the organization and commented to me, "It's nice to see medical staff care about the community enough to donate their time back to help with the huge need."



Above: The Deaf patients and interpreters were caught on camera while waiting for dental care. Photo Credit: Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference



Left: Local SDA Deaf member, Tim, gets ready for dental work.



Leslie, a volunteer interpreter, interprets for registration.

I was thankful to be part of an outreach that was a huge witness to our community and drew people in.

AMEN will be returning to Washington Conference April 2018. To learn more about the AMEN organization, to find out if they are coming to your area or to volunteer for a clinic, visit amensda.org. If you are interested in interpreting for AMEN and have questions on where to get information for that, contact Nohe Jarnes at terpnjarnes@gmail.com. I can share with you what I did to help you get started.

The First Advisory for Special Needs in Ministries in the Southern Asia Pacific Division

Accompanying me on this historic trip was Elder Jeff Jordan, a pastor who is deaf serving in the GA-Cumberland Conference and serving as the (Honorary) General Conference Associate Director for Adventist Deaf Ministries International, and his interpreter, Elder Thompson Kay, a professor at South Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

We are indeed grateful for the support of the division President, Elder Samuel Sawhill, who attended most of the advisory. We so appreciated the work of Vice President for Special Needs Ministries, Elder Johnny Lubis. It would be a terrible



Thompson Kay (back left) and Pastor Jeff Jordan (back center) accompany Larry Evans (back, second in from the left) pose for a picture with friends.

oversight if we did not mention the superb organizational work of Virgie Baloyo, the administrative assistant!

Attending the training advisory were representatives of 7 unions (including 2 union presidents) and 2 attached missions. In total, 10 countries

were represented. Also pictured is one of the two Sabbath services conducted in the Pasay church—approximately 1000 attended. Special Needs Ministries conventions will follow next year in the Philippines and in Indonesia. Once again we were reminded of how important it is for division and union leadership to lend their support to this ministry. We could not ask

for more support than what the division leadership in this division showed. The global “movement” continues!!

Larry Evans, Assistant to the President for Special Needs Ministries, a ministry under the General Conference.

Jeff Jordan participates in first Inter-America Congress for the Deaf

Iwent to Mexico for vacation and participated with the first Inter-America Congress for the Deaf that was held near Monterrey July 12-16, 2017.

It was an awesome experience and I will let the article explain the event. You can find it at this website: <http://www.adventistreview.org/church-news/story5313-inter-america-congress-for-the-hearing-impaired-offers-support-resources>.

Before you read the article, I want to mention that a young Mexican Deaf man has felt the call to be a pastor to the Deaf so he is going to enroll at the same university in Montemorelos that the congress was held at!

Please pray for him as he studies theology.”

Pastor Jeff Jordan is Honorary Associate Coordinator for Deaf Ministries under Special Needs Ministries.



Pastor Jeff Jordan with the young Theology student at Montemorelos University.



Meet new friends!

**Skill enhancing
workshops**

**Deaf Ministry
workshop**

**Interpreting
Revelation Speaks
Peace workshop**

**Hang out with Deaf
campers!**

DON'T FORGET!

AUGUST 8-12, 2018

7TH DAY INTERPRETERS' CONFERENCE

Come to enhance your skills and have fun!

In 2018, come to join the fun and enjoy the Interpreter workshops at Southern Deaf Camp Meeting at Cohutta Springs in Crandall, GA! Registration for the Interpreter Conference is \$60 a person. For Lodging and food cost, please contact Pastor Jeff Jordan.



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