

# *The* ADVENTIST INTERPRETER CONNECTION

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## Deaf Big Day: Puyallup

Puyallup SDA Church hosted their first Deaf Big Day with the hearing church on April 27, 2019.

Approximately 30 Deaf people attended with the hearing church with the church service led mostly by the Deaf. The entire program was voice interpreted by Rosalinda Voss and Nohelani Jarnes. Sheelah Kimbrough presented about Deaf Ministry during church explaining what Deaf needs are and the statistics of Deaf in church. Mike and Judy Johnson (Vancouver, WA) read the scripture reading and told children's story. Nancy Brown (Ferndale,



Rose Voss interprets for Deaf Big Day Puyallup

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# Sonrise program interpreted into ASL

**E**ven though the day dawned cloudy and threatened rain, around 30 people from Southern Deaf Fellowship and visiting friends and family joined the large crowd to brave the weather and enjoy the first SonRise show of the day.

During the show, volunteers from Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church and students from Southern Adventist University acted out the closing scenes of Jesus' life leading up to His crucifixion, His death on the cross, and His resurrection.

Although lots of rain was forecasted for that morning and there were worries that the show would have to be canceled, God held the rain back and the show was able to go on!

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For SonRise this year, everyone was encouraged to invite friends to experience the drama, especially if the friends did not know Jesus. This way, more people could enjoy the show for the first time and learn about the big, loving sacrifice Jesus made for every person.

This year, several people helped to interpret the 8:30 a.m. SonRise show into ASL. Harold Molina, Karly

Pratt, Michelle Arthur, Elizabeth Sherard,

Karissa Goodman and Carin Bartlett took turns bringing each scene of the drama to life in sign language. Many thanks to everyone for contributing their skills, hard work and preparation to making the show accessible in ASL!

After SonRise, many made their way to Southern Deaf Fellowship Church to take part in the special communion service. After church, everyone enjoyed a potluck lunch and fellowship.

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*Left to right: Carin Bartlett, Karly Pratt, and Michelle Arthur interpret for Sonrise.*

# Revelation Speaks Peace

## Part 2

“ We have the perfect spot for the interpreter so that the Deaf can see!” the pastor in charge of the organizational meeting for Revelation Speaks Peace exclaimed. Leading myself and my team interpreter to the front right of the stage, we were both amazed and appalled at the sight that met us. The team had planned for us to stand right in the middle of the screen that would be showing Shawn on stage!

For humor sake, I had my team interpreter stand in the middle of the screen and try to interpret. It was very obvious to myself and those watching, the pastor included, that this setup would not work. After much discussion and educating on why this would not work, we agreed upon another location that everyone was satisfied with.

If we had not shown up to the organizational meeting before the evangelistic meetings had begun, my team interpreter and myself would have been placed in the middle of the broadcast screen. It would have been awkward to interpret in that location and even more awkward to bring up the discussion to relocate last minute.

Last edition of *The Adventist Interpreter Connection*, we discussed the importance of being prepared and not going



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into an evangelistic meeting “cold turkey,” or last minute. The same can be said about attending the organizational meetings prior to the evangelistic series beginning. Those organizational meetings are a wealth of knowledge. You learn information about the format of the meetings, who is in charge of which departments, find out what music will be used for the meeting nights, and even speak to the evangelist to find out if there are any changes to their presentations. You will also get a chance to see how the lighting works, if you need a monitor to hear the speaker, a screen to see any of the PowerPoint presentations used, make requests for any of the equipment that you may need, etc.

When RSP came to town, they held meetings five months prior to

the series beginning. The meetings were designed to lay the ground work (mailing out flyers, going door-to-door, etc) for the upcoming meetings, but still contained valuable information. As the hearing were getting prepared to go door to door, the same information could be brought to the Deaf too. Shortly before the meetings had begun, the organizational meetings began at the site location. If you find that those who are working in various locations do not remember who you are, do not get frustrated! Often the interpreters for the Deaf get overlooked or forgotten. Your ministry is important! In part 3, we will talk about when things don’t work out exactly like you planned and some final warnings.

# Deaf Reach 2019: Portland

**O**n March 29-31, 2019 around 40 Deaf individuals and one hearing person attended, "Deaf Reach 2019," held at the Tabernacle SDA Church in Portland, OR. The attendees came from all over: Seattle, WA, British Columbia, Canada, Portland, OR, Bend, Or, Salem, OR and Vancouver, WA.

David and Francisca Trexler presented on best ways to reach out to Deaf individuals and share your faith. The information was based on the book, "Sharing Your Faith with the Deaf," available for purchase through 3 Angels Deaf Ministries. Workshops took place Friday night, Sabbath all day, and Sunday morning with interesting stories, Ellen White quotes, and many Bible texts to emphasize Christ's method of



reaching people with the gospel. Attendees were those who are serious about outreach in the community and the information given will be precious tools in the time to come.

At the end of the weekend, one attendee said, "This workshop was valuable information. I understand now how to share my faith with others and I am so glad I came!"

## Why the Name Change?

**R**ecently, the North American Division's Deaf Ministry Committee voted to have The Interpreter Connection be a ministry under the North American Division Deaf Ministries.

