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#### Pastor Ted Wilson-

GC President was at Jinja SDA central church Uganda on February 16, 2018. Over 50 Deaf attended and presented a skit showing how the Deaf ministry was in the church, and how it is currently. The Deaf Ministry also presented a gift to pastor Ted. Oh what a beautiful and wonderful event It was. Report by Dan interpreter - Jinja

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## A group of 113 Students Graduate from a massive sign language class near Accra in Ghana. Jordan & Kay attended representing the Gen.Conf. Article below basically by Elder Jeff Jordan

of Ghana, Africa, the weekend of April 14, professional. 2018. A graduation ceremony of 113 who have been learning Ghanaian Sign Language was performed at Valley View University (VVU), an Adventist owned higher education institute, which is located near Accra, the capital city.

The South Ghanaian Union Conference leadership, which is led by Elder Alfred Asiam, caught the vision in reaching out to the Deaf and those with special needs by sharing the good news about Jesus. Because of his vision, GSL classes were developed and taught in various locations within the Union territory.

Thompson Kay, interpreter and lecturer, and I were invited to participate with the historic event at VVU. On the opening day, four topics were presented: I presented on the topic of "Ministering to the Deaf', two presentations were presented by Thompson Kay on "Ministering to the Blind" and "What is the Sign Language Interpreters' Role in Ministry?" And finally, a topic was given also an Adventist.

A historic event occurred in the country on "Mental Health", by a local

For church service on Sabbath, I challenged the audience to make a Difference in Service for God as Thompson Kay voice interpreted for me.

After the ceremony, a braille machine was dedicated to the Lord. This machine is much needed in Ghana because the Bible and other reading materials can now be printed in braille so that the Blind can read. [Dr. Larry Evans raised the funds for this expensive Braille printer from donations, etc. A young man who is blind came to the dedication and he read a Bible passage in braille.

The following day, Sunday, we had an opportunity to visit a School for the Deaf, founded by an African-American Deaf educator named Andrew Foster. It currently has about 450 students and 35 teachers, 13 of them deaf. One of the Deaf teachers is an Adventist and he currently teaches Bible every Sabbath to interested students. The House parent is



Deaf Students at the SULADS Philippine Deaf School

There are good things happening at the Philippine SULADS Deaf School. The students have been involved in a community service program called "Lend an Ear- Lend a Hand". This takes students out to perform acts of kindness and help in the surrounding community.



Students in the "Lending" program



Dr. Fred Webb, the Regional Gospel Outreach [GO] Director for the Philippines, also monitors the work for the Deaf in Greater Manila, one GO worker in Cagayan de Oro, and the Deaf school also in Mindanao.

Dr. Webb recently spent considerable time in the Philippines, visiting all the main GO hearing work there, teaching a class at the AIAS Adventist

University and working with Deaf Ministry.

Currently there are 7 workers at the Deaf school. Paul Marc Caberte is the Principal with 6 supporting teachers. Paul and four of the teachers are supported by Gospel Outreach with two others as SULADS full volunteers. Timmy Dag-on is farm manager and is doing an excellent job of producing food for the school. *Dr. Webb had a lovely meal there which was fully grown at the school.* 

Dr. Webb also had a fruitful visit with Lychel and Cheard Gabuco and their retired pastor father. After a break in time, both girls are back in full time Deaf Ministry.

If you would like to see pictures from their outreach - Go to the Facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/Sulads-Comprehensive-School-for-the-Deaf-167 6812612560370/

Still Available on DVD:
The "Amazing Health Facts"
set by Alfred Griffith (8
lectures) and the "Our World:
A Theater in God's Universe"
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Mavis with non-SDA student Ruth

## Ghana Non-SDA Deaf School Ministry

Mavis, a GO worker and wife of GO worker, Harrison Antwi in Ghana, is working half time with deaf students from two government schools: mainly with 40 from the Jamasi Deaf School, but also 15 from the Wiamoase deaf school. 9 Students come from SDA homes and one was recently baptized.

Mavis not only has Bible classes, but some Sabbath services with the students as well. Please see the accompanying pictures for more details. Please pray that God will give fruit in heaven for her work with these precious children!

