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Who Gives More?

What I was impressed to write about is this simple and great story about a poor woman. There were two different kinds of people out there who gave offerings before the temple. This story has touched us about who gives more to God.

Most people rather give their money to God less and spend more money for themselves in many different ways. Let us look in the Bible, Mark 12:41-44—“Jesus sat down across from the place where people put their temple offerings. He watched the crowd putting their money into the offering boxes. Many rich people

threw large amounts into them. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins. They were worth only a few pennies. Jesus asked his disciples to come to him. He said, “What I’m about to tell you is true. That poor widow has put more into the offering box than all the others. They all gave a lot because they are rich. But she gave even though she is poor. She put in everything she had. That was all she had to live on” (NIRV). And in Luke 21:1-4—“Jesus saw some rich people putting their gifts into the Temple money box. Then Jesus saw a poor widow. She put two small copper coins into the box. He said, “I tell you the truth. This poor widow gave only two small coins. But she really gave more than all those rich people. The rich have plenty; they gave only what they did not need. This woman is very poor, but she gave all she had. And she needed that money to live on” (ICB). Before Jesus told His disciples they thought that the rich people gave a lot of money more than other people. Now the disciples learned the truth about sacrifice. The widow had truly made a sacrifice herself for the Lord because she loved the Lord with all of her heart. So, the poor widow gave all

the money that she lived on more than the rich people. The rich people showed off their “sacrifices” because they wanted the public to notice them and to praise them. The poor widow was humble and she was trying to hide her gifts because they were too little in comparison with the rich givers. But, Jesus, the Son of God noticed her wonderful act of love, and He told His disciples about her.

Here is the Bible verse: Acts 20:35 —“In everything I did, I showed you that we must work hard and help the weak. We must remember the words of the Lord Jesus. He said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” It is more blessed to give out than to receive without expecting return. Let us trust the Lord for He knows best what we need. Everything we own belongs to God.

May God help you to think about how you can help the ministry to the Deaf more so we can finish the gospel work to the Deaf so Jesus can come sooner.

Francisca Trexler

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Speaker's Dialogue: Intercessory Prayers for Souls

"Also, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about something and pray for it, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:19, NCV).

I remember in Battle Creek when there were God's people who felt the burden for the lost people, who were in darkness and saw no light. Then they started prayer meetings that they might receive the strength of God. In every case the heavenly angels worked with these efforts, and lost people were saved.

If there are many members in the church, let them start small groups to work for the church members and for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them become a group of workers. Let them keep themselves together in unity and love. They can give encouragement to one another to move forward with courage and strength through the support of the others. Let them show Christlike behavior and patience. They need to speak with careful words through using the gift of speech to help one another up in the most holy faith. Let them work in Christlike love for the lost souls. . . . As they work and pray in Christ's name, their numbers will increase.

There is home missionary work that is to be done, and we hear the plea, So long as there is so much sin and great need of work in our own country, then why should we show much interest and zeal for foreign countries? I answer, Our field is the world. . . . Jesus commanded His disciples to begin their work in Jerusalem, and then pass on through Judea and Samaria, and to the most part of the earth. Only a small number of the people accepted the truth, but the messengers gave the message of salvation rapidly from place to place, passing from country to country, sharing the gospel in all the near and faraway places of the earth. But there was a preparatory work. Jesus' promise was, ". . . when the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will receive power. You will be my witnesses—in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world." God's people will not follow their own ways and desires. They seek counsel of the Lord, and they will be able to teach the gospel through the blessings of the Holy Spirit." *

If we follow this counsel we will see more Deaf people learning the truth as we are sharing with them. This is the Three Angels Deaf Ministries' goal. We give encouragement, training, gospel materials, and workers to spread the seeds of truth about Jesus Christ and His wonderful teachings that can help Deaf people to find true happiness. Would you come and join with us as a group of God's workers to share the gospel? You can do many things as God can give you the gifts. You can visit the Deaf persons at home, prisons, restaurants, events, etc. Our country is a mission field. Yes, it is a true mission field because there are no Adventist Deaf members in most places in the North America. We have the burden to reach them. Your prayers, cooperation, and financial support will hasten the second coming of Christ. As some Deaf members said, "Jesus will not come until every Deaf person hear the gospel in every corner of the world." Three Angels Deaf Ministries is dedicated to doing God's will through the Holy Spirit to improve our efforts reaching Deaf people everywhere in our country. We also should not forget to pray for our Deaf brothers and sisters in other countries. Remember, Three Angels Deaf Ministries (you and us) can do what and where our church is not able to do. Let us do something better in 2019 as we are almost at the door of the real kingdom of God.

* adapted from Ellen G. White, *Maranatha*, page 38.

Speaker/Director's Schedule

April 6—Palatine, IL—DeafNation Expo

March 27 - April 2—Portland, OR—Deaf Reach Seminar

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

*If you would like to have any of our speakers in your area, please contact us! You can request to have one or more of us to come speak at your church or special event. Our Speaker/Director David Trexler and Francisca Trexler are all available.

Women's Retreat at Mt. Aetna Retreat Center



Photo by Francisca Trexler

God used them as prophet, judge, disciples and more. God loves us both men and women. It was beneficial to learn more about the women from the Bible. The meetings were inspiring and uplifting for us.

On the Sabbath morning, another lady from BMC taught us about Ruth's role, and God's role for her. It was fun to learn more about God's perspectives toward women.

We have agreed to go there again if they plan to sponsor it again in 2019.

Francisca Trexler

A New Director of the Board



Photo by Sheelah Kimbrough

On November 2-4, 2018, Women's Ministry of the Burnt Mill SDA Church (BMC) hosted its Women's Retreat at Mount Aetna Retreat Center near Hagerstown, Maryland. Mount Aetna Retreat Center is a beautiful place in the mountains and forest. The weather was wet, but it didn't thaw our spirit at the Women's Retreat.

We, five Deaf ladies, attended the retreat, and we had one interpreter and an assistant to interpret for us during the meetings. With us were 35 women from BMC. It was a wonderful experience for us to know some women. It was fun chatting with them through the interpreter. We had a blessed time there. The cafeteria offered us delicious and healthy vegetarian and vegan meals.

The guest speaker was Dr. Carolyn Henry Hurst from Ohio. She is a Podiatrist. Her theme was "At the Feet of Jesus." She talked about God's plans for women. We learned a lot about God's amazing original design for women. God really has done so much for the women in the past and is today helping them in different ways. The presentations helped us to recognize our valuable roles and to help us be better wives and mothers for the society. Carolyn said that the most satisfaction in her life is having a great relationship with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. She also explained about the women from the Bible: Jochebed, Miriam, Zipporah and more.

The Board of Directors of the Three Angels Deaf Ministries is happy to announce that Sheelah Kimbrough from Fort Meade, MD is a new board member starting January for a four-year term. She replaces our long-time board member, Marvin Budd. Sheelah is a mother of three children, Javin, Jared, and Jade. Her husband, Jason, works for the National Security Agency (NSA) in Fort Meade. Sheelah was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. She attended a mainstreamed public school. Remember her as she needs wisdom from God as she is a part of the team. Welcome Sheelah!

Canada Deaf Big Day



On November 30-December 2, 2018 British Columbia, Canada hosted their first Deaf Big Day at Surrey SDA Church. The hearing and the Deaf together enjoyed presentations by Pastor Paul Kelly on end-time prophecy. Interpreters Alan Meis and Nohelani Jarnes enjoyed the weekend voice interpreting for the presentations, allowing the hearing audience to also enjoy the meetings. Sam Heine, the local Adventist

Deaf contact at the church, spent months in preparation by passing out fliers and encouraging local community Deaf to attend. It was exciting to see a few of the local community Deaf come to the meetings! Adventist Deaf from Vancouver, WA, Ferndale, WA and Vancouver, BC attended the meetings. Surrey SDA Church hopes to host another Deaf Big Day Canada in the year 2020.

Nohelani Jarnes

A Snapshot from Early Deaf Adventist History The First Deaf Adventist Pastor Ordained



During Oregon Conference's 91st annual camp meeting Elder Arthur Griffith and another pastor were ordained to the gospel ministry. Elder Griffith (second from right) is pictured with his wife, Alyce. This picture was taken from North Pacific Union Gleaner, July 21, 1969, Vol. 64, Number 29.

I Wish

There are so many things that I wish I could still do.

My wishes are:

- I wish I could still have a sharp mind;
- I wish I could think more clearly again;
- I wish I could still go to church as before;
- I wish I was not dependent on extra oxygen for breathing;
- I wish I didn't dwell on negative thinking;
- I wish I would dwell on positive thinking;
- I wish many times I were in heaven already;
- I wish I was in heaven with my Jesus, now;
- I wish my family were all in heaven with me too, and
- I wish this for my husband, my immediate family, my deaf family, my church family, and my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Alberta Blake

My Blessings

Along with all of my wishes is being thankful for my blessings.

My blessings are:

- I am blessed that I can still think;
- I am blessed that I can still walk some;
- I am thankful I am able to keep medical appointments, town appointments and appointments in our little building in the village here;
- I am thankful for the support of equipment to breath, to climb stairs, to be alone when necessary for short time periods;
- I am thankful for a supporting, loving and helping husband, and other family members;
- I am thankful for little songs and scripture verses that help me to think more positively when I am feeling low or not well;
- I am thankful for each morning I wake to realize God is giving me another day and that His mercies are new every morning;
- I am thankful that each day lives is one day closer to heaven;
- I am thankful for the promise of Jesus' coming back and that one day I will be made new;

- I am thankful for the promise of my husband, my family, my deaf family, my church family, my brother and sisters in Christ will all be in heaven with me;
- I am just so thankful for all of these promises,
- I just can't be thankful enough to my Savior Jesus, my Lord, my God, and my King, and come Lord Jesus, come soon!
- I thank You, thank You and thank You some more. Thank you, Jesus!

Alberta Blake

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