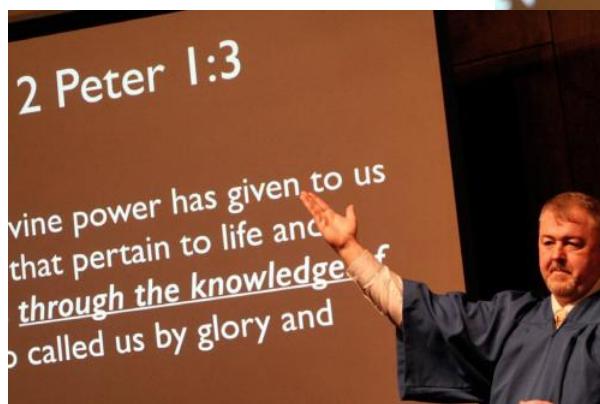
Previously, The Interpreter Connection was privately owned and operated by Nohe Jarnes. While it was most definitely Adventist, by copyright laws, it could not operate under the copyrighted name "Adventist" without being officially voted under the organization.

The process was completed this past fall/spring and the name from here on out will be called, "The Adventist Interpreter Connection"! Nohe Jarnes and team will continue to edit The Adventist Interpreter Connection as normal.

# Deaf Big Day Held in Portland

**T**On May 18, 2019 Deaf Ministries at Tabernacle SDA Church invited Alan Meis to come and present. Meis's sermon series was about Peter. Deaf groups from multiple areas attended: Seattle, WA, Vancouver, WA, Portland, OR, Salem, OR, Vancouver, BC Canada, and Rock Island, WA. The presentations were a blessing as well as the fellowship!

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*Alan Meis presents for Deaf Big Day in Portland.*

## From the Editor



Camp season is rapidly approaching! The time when families can gather together outdoors and enjoy creation that God has created. This time is also a time when kids make memories headed off to summer camp! Plans are in motion to hold a week-long Deaf Camp at Sunset Lake Camp in Washington State for Deaf children ages 8-16 by summer 2020.

This is the first time in 30 years that Deaf camp has been held at any of our Adventist camps across the Division! We need your help. If you are looking to help out with any projects to donate to, please consider donating to this project! You can donate by going to Washington Conference Adventist Giving. Search for "Sunset Lake Camp Deaf Ministries" on the list of ministries to donate to.

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

—Nohe

## DID YOU KNOW?

Older editions of *The Adventist 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."

# 2019 Deaf Event Summer Schedule

Want to attend a Deaf Camp Meeting this summer and fall? Check out the dates and times!

## **July 7-14, 2019**

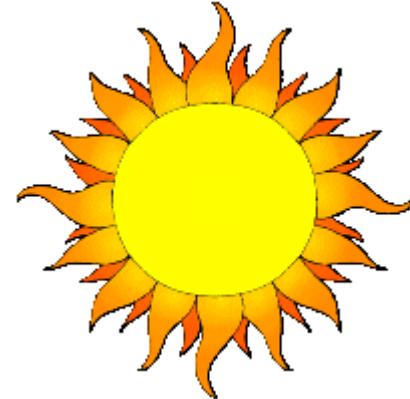
Western Deaf Camp Meeting Milo Adventist Academy  
324 Milo Dr. Days Creek OR, 97429

## **July 7-14, 2019**

GC Health Ministries and Special Needs Ministries  
Health and Lifestyle Conference  
Loma Linda University  
For more information and to register, go to: [www.adventistdeaf.org](http://www.adventistdeaf.org)

## **August 7-11, 2019**

Southern Deaf Camp Meeting  
Cohutta Springs Convention Center  
1175 Cohutta Springs Rd. Crandall, GA 30711



## **August 21-25, 2019**

DEAF Camp Meeting  
Timothy Hill Christian Camp  
Huntington, MA

## **August 22-25, 2019**

Deaf Men's Retreat  
Fireside Retreat Center  
37936 SE Gordon Creek Rd. Corbett, OR

## **September 22-26, 2019**

Deaf Christian Women's Retreat: Camp Tilikum  
15321 NE North Valley Rd. Newberg, OR 97132

## **October 16-20, 2109**

DYAC (Deaf Young Adults for Christ) Camp Meeting 2019  
Mt. Aetna Retreat Center  
10375 Retreat Way Hagerstown, MD.

## **October 17-20, 2019**

DEAR Camp Meeting  
Mt. Aetna Retreat Center  
10375 Retreat Way Hagerstown, MD.



For more information, go to [www.3adm.org](http://www.3adm.org) and click on "event."

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WA) led the congregation in the song, "We Have this Hope." Jason Kimbrough's presentation, "The Days of Noah" was well presented and well received. The hearing congregation was truly blessed and are excited to support Deaf Ministry in whatever ways they can.

When planning the Deaf Big Day, one special request from the hearing was that a Deaf person lead the music in sign language. Jerry Russell, Vice President of Finance for Washington Conference, commented, "I love to watch the Deaf when they sing in sign language. I know that it is in their own language and it is beautiful."

Puyallup SDA church will be hosting a Deaf Ministry Day in 2020.



*Deaf Big Puyallup: Local Deaf and visiting Deaf gather together for a group picture with Pastor Seth Pierce, the head pastor at Puyallup SDA Church*



*Above: Nancy Brown leads the congregation in singing.  
Above right: Judy Johnson tells the children's story.  
Right: Sheelah Kimbrough presents about deaf ministry in the North American Division.*