#### SDA DEAF HISTORY PROJECT

The SDA History Project is progressing slowly. Pictures have now been added to each appropriate sectionsome going back into the 1970's. We do not have pictures for the early years, but we do go back some with black and white pictures, followed by color. A retired leader who knows deaf work from the 1970's has agreed to help with some of the basic editing.

The project is divided into two major Divisions: One for the USA and the other for Canada. The USA section has 61 pages and the Canadian 32 pages. So the total pages for both USA and Canadian sections is 93 pages so far.

Each country has: (1) a basic historical section; (2) A Leader's profile section (3) A Deaf organization section; (4) a Time-Line section and an

(5) 'Extra Picture' section

We expect that the whole history project will initially *only be online* on an SDA deaf

ministry web site.

Three Angel's Deaf Ministries Celebrates Twenty Years of Ministry

April 1, 2018 marks 20 years since Adventist Deaf Ministries [ADM] was formed back in 1998. [ADM had a name change to *Three Angel's Deaf Ministries* [3ADM].

Because of a financial crises, the *Christian Record* which for 18 years had added a deaf department to their major blind ministry, decided that they had to close their deaf department. They had hoped that the North American Division would start a department for deaf ministry, but that did not happen.

Because of this serious break in deaf ministry, a concerned deaf ministry group of individuals set up an official organization called "Adventist Deaf Ministries'. 3ADM works very closely with the North American Division [NAD] in preparing materials for ministry with deaf in North America. The NAD helps 3ADM with some of its projects and this has been a great help!

The 3ADM office is in Elder David and Francisca's home in Maryland. Esther Doss works part time with 3ADM and is also the Deaf Ministry Coordinator for North America.

We praise God that 3ADM has successfully reached the 20 year mark!



**GO Worker India Training Session** 

## A Deaf Lay Pastor Visits India for the First Time!

#### By Chuck McGehee-Deaf Lay Pastor

"My trip to India in March with Marvin Budd was amazing. The first week we went to Northeast Andhra Section (Conference) in Vizianagaram for Gospel Outreach Deaf workers training seminar with Elder Ambrose, the Special Needs Director from the Southern Asia Division. There were 11 GO Lay Bible Workers coming from various places far and near. Their NEAS Conference had an SDA academy on its campus. I fell in love with the hearing students [in uniforms] who were so beautiful. They came from many different religious backgrounds.

During the training seminar, Marvin shared the Story of Hope and Faith with the GO workers. I gave some studies about the meaning of The Lamb and Sanctuary. They enjoyed the seminar as it helped them understand how to approach their Deaf Indian communities in various areas as they share stories about Jesus Christ.

The second week we went to the "Child Impact" Deaf School near Kollegal, a 5-hour-drive south from Bengaluru. We stayed right at the Deaf School. The 75 Deaf children ranged in age from 8 to 18. They were so amazing and polite! We gave a Week of Prayer series of presentations over 5 days. Each of the 8 presentations were about Biblical stories.

In concluding, I would say that I would like to go back to the

Deaf School in Kollegal again - if they ask me.

Our Deaf friends took me to visit in the Deaf community. We saw the first old school for the Deaf children nearby"

#### [Deaf Trip Extra Info]

While this trip was Chuck's first to India, it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> for Marvin Budd who for many years has been an interpreter for Deaf, as needed, in and around Andrews University, where he worked in the AU computer department. Currently Marvin is looking after basic Gospel Outreach [GO] deaf work in India on an 'Interim basis'. There are 16 GO workers for the Deaf in India. Marvin has come to fill in after Elder Alfred Griffith had to resign because of a medical challenge in his family.



