

Canadian Deaf Ministry International Report

Featuring SDA Deaf Ministry in Canada and Overseas

In Conjunction With *Gospel Outreach*

May - 2014



Wonderful Meeting of SDA Deaf from 6 countries in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Deaf From Six Countries

Dr. Larry Evans [GC] and Debra Brill [NAD] joined with 5 deaf leaders from North America to meet in wonderful 'Deaf Advisory' meetings in Feb/14 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. There were 170 in attendance with one family driving for 3 days to get there from Chile - much of the way on rough roads!

A major purpose of the meetings was sharing what God has been doing in both Brazil and the USA.

About half of those attending were deaf themselves and the other half were interpreters. Esther Doss wrote: "After the meeting, we had such a fun time with the people here sharing about ministries back home and sharing signs. Lots of laughter. Heaven is going to be so awesome when we all meet again."

Doss continued: "the sign language there is called LIBRAS and is very different from ASL. However, we were able to easily pick up some signs. The

interpreters for the event were awesome. One thing we noted is that the majority of the interpreters were male."

It was reported that currently there are 128 locations in Brazil where there are SDA Deaf. To our best knowledge, that is the highest number in any country where SDA's have work! Especially since Dr. Evans began visits to Brazil, the work has grown and a greater cooperation has come between official church leaders and active lay persons!

The deaf groups in Brazil are producing a DVD explaining the Sabbath School lessons. They make special T-Shirts for deaf ministry workers to wear, as you see in the picture on this page.

Years ago Thompson Kay wrote a book on ministry with deaf people. He entitled it: "*Working Together: Hearing and Deaf*". This combining of both Hearing and Deaf is being followed in Brazil. Where there is strong cooperation between church leaders and the deaf community, SDA deaf work is usually prospering!

CANADIAN DEAF MINISTRY REPORT INFORMATION

This report is being prepared by Pastor & Mrs. Blake *in conjunction with* the Deaf Ministry Department of the *Alberta Conference of SDA*

*** Please make checks for purchases**

payable to: *John Blake*

Box 308, Clive, AB T0C0Y0

You may phone, fax, or use your

TTY at- **(403) 784-3798**

E-mail: office@deafhope.org

Web Site: www.deafhope.org

Pictures:www.deafhope.smugmug.com

Adventist Deaf- Addresses

***Three Angels Deaf Ministries**

[3ADM]

P.O. Box 1946, Greenbelt, MD
20768-1946 VP/Voice- 301-850-
0542

Director/Speaker: David Trexler

Email:

3adm@3angelsdeafministries.org

ADM Web Site:

www.3angelsdeafministries.org

Bible Lessons:

www.deafbibleschool.com

***Southern Deaf Fellowship -**

-A Deaf SDA Church Service

'Live' online every Sabbath. Also-
many recorded streamed sermons.

www.deafchurchonline.org

11:30 am ET - Sabbaths -

***Dr. Larry Evans, GC Liaison for
SDA International Deaf Ministry**

Email: EvansL@gc.adventist.org

Office Phone: 301-680-6185

Cell: 240-535-1890

ANNOUNCING for July 14-17, 2014

A Sign Language/Deaf Ministry class is planned for the Alberta Conference Camp Meeting at Bowden during the afternoon workshop seminar period.



Gospel Outreach Worker, John Reddy, from India with his new wife on her birthday (center) among his family/friends.



Alberta Blake with Leona Thomas (L)

January 12/14, Leona passed away quietly -basically from 'old age' - at the age of 96.

Leona had been an SDA member for many years - joining in services, camp meetings and local church activities.

As Leona became a sufferer of dementia, Alberta became her official guardian and with her husband traveled some distance each month to visit and check up on Leona at the nursing home. Leona loved to travel and had visited both in China and Chile.

Leona left a well used and marked Bible!



East African island of Madagascar, Pastor Henri Ratsimbazafy.

The pastor works not only with adults, but deaf schools with around 200 students. He travels up to 600 km

New Kenya Deaf School

The new Kenya SDA Deaf school began in the Fall of 2013. Two more classrooms are being added to the two now in use. Monica and Edward are the teachers. Monica is already an experienced teacher and interpreter & is a GO worker. Edward is Deaf.

Over \$10,000 has already been sent from Canada to help build this needy school. It is receiving excellent support from the Conference level!

one way to visit deaf being one of only three pastors for the deaf in that country.

Pastor Henry writes:“Thank you very much for your DVDs, They are very important for the Deaf people. We use it and show it to the deaf. They are very happy even if the sign is not very similar.”



Cooking for the deaf students



Outreach to Madagascar



Pastor Henri-a Lutheran pastor

A call for help has come from a Lutheran pastor for the Deaf on the

Pastor Henri of the island of Madagascar, with some of the DVD’s already sent.

For some years we have been sending DVD’s free to both members and interests around the world, but especially in Central Africa. There are so many Deaf in this area and many people are involved in working for Deaf both from within our church and those not of our church. So, we sow seed! Pray that God will provide a harvest soon!



Training GO Lay Bible Workers in Kenya Workshop

Elder Paul Muasya arranged for our GO Lay Pastor and a Director for Deaf Ministry in Kenya, Henry Kamau, and himself, to conduct a workshop for not only the other 7 lay Bible workers, but several other part time workers as well. They met in Nairobi in the Union Conference meeting center in February. Elder Paul Muasya, the overall Director for deaf work in Kenya writes: “We now have eleven churches in the major cities and towns in Kenya in which more than 700 deaf people are receiving services in sign language. The sign language service is given by the deaf or hearing people trained in sign language most of whom are paid a stipend by Gospel Outreach (an international organization) One is paid by a local conference and others are offering free interpretation service on sabbaths as volunteers. The union is sponsoring five of the deaf ministry in UEAB for theology.”



Kenya Christmas Time Deaf Camp
Maren Wohler and her father Heiko, from Germany,

Special Prayer Together|| were guest presenters in a special camp meeting

for Deaf near Mombasa on the east coast of Kenya. It was a Christmas camp meeting. A nice number came, but as the meetings progressed, deaf texted friends and more and more new people joined. A long time volunteer with the Deaf, Mrs. Witness, organized the program, finding a location and renting mattresses.



Maren signing with her father



Having fun in December at the beach!



Mostly the group met outdoors!



Deaf Students at Asian Aid Deaf School

Griffith and Bryant Visit India

In February Pastor Alfred Griffith and Pat Bryant, GO representatives, visited in India. Their first visit was to the Asian Aid Deaf School at Kollegal in South India. You can see the many students in the picture on this page. They found the students warm and receptive. They also visited some from last year's graduation class who are now at a school in Bangalore taking further education.

Bryant and Griffith then went to the Bobboli Blind school where most of our GO Lay Bible workers for the Deaf attended a training workshop. Two Conference leaders, Jacobs and Alexander joined in the training sessions.



The Deaf GO workers sign singing outside during their training workshop. There are a total of about 20 GO Lay workers for the deaf in India

New Report from Zambia, E.Africa

We have recently received a report from Kim Kakoma, an interpreter and lay worker with the SDA church in Zambia.

Kim has been leaning Zambian sign language himself, as well as teaching courses in beginning signing. He interprets at various church meetings and last year for two deaf at a five week evangelistic series.

Kim has been visiting the Munali Girls School for the Deaf on Sabbaths. He reports that he has found about 12 deaf students with Adventist connections and another 7 from distant churches in different provinces of Zambia.

Kim is chair of a small committee trying to organize Deaf Ministry in his country. Kim needs our prayers and support!



Kim- Helping organize SDA deaf work in Zambia, Central Africa



One of the first deaf SDA's in Kyrgyzstan doing massage as part of the local outreach by Deaf

Pastor Blake made a visit to Kyrgyzstan to visit the Deaf church there in 2008. This lady as a Muslim had a dream and she saw Jesus and ultimately became one of the founders of the first deaf church in Kyrgyzstan.



Pavel [R] and Luba [L] with two special Deaf in Kyrgyzstan. Pavel was key in starting the deaf work in Kyrgyzstan. Luba is the official GO worker in her area.

Luba is the only *Gospel Outreach* worker for Deaf in Kyrgyzstan and there is another worker in Kazakhstan right next to the Siberian border. We are investigating the possibility of setting up another worker for the Deaf in Kazakhstan.



Godet is a fine deaf SDA young man wanting to serve the Lord in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Potential GO Worker for the Deaf

This young man, Godet, has come to the attention of his Conference President, Elder Robert Muhune in the Congo. The President is searching for some way that Godet can leave his country to get some training toward becoming a full time lay worker for the Deaf.

Currently we are working on ideas, and need prayer that something can work out and that appropriate funding can be found to accomplish this task.

It is not often that Conference Presidents become excited and as anxious as this President is to help facilitate deaf work!



Zambian Deaf School Group where Kim Kakoma and the church are working To Read Dr. Larry Evans Deaf Travel Picture Story & Updates go to:

lrevans.blogspot.com

NEW SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE

By Esther Doss of Three Angels Deaf Ministries Staff

Signs of God's Love #7 topic is on the Eight Laws of Health. Esther Doss is again the speaker for the program. She explains the simple things that God has given us to keep us healthy or improve our health.

Like all *Signs of God's Love* DVDs, this one is also shot in the beautiful outdoors. Esther shares with the viewers the beauty of various places in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas, showing the brilliant Fall colors.

The health information on the DVD is simple and to the point, with tips for how to live healthier lives. Also, Bible verses are used, pointing the viewer to the God who made our bodies. And the DVD ends with the hope of the Second Coming of Jesus.

When He comes again, we will no longer keep doctor appointments, need medicine, use band-aids or wheelchairs. We do have hope for a better future.

Voice interpretation included.

[This new DVD may be ordered directly from 3ADM. See address on last page!]

New Technology Meetings Online

By Esther Doss

Today's technology has allowed unique opportunities in Deaf ministry. Video phones and webcams have opened many doors for fellowship and Bible study. The Z5 Team View Meeting (TVM) is the equivalent to the hearing world's telephone conferencing. Z5 TVM allows up to 12 participants for each meeting.

This technology has been tapped into for Deaf ministry. There are currently two TVM meetings each Friday night. Francisca Trexler hosts one group while Margie English (in Virginia) hosts another group. Participants in these meetings come from all over the United

States, seventeen states so far! These meetings focus on Bible topics that enrich the spiritual life of those who are isolated from each other due to distance. While not the same whatsoever as meeting in person, this does allow Deaf people to not only get "in touch" with each other, but allows them to study deeply in God's Word with others of the same language. Those who have participated have been richly blessed.

[Unfortunately, this TVM service is not now available outside the USA. But, the basic concept is possible using similar technology such as with Google+ or other specialized programs]

Sermons Now on Website

By Esther Doss

120 Sermons on DVDs have been mailed each month to Deaf people across North America. Now, these sermons are being added to our website.

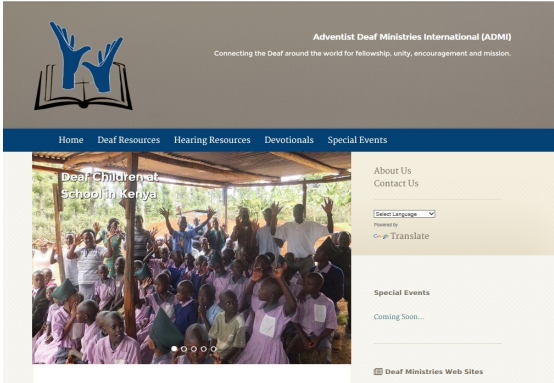
We know that there are some who prefer to view videos online. We also recognize that this new feature will be great as a sharing tool. A viewer can share the video links with their friends via email or social networks such as FaceBook. Also those who live in foreign countries can not receive our DVDs, but now will be able to view these sermons online.

Speaker/Director David Trexler is the main speaker for these sermons. When home, he preaches to the Deaf group in Silver Spring, Maryland. Other speakers are sometimes used.

You can view these videos by going to our website:

www.3angelsdeafministries.org

and click on 'videos'.



Snapshot of the General Conference Deaf Ministry Web Site Being Prepared

Dr. Larry Evans has been working with Andrew King at the General Conference [GC] in preparing an official GC website for our deaf members and those hearing who are interested in ministry with Deaf.

Dr. Evans has been consulting with many from our SDA deaf community as to what could be included in the site. There will be materials specifically for those who are Deaf and also resource materials for those Hearing who want to know more about ministry with deaf people.

The site will contain:

- Links to various SDA web sites including that of: *Three Angels Deaf Ministries*, Southern Deaf Fellowship, one in Brazil and another in Russia, plus our *Canadian Deaf Ministries International* site.

- Devotional materials in sign language
- Coming events in the SDA Deaf World

One of the most important parts of the web site is a built-in link with Google Translate so you can translate the site into all the main languages of the world. If you would like to visit the site as it is being constructed, you can go to (please

be patient!):

www.adventistdeaf.org

This site is closely connected with the GC web site, and at the top you can go to a Statement of SDA Beliefs, general Adventist church information and news and basically much of the whole GC church web site.

The General Conference is acting as the ‘Web Master’ and a deaf American SDA, Amanda Colgan, will be the web content manager working in conjunction with Dr. Larry Evans, the GC Liaison for SDA International

Deaf Ministry.

Our Gospel Outreach worker, Harrison Antwi reports about a new SDA deaf group meeting at Bekwai, Ghana. A local deaf man- Orori Emmanuel, not .



The New Bekwai Deaf Church Group yet baptized, is helping lead this group

They were having trouble with transportation in getting out to meet with an already established deaf group, so have started their own. On March 15/14, Harrison visited the group. This group is actually in a neighbouring Ghana Conference, but Harrison is taking them under his wing.

DVD's Change a Man's Heart

Story By Esther Doss

A member in Arkansas, a faithful witness to her friends, shared the following story with us:

I knew Peter* for many years. In fact, he is a life-long friend. We first met as children at the Arkansas School for the Deaf. He has been battling cancer for many years, so I decided to send him a package of *Signs of God's Love* DVDs, hoping that he might be blessed by them.

I was not sure if he had a good relationship with God based on what he told me years ago. I wanted him saved for God's kingdom. A few days ago, his wife called me. She let me know that he had just passed away; he was 78 years old. She was so thankful to me and wanted to be sure to tell me something. Before he died, he was under hospice care in the nursing home. Peter asked her to bring him all six *Signs of God's Love* DVDs so that he could watch them. He watched them all, along with his wife and four children who were there with him. He received a lot of comfort from the DVDs and told his family, "I hope to be with Jesus soon."

As Peter's widow told the experience, she wept. Her own heart was greatly touched by the DVDs and Peter's faith in God. She also said that her children's hearts were touched. We praise God that He used our DVDs to reach this man. We are always humbled and yet blessed to hear stories like this one. If you have a story you would like to share, please let us know!

*Not his real name



Lychel Gabuco, our Gospel Outreach worker, and an enthusiastic group of Deaf and friends of Deaf in Manila



Pastor Jeff Jordan with deaf baptismal candidates in Manila in Feb. 2014



Lychel Gabuco (Lfront) with Larry and Mrs. Dodds (Larry is GO Board Chair & tallest above) with Dr. Fred Webb (rear) as they visited the Deaf Ministry work in Manila in Feb./14. The group includes helpers that are being trained in Sign Language. We are currently working on having two new GO workers for the Deaf in the Philippines- Manila & Mindanao

EDITORIAL

By Pastor John Blake

As we view Adventist Deaf work as a 'world field', we see some wonderful things happening! A group from the USA, including Debra Brill, recently went to Brazil to learn and to share with the well developed Deaf Ministry work in Brazil.

Elder Paul Muasya, the Conference inter-Union SDA Director for Deaf Ministry in Kenya worked with Henry Kamau, our lead GO worker, in conducting a training workshop for the Deaf Ministry workers in all of Kenya!

Dr. Larry Evans, the GC International Liaison for Deaf Ministry has been working with our SDA deaf community to start a GC international SDA web site for Deaf and the Beta version is up.

My two GO Deaf Ministry assistants just completed a training mission for our GO workers in India and Pastor Jeff Jordan had a fruitful trip in February to work in Deaf Ministry in the Philippines.

There are two deaf schools, both connected with Gospel Outreach through our workers - one started in Kenya and one in Mindanao in the Philippines. The Asian Aid SDA deaf school in India just benefited from several days of meetings by my two GO Deaf Ministry co-workers.

God is blessing and we could refer to many other developments, but there is so much yet to do - and so few to do it. What about all the other areas of the world where there is little or no work with Deaf - and where we are working, we have only scratched the surface!

We all need to work together, pulling together, counselling together, encouraging one another. And, we praise the Lord that every SDA Division now has an official director for Deaf Ministry - but, unless the Holy Spirit empowers and guides us all - little will happen that will last for eternity



Henry- deaf leader (deaf) from Kenya, with the Wöhler family of Germany. All but Maren are Deaf. The family has become very involved with Deaf Ministry in Kenya.

German 95th Deaf Ministry Anniversary

From April 17-21, Adventists in Germany just celebrated their 95th anniversary of ministry with Deaf. There were over 75 guests in attendance at the SDA retreat center in Rahmede/Sauerland. They came from 7 countries from as far away as Finland, Latvia, Spain, Kenya & USA.

There were so many guests that the retreat Center could not keep them all and some had to go to other accommodation.

There was one man who was both deaf and blind and he had a special device to help him feel the words. (see picture)

The special presenters included Henry Kamau (deaf), the lead Gospel Outreach worker/coordinator for Kenya, Dr. Larry Evans, General Conference Liaison for Deaf Ministry, Dr. Pöhler from the German SDA Seminary, & two Conference leaders in Deaf Ministry, Elders' Cozzi and Bleil.

Sabbath evening a Christian specialist, Carlos Martinez gave Biblical theme stories in pantomime - a natural for Deaf!.

The group went on an outing to 'Atta Cave' and then for a boat tour on a lake.

You may wish to visit the German SDA internet site at: <http://sta-gehoerlosengemeinschaft.adventist.eu>
You can translate that site into English!
(See translation mini-menu on the site!)



Allan Meis preaching at a special inter district service in the Portland, OR area, during a recent special weekend



Enthusiastic members of the Deaf group in Brazil with their deaf imprinted clothing and Logo



A Deaf family from Chile who drove for several days to attend the special Deaf Seminar weekend in Brazil



Pastor Alfred Griffith and Pat Bryant (Rfront) with Gospel Outreach workers for the deaf during a recent training workshop



**The group of deaf ministry leaders and interpreters from the USA who met with 170 leaders and deaf members from Brazil during a special seminar there
Plus their Brazilian interpreter!**



The new General Conference Deaf Logo reflecting open 'signing hands' pointed toward Heaven and on the Bible



An Electronic Braille system being used by the man who was both deaf & blind during the German 95 Deaf Anniversary



German leader of Deaf for 25 years with Dr. Larry Evans, General Conference Liaison for 4 years



(LtoR) Maren a teacher of the Deaf from Germany who has become involved in Deaf Ministry in Kenya, Elder Mussoni, ECAD Director for Deaf Ministry, and Henry Kamau, (deaf), a main presenter at the German 95th Celebration retreat



There were two Finish text transcribers with the Finish delegate- the text was projected on the screen for all to see. The German HOPE - SDA TV was there, too!



Group picture with the special T-Shirts showing the new General Conference Deaf Logo - see opposite page for larger view

←←OTHER PAGE PICTURE CAPTION-

A View of the area in Germany where the 95th was held as viewed from the retreat center



A STORY OF ANSWERED PRAYER

SULADS Comprehensive School for the Deaf

By: Methelyn S. Tonog, Philippines

Dear God, where shall I send my grandson Stephen?

Clarita P. Inojales is a faithful Seventh-day Adventist member. She had been praying where she can send her deaf grandson to study. There is no SDA school for the Deaf anywhere in Mindanao and even in the Philippines. There is a government school for the Deaf nearby but there are too many students in a classroom to one teacher. She wants quality time for her dear boy.

Although Stephen's parents are not SDAs, she wants him the best education a school can offer especially that he is deaf. She enrolled him in a private school. There was a dormitory and as Stephen stayed there, she would only see her grandson on weekends.

On a weekend one day, Clarita Inojales saw something in Stephen that upset her. She noticed that her dear boy was making a sign of the cross. She asked him why he was doing that. Stephen said that that's what he learned in school. She excused that thought for the meantime thinking that it was only a small thing and she can do an overtime job to teach him not to do that next time whenever he comes home on weekends.

On her visit one Friday in school to fetch him, Stephen was eating lunch. She wondered what he was eating. When she checked he was eating a piece of swine's flesh. To her dismay she stopped him right away - that made her boy upset. She explained that it is not fit for food. But Stephen reasoned that even his teacher was eating that same food, and what's wrong with it?

As she is handicapped also to sign and can hardly communicate with Stephen, She decided to pull him out of school in the middle of the year. Why doesn't our church build a school for the Deaf? She complained. Dear Lord, she prayed. Please help me with my problem.

In church one Sabbath she related her problem about Stephen and how she asked the Lord to help her. It happened that there were MVC (Mountain View College) students present. There's a new SULADS SDA school for the Deaf! The students told her. This seems too good to be true! Lord, thank for answering my prayer, she cried. Where is this? and whom shall I contact? So the MVC students gave her Sir Daryl's number.

For so many tries she wasn't able to reach Sir Daryl because he was out of town. She kept praying and trying. Then at last she was able to connect. Thank you Lord, this is now the answer. Arrangements were made when and where to meet. Then on a Monday they came to the SULADS School for the Deaf in Malaybalay; Stephen, the grandma and the mother.

The Deaf students readily and heartily welcomed their new classmate and member of our school family. After we talked with the Administrator Ma'am Sarah Famisaran, she readily accepted. She called the students to sing to show to the grandma what her boy will learn from this school. As the students sang from their hearts mumbling the words we can't understand and at the same time signing with their hands, she broke to tears. This is an ANSWERED PRAYER! She declared wiping her tears away.

Stephen, who became a friend right away with the students, joined the group in singing and signing. They played and enjoyed their time as



Deaf people usually do in their own culture and language. The grandma was afraid at first that her boy will go with them right back home when they go home in the afternoon. He is very close to his grandma than the mother.

The time came to go and say goodbye. Stephen waved his hands goodbye too as if he had stayed already for long like his new classmates. This surprised the grandma who cannot believe what her boy is doing. He found a family here with you, she said embracing me and Ma'am Sarah goodbye.

SULADS DEAF SCHOOL REPORT

March 26, 2014 - Sarah & Daryl Famisaran

SULADS Comprehensive School for the Deaf opened and started classes last June 2013. Ten were officially enrolled but the three who came from the community nearby just come and go, not on a regular bases and were not able to finish the year. The seven made it.

We had the First Closing exercises in March 20, 2014 to close the school year. Parents and relatives came to this closing ceremony for the Deaf which they will witness for the first time.

Having these children to come to school for the first time, their ages range from nine years old, ten, fourteen, sixteen, nineteen, twenty and they were all in grade one. With their home made local sign language and can never read a letter, learning to them posted a big challenge and much more for the teacher. At the closing program, they recited poems, memory verses, sang songs in signs. They have become fast readers. They have undone their home made signs replaced by the ASL learned in school.

This is history in the making. The first SDA school for the Deaf in Southern Asia Pacific Division.

What a fruitful year it is seeing these seven finished the school year who can sing in church, and can readily read and memorize memory verses in signs from picture rolls.

They have become an inspiration to church members during our visit every Sabbath. They have been challenged that even these deaf can sing aloud with words we can't understand but their hands in sign and praise the Lord in worship. True to the slogan of the school "They shall be taught of God, and they will HEAR and SPEAK of God."

[Continued on other side of this sheet]

Yes we say a fruitful year because this is a bountiful harvest after a year and more harvest to come for the kingdom because they have started SPEAKING of God in their families.

But a bigger challenge remains for us to go forward in faith to pray more trusting the good Lord to sustain us financially. It is because our students come from poor families who can't afford to pay our required tuition of 1000 pesos [About \$22 US] per month much more for the food budget for their children. Only one student whose mother is abroad can afford to pay. But lately we received word that this mother was laid off from her work from in Kuwait. Because of the local insurgency problem in that Middle East Country.

As this is a ministry it breaks our heart to send these precious children home for the sole reason that they cannot afford to pay. As this is the ministry is financed by faith supported by prayer, please help us pray for heaven's blessings to sustain us. As many more deaf will come and enrol in opening classes in June.

FOUR STUDENTS STAYED FOR THE SUMMER

20 year old, Jeffrey the only child in the family planned to stay and work in our school farm for the summer. He said home is not home to him as his mother is so far away in Kuwait and his father always comes home drunk. The deaf school is now my new home. He signed.

Maribel, 16 was once abused by somebody she would not tell who. She said she wants to stay for summer because she hates home. Later we learned that her younger sister (also deaf) was pregnant and was found out that she was abused by her step father.

The two deaf sisters Rossel 16 and Gillan 10 stayed for summer because they have no more home to go home to. Their parents parted ways.

These four are now busy helping Rami Casas our farm manager preparing, planting, weeding, raising crops for our food needs for the coming school year.

CHURCH VISITS

Sabbath is the most awaited day of the week. Children get excited every Friday because they know that we will be going out to visit a church. The church members who have never heard deaf children sing are moved to tears when our students sing heartily sounding aloud in signs. Many opened their hearts to join hands with us and pledged to help whatever they can for the ministry.

One teacher donated her sewing machine when she learned that we need one for the livelihood projects of our deaf students come opening of classes in June we will start to teach sewing.

A lady dentist and a president of a nursing school donated chairs and tables and other school materials to the deaf school. We invited her to be our guest speaker for the first closing exercises. Seeing the life in the Deaf school campus, the farm and the country living, she pledged to continue her support for the ministry. She encouraged us to venture mushroom culture which she has already, so that she can help in some way.

The Lions Club of Malaybalay City, whose president is a Seventh-day Adventist and an elder of a church we visited, came with the club members and gave school supplies and food for our students.

Many more churches we visited gave whatever they have in



Mindanao Deaf School Residence, Kitchen and Latrine kind.

Vegetable seeds, fruit tree seedlings, used clothes, books etc.

VOLUNTEERS

April June Astillo, a lady volunteer was moved to tears during our visit in their church. When asked what really made her decide to volunteer, she said "I was really touched when the children sang and I want to be a part. She was not enrolled anyway, so she came to assist us in the big bulk of the work. She sat in our class with the Deaf children and immersed herself in going with the students, in the kitchen, in the farm, in worships and everywhere.

Now she signs fast and promised to come back to join the team after she graduates from college. She is taking up Med Tech, but she is now making up her mind to take up education and major in sign language.

Joy Siasis Achivida, joined us since the start of the school year. She was responsible in recruiting some of our Deaf students. She now signs fast and she's just married, she and her husband are now in the school in-charge of the girls in the dormitory as we will be away for the summer for our schooling, in sign language.

AN APPEAL

At the moment, we are not set up for tax receipted donations for 'running' the daily expenses of the school, but *we are set up* to help them continue their long term building program. ***For this school building project, you can receive a tax deductible receipt.***

In the USA, please make a check to: **Gospel Outreach**
In Canada: please make a check to: "A Better World"
Then mail to: **Deaf Ministry,, C/o Pastor John Blake**
PO Box 308, Clive, AB, T0C 0Y0, Canada
If You Have Any Questions: Phone: 403-784-3798

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Prov./State: _____ **PCode/ZIP:** _____
Email: _____@_____
Phone: _____ - _____ - _____