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DeafNation World Expo



Photo by David Trexler

Aivars Ponkratjeva shares with a visitor at the DeafNation World Expo.

DeafNation World Expo was held in Las Vegas from July 6-8, 2016. More than 13,000 Deaf people from around the world came to enjoy the events. Many religious booths were in the exhibit hall along with ours.

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the very good turnout at our booth," David remembers. "Many friendly Deaf people came to watch *Signs of God's Love* #9 DVD (Creation vs. Evolution) on our large screen and to pick up packages. Some talked with us on spiritual matters, and we were surprised to meet some people whom we have not seen for years. A Deaf man from Saudi Arabia came and talked with us about Christianity. He is a Muslim but is interested in Bible truth through a

Sharing the gospel with the Deaf in all parts of the world is important! So 3ADM was sure to be at this wonderful opportunity. Aivars Ponkratjeva from San Jacinto, CA assisted David and Francisca Trexler.

"We were surprised at

hearing Adventist lady who can sign.

"On the first day of the Expo we thought we would run out of packages by the end of the day! People quickly picked them up! We gave out 250 packages that day and had 150 left for the rest of the Expo. But the following days fewer people stopped by the booth and we had 40 packages left."

The attendance was much better than the other DeafNation World Expo events in the past. The Lord is truly guiding people to look for truth as the end of time is nearing.

"What did we do with 40 packages? Aivars took 10 for his group in Riverside, CA. The rest was given away at the Western Deaf Camp Meeting which was right after DeafNation World Expo." David adds, "Please pray for those that met us at the Expo and picked up packages."



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Deaf visit the Paradise SDA Church in Las Vegas the Sabbath after the DeafNation World Expo. Front l to r: Ma Teresa Garcia, Francisca Trexler Back l to r: David Trexler, Elaine Harper, Ellen Thompson, Arle Fauni, Joseph Garcia, Robert Miera

Speaker's Dialogue: The Olympic Games

The Olympics Games 2016 is now history. It was a colorful and controversial game. 974 medals (gold, silver, and bronze) were awarded to athletes from all over the world. Many of them are heroes in their countries.

At the age of 31, Michael Phelps is one of our American heroes because he won 5 gold and 2 silver medals in swimming events for the USA. In the 2008 Olympic Games he won eight gold medals. He has won the most medals in Olympic history! Congratulations to him as well to other world's athletes whether or not they won the games.

Did you know that each winner earns a lot of money besides a medal? They feel good about themselves and are famous. But fame and awards do not last forever. When the athletes become old and die, their medals are completely worthless. Medals cannot give eternal life. Medals cannot give true lasting happiness.

Still, people of all walks of life are racing for "medals." They want to be somebody famous. They find a lot of joy and fun in practicing and racing for "medals." They like to challenge themselves for physical, educational, career and emotional improvements. The "medals" won are wealth, fame, and beauty. This world offers many things for people to win, but most people fail. For those who won, one thing is missing. What is missing? Jesus Christ, the one who will award us with the crown of everlasting life.

The Apostle Paul might know about the Olympics. Many years before Paul's time the Greeks controlled Israel. The Greeks brought their culture and sports to the area. Then the Romans conquered the Greeks. And the Romans and some Jewish people kept the Greek games. Paul used the Olympic Games as an example to teach spiritual lessons on not giving up on God and be victorious over our human weaknesses through the Holy Spirit. Paul wrote some verses on winning the race for eternal life. "You know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize. So run to win! All those who compete in the games use self-control so they can win a crown. That crown is an earthly thing that lasts only a short time, but our crown will never be destroyed. So I do not run without a goal. I fight like a boxer who is hitting something—not just the air. I treat my body hard and make it my slave so that I myself will not be disqualified after I have preached to others" (1 Corinthians 9:24-27, NCV).

Paul counseled us on how to be spiritually successful in the world of sin and temptation. Let us look at the principles that he counsels about:

1. Athletes must follow game rules and ethics.

Christians also must follow God's laws of love and righteousness.

2. Athletes need to set the goal of winning the game. They must have vision to motivate them to improve their skills. We Christians must have a vision/goal for growing our character into the likeness of Christ. Jesus is the goal.

3. To meet the goal, athletes must practice every day to improve skills. As Christians, we must study the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy daily.

4. Athletes must have a trainer or coach to assist in training. Christians also need the Holy Spirit to be our trainer and coach. Jesus promised us this gift before He left for heaven.

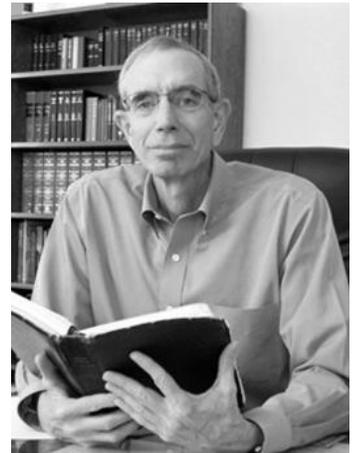
5. Athletes must discipline themselves against any thing that might harm the body and mind. We, too, must resist temptations: laziness, cheating, over eating, etc. Christians must fight against the power of sin through the power of Holy Spirit through prayer.

6. Athletes must have certainty of their ability to win the race. So Christians should have confidence in God for helping us win the race for eternal life.

7. Athletes MIGHT get the prize which only last for a short time. Christians WILL get the prize of the eternal crown of life. We only need to focus on Jesus Christ who is our Prize. We must not turn our eyes away from Him during the race or we will miss Him.

8. In the real world only the winners get the prizes. The rest of the athletes miss them. But in our spiritual race everyone who run the spiritual race WILL get the prizes. Good news! As long as we continue our true faith in God consistently we will get the prizes.

In closing, we can say with confidence as Paul said before his execution: "My life is being given as an offering to God, and the time has come for me to leave this life. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now, a crown is being held for me—a crown for being right with God. The Lord, the judge who judges rightly, will give the crown to me on that day—not only to me but to all those who have waited with love for him to come again" (2 Timothy 4:6-8, NCV).



*David Trexler
3ADM Speaker/Director*

Live Streaming Worship Services at DEAF

3ADM is now offering live streaming worship services for the DEAF members in Silver Spring, Maryland area and other Deaf Adventists across the country. Live streaming services began in June. All live streamed videos will be archived on 3ADM's website and produced on DVDs.

The live church services are held at the Silver Spring SDA Church Annex Building where a Deaf group has been meeting. DEAF has rented a room in basement of their annex building from the Silver Spring SDA Church for some time now. The church has WiFi that DEAF was invited to use. But the router is located on the second floor of the building so the streaming testing was not successful. Because urgent requests for live streaming have been made from DEAF members and some remote members for years we had to resort to a less-than-perfect solution by using an iPhone and its cellphone connection.

Although we now have live streaming, the Sermons on DVD will continue. Some Deaf members and non-members across the country still do not have Internet at home. We certainly cannot forget them.

To watch church services live, go to www.3adm.org. On the website home page, you will see a banner to click

on. This will take you to www.LiveStream.com's website under 3ADM's account. Live streaming starts at 11:30am on Sabbath mornings. On some occasions, no services will be live streamed. If not, you will not see the banner on 3ADM's website.



Photo supplied by David Trexler

Three Angels Deaf Ministries Board of Directors met August 2-3, 2016 at the General Conference Building in Silver Spring, MD. Board members are (l to r): David Trexler, Margie English, Marvin Budd, George Belser, Paul Kelly, Bruce Buzzell, Fred Griffith, and Chuck McGehee.

St. Louis Deaf Festival

The St. Louis Deaf Festival was held at the Union Station in St. Louis, Missouri on June 4, 2016. The station was well-known years ago due to trains stopping here on their way to Chicago or Kansas City. It has been remodeled into a hotel and shopping center. Bruce and Susan Buzzell went to the Deaf Festival with packets with *The Deaf Messenger* samples, Deaf Bible School enrollment cards, Bible tracts, and *Signs of God's Love* #9 DVDs.

Bruce reports: "People who stopped at our booth saw the DVD playing on our machine. Some of them asked how much the DVDs cost. We told them they are free and we gave them packets containing the DVD and other materials. Many people were happy when they learned that our materials were free. They walked away with smiling faces and their packets. The Spirit of God is working on people's lives and they are thirsting to know God. God blessed us as we worked in the booth knowing that what we did will bless other people's lives."

The Deaf Festival itself was a success. The attendance is estimated to be between 1,000 to 1,200 people. We praise the Lord for His goodness and guidance in allowing 3ADM to be part of this Deaf Festival event to spread God's Word to hungry souls.

3ADM Has New Website!

Three Angels Deaf Ministries has a new website address and a brand new look! Our new web address is www.3adm.org. Check it out! We deeply appreciate Bob Plubell for his untiring work on our website.

The first change was to improve the website's ability to hold more videos in the archives. Now, anyone who wants to watch a sermon has a choice of many videos. This is very helpful because some prefer watching videos online and people anywhere in the world can watch and share these videos. In fact, anyone can share a link with their friends through email, texting, or social media such as Facebook.

We have several plans we are working on. Right now, we are adding an online Bible Signs Dictionary. Many people have requested this for some time now. We also plan to add the option to receive our newsletters by email instead of regular mail.

Please go to our website and register! This will be a great help to us and we will be better able to serve you. When you go to our website, click on Login on the top right on the menu bar. When you register, you will see your profile. Please look over your profile and fill in anything that is missing, including whether or not you are Deaf or a SDA member. Thank you so much!

Western Deaf Camp Meeting

The Western Deaf Camp Meeting (July 10-17, 2016) was another wonderful experience! Alan Meis and Margie English were the main speakers with several others also presenting including Fred Griffith, Boyd Garner, Francisca Trexler, Pablo Alejo and David Trexler.

The 7th Day Interpreters Workshop was held during the camp meeting. Their sessions were held in a separate room but they joined the Deaf for activities, meals, and some meetings.

Francie Naiman from Portland, Oregon was baptized. She is a Jew and fellowshipped with the Deaf Adventists in Portland for awhile. She learned that Rob Fishbein was half-Jewish himself and he shared with her why he came to accept Jesus as the Messiah. After studying with him and George Belser, she decided to accept Jesus as her personal Savior and was baptized.

Next year will be the Western Deaf Camp Meeting's 40th year anniversary. This will be a special event!



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Being able to worship with Deaf like-believers on Sabbath morning is a true blessing. This was Western Deaf Camp Meeting's 39th year. Growing together in Jesus over the years has been an amazing experience. Many, many fond memories are made at camp meetings as we look forward to the memories that will be made in heaven.



Photo by Judy Johnson

Margie English (Virginia) was one of the excellent main speakers.



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Boyd Garner (Oregon) cheers the good play by his opponents in a game of volleyball.



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The 7th Day Interpreters Workshop was held during camp meeting. It was rich with information and encouragement for those who attended. All Adventist interpreters are encouraged to attend future workshops!

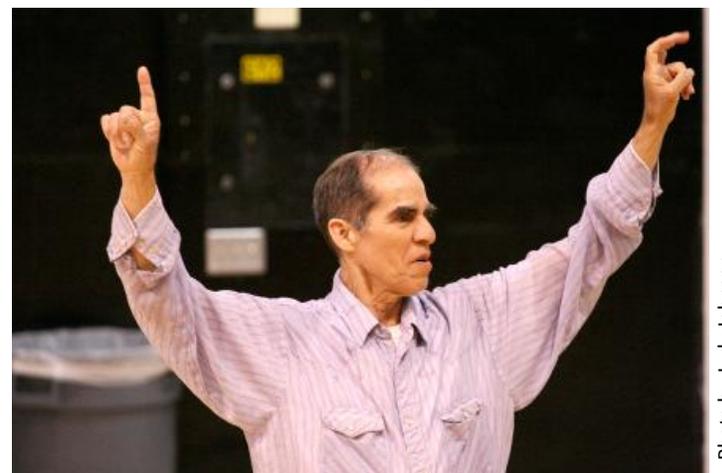


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David Lopez (New Mexico) keeps score for volleyball. This game is one of the most popular and fun activities at camp meeting. There is a lot of laughter during the games along with good sportsmanship.

Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting

The SDF Camp Meeting was held at Cohutta Springs in north Georgia on August 10-14. The theme was "God's Remnant Church" with Pastor Paul Kelly as the main speaker. He taught how to identify the remnant church and a true prophet. Phillip Samaan, a professor at Southern Adventist University, also a speaker powerfully focused on prayer. During free time, attendees could choose to hike, swim, ride a boat, kayak/canoe, and even get a massage. A group came from Barbados. The number of campers grew to 110 people on Sabbath.

On Sabbath, Linda Griggs and Lee Roy McKinney were baptized in the lake. Linda (Dalton, GA) had been away from the SDA Church for many years. When she visited the SDF Church, she knew this was her church home after visiting other Sunday churches. She rededicated herself to God by baptism. Lee Roy (Boones Mill, VA) was rebaptized because he wanted to bury his old life and start a new life in Christ.



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L to R: Linda Griggs (Georgia), Jeff Jordan (Tennessee), and Lee Roy McKinney (Virginia). Linda and Lee Roy were baptized in the lake by Pastor Jordan during the SDF camp meeting.



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SDF camp meeting has an excellent children's program with a large number of children. The children became fast buddies.



Photo by Esther Doss

Paul Kelly (New York) was the main speaker for the camp meeting.



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A group of Deaf people from Barbados load the boat for a nice ride around the lake. They were really happy to be with Deaf like-believers in the USA.

Trexler Has New Title

The Three Angels Deaf Ministries Board of Directors recently met in August. During this meeting, the board recognized the need to have an assistant to the Speaker/Director. Francisca Trexler has assisted at times in the past. The board voted to change Francisca Trexler's title to Assistant Director from Bible Worker. This does not change her other roles with 3ADM. She will remain as the Deaf Bible School head instructor and serve as chaplain at Gallaudet University. But in addition, she will now assist David Trexler in the office, doing tasks that need to be done. We deeply appreciate Francisca's dedication to Deaf ministry.

Church Has ASL Classes

The small Mountain View, Arkansas Seventh-Day Adventist Church located in a rural area of the rolling Ozark Mountains has two Deaf members with additional Deaf visitors. Here, deafness is not seen as a barrier for one to participate in church services, activities, or service. In fact, Kathy McCain, one of the Deaf members who was baptized here about 12 years ago, is the church's head deaconess, the bulletin secretary, and the Deaf Sabbath School teacher. She is a board member and also served on the nominating committee last year. She is a vital part of the church.

A number of church members have learned ASL over the years, but in the months of March, April, and May, a weekly class in ASL was provided and was taught Kathy McCain. Many church members signed up, but Kathy was surprised when several non-Adventists also signed up for the class. In fact, right in the middle of the first class, a young lady walked in the door and asked if she could join. She was given a seat and became a stellar student. She was excited to put her new skills to immediate use as she served Deaf people at the eatery where she works.

The class was a lot of fun and although the room was quiet, there was also plenty of laughter as students wrestled with unfamiliar hand movements. It was humorous to see both hands on everyone's heads as they signed the word *deer*. Each class ended with a fun game



Kathy McCain is seen here standing in the middle of the class teaching ASL to both church members and non-members.



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to help with memorization and usage of signs. As the students grappled with learning a completely different language, they have found that they bonded. The church had simply intended to have an ASL class so members could better communicate with each other, but this turned into a friendship-developing experience with class members who are not Adventists.

Members want to continue developing their new found skill and make their church more Deaf-friendly. They also see ASL classes as an opportunity to make friends with the community. News of the ASL class has already circulated around the small rural town and many are already begging for more ASL classes. Plans are being made for another one in the near future.

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