Chuck taking a Wk. Of Prayer at the Deaf school at Kollegal in India



Marvin Budd, on Sabbath with the deaf students from the India Deaf school



L to R- Elder Ambrose, Southern Asia Division Special Needs Director with Marvin Budd and Chuck McGhee on their trip to India March, 2018



The India GO workers during discussion time in their special training session with Ambrose, Budd and McGehee. There are 16 GO workers for the *Deaf* in India along with about 1,200 GO workers for the *Hearing* 





Above: Students at Kollegal SDA Deaf school having fun in a bag race or playing volleyball in the courtyard at the school. Budd and McGehee took various services at the deaf school



Gopinah, a GO disabled long-time GO worker with a new 4 wheel motor scooter to help him get around. One USA deaf group gave \$1,000 toward the fund for this scooter and for special medical help with his family. The scooter remains the property of the Mission but for Gopinah's use in his ministry with deaf people



Jeff Jordan\s Evangelistic Series in Tenn.

Elder Jeff Jordan and Melissa have become grand-parents for the first time! They have the first Jordan girl in the family! Jade Elizabeth Jordan was born on November 12, 2017, in Chattanooga, TN. She weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces. Jade's parents are Noah & Kristianne Jordan. Jordan's other sons shown in the picture are: Niklas, Jared, and Matthew.



## **Jordan's Evangelistic Series:**

(As Reported by Jeff below)

The evangelistic series lasted five weekends from *February 10 to March 10, 2018* for a total of 20 meetings. At the end of the meeting, everyone raised their hands revealing that they have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Then four persons have expressed their

desire to be baptized so I'm doing a follow-up study with them. Let's give God the glory!

#### STATISTICS:

- -Average Local Attendees: 24
- **Average Online Viewers**: 95
- Total States: 29
  - Total Countries: 6 (Barbados, India, France, Australia, Canada, Germany)

#### **COMMENTS**:

"Wow! My wife and I really enjoyed the series in ASL. We now understand the symbols in Revelation and Daniel." (Oregon)

• "I look forward to the meetings this Saturday."

## (Pennsylvania)

 "You have explained the prophecies clearly and I now understand. Thank you!"

## (California)

• "I love to watch 'What If' program."

#### (Texas)

• "I watched all series of What If? seminar and I now understand the great controversy better..." (
(Indiana)

"I understood much more about Hell better...thank you very much for me to learn about truth." (New Jersey)



Recent Taping of the Missionary Book of the Year in Sign Language in Brazil



## Training/Study Program in India Rathna & Elena Satyavadi-3AM Trust-India

Rathna & Elena have a great burden to help Deaf in India. They have set up a '*Trust*' and have bought land, and set up a training center for deaf students. Some of the students have finished at the Kollegal Deaf school and moved over the relatively short distance to the 3AM Trust. The 'Trust' offers some training in: carpentry, agriculture, animal husbandry, herbal remedies, as well as Adventist religion classes. They have some business/industrial aspects as Rathna is a businessman and has three degrees.

The following pictures show their bakery, some of the product and how they can sell items made!



The bakery above is set up in the town of Kollegal near the main SDA deaf school which has been in operation for over 15 years.



A sample of the bakery products



Elena with two of their student workers and one way of selling the foods



Francisca Trexler-April 28, 2018 on a special high day at Ferndale, WA

David and Francisca Trexler made a special trip from Maryland up to Ferndale, WA church just a few miles from the Canadian border. Mat and Sam came over the border from the Fraser Valley to join with a large group of deaf meeting at the Ferndale church. A number also came from the Portland area. Sam is deaf and appreciates so much when he can join in with our USA Deaf in Ferndale, or join even further South in Seattle.



David Trexler also presenting on the Theme of Salvation & the End Time.

Jesus will not return until the Gospel has also been given to the Deaf!

What are the implications of this statement for all of us?

# Son of Deaf Parents Baptized!

Kirk, the youngest son of Mike and Judy Johnson (deaf parents) was baptized in his local church in Seattle, WA, on Sabbath, April 21. Kirk had earlier faced many challenges, but decided that he needed Jesus in his life. He told his

grand-parents confidentially about



Kirk Johnson: Center with parents: Mike and Judy, his Aunt Joan Septembre and cousin Bjorn Stickle

his thoughts and they sent him a Bible and a number of printed items. Kirk also went to the Amazing Facts web site and worked on lessons. Partly through the help of a local interpreter, Nohelani Jarnes, Kirk started attending a Seattle church with a youth pastor and many youth activities. So, after baptismal studies, Kirk was baptized April 21. Attending were his parents, his Aunt Joan Septembre from Canada, a cousin Bjorn Stickle and various close family friends from the deaf church group in Portland, OR and of course- Kirk's Pastor & Seattle church family!



A Deaf choir in South Tanzania -we have only recently started a GO worker in Tanzania. This picture is taken at a Special Needs Camp



Dr. Fred Webb mans the 'Philippine Booth' at the special Gospel Outreach April 7 Promotion meeting at the Walla Walla University church. Dr. Webb works with both the Hearing and Deaf GO workers in the Philippines - spending considerable time each year visiting them.

#### Lives Filled with Possibilities



#### **EDITORIAL**

By Pastor John Blake

The General Conference has expanded the outreach of the 'Office of Special Needs' to now include: Caregivers, Orphans & Vulnerable Children, the Blind, the Deaf, Widows/Widowers and those with Mobility or Mental Health and Wellness concerns.

Obviously, this is a huge mandate and it all comes under the direction of Dr. Larry Evans. During the last two years he has been going to Division after Division to promote, explain and train

about how we as a church can be a special blessing to those with these 'special needs'. Most of these groupings have a special world committee to help facilitate and guide in reaching out to those in each category.

I have the privilege of being on the central coordinating committee as well as the one on deafness. Elder Ted Wilson put this 'office' directly under his guidance as he considers it

extremely important! For too long we as a church have failed to exercise the care and attention that many of these groups need.

#### Ellen White wrote:

"I saw that it is in the providence of God that widows and orphans, the blind, the deaf, the lame, and persons afflicted in a variety of ways, have been placed in close Christian relationship to His church; it is to prove His people and develop their true character. Angels of God are watching to see how we treat these persons who need our sympathy, love, and disinterested benevolence. This is God's test of our character."

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Mwata - Kenya Deaf Boarding School-Update

Students: 32 Teachers: 6 Other Staff: 4

**-Last month** *Maranath*a built separate washrooms for teachers and staff.

#### Maranatha also-

Supplied the school with 25 chickens, 3 cows for milk, 4 goats and now a girls toilet.

Special Needs Sabbath, April 28/2018, Baanburi, Kenya. Picture from Kevin Ndemo who has been active both with Deaf Ministry and Special needs

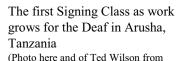
(He is top left-back row)

#### The Deaf School Still Needs:

- -A somewhat modern kitchen
- -Accommodation for teachers
- Bible stories
- -Flip charts for children
- -Kenya education system teacher's reference books
- -General Stationery

## If you would like to help-

Please contact *Pastor Blake* to discuss how best you can help.



Eric Steven)



Youth Signing a special in Zimbabwe

### DEAF MINISTRY MEMORIES OVER THE YEARS





Deaf Retreat - Kananaskis Park, AB



Deaf choir before baptism at Milo camp



Don & Alfred Griffith families and Friends at the Christian Deaf Center in Arkansas



Deaf group at BC Camp meeting when T. Kay was the special speaker.



Putting information in packets to mail to pastors/churches across Canada. It included an explanation of materials and a DVD.

Elder John & Evelyn Issler - about 40-50 years ago. John was a major help in advancing deaf work- in Can.

& in USA. John canvassed his way across Canada working with deaf people - ending in California where he worked with Deaf.

## A SPECIAL REPORT

## JANVIER, DEAF- A MODEL OF MODERN **DISCIPLESHIP IN BURUNDI**

By Pastor Steven Eric Nsengiyumva, Burundi Union Mission Communication Director

In Burundi, when a child is born with physical disability, they are hidden from neighborhood. And despite the fact that many of them are not brought to school and being labeled as useless, these children are not few. Janvier Nkurikiye who was born deaf in January 1990, in a family of eight children, among whom six were boys while two were girls. He was the only one with that plight. But when it is about discipleship, no stigma was able to be his drawback.

Unlike other families, his family treated him well and he went to his church school in Bujumbura which is his city and from there was able to learn sign language.

In July 2014, while in Kenya, visiting a friend from Italy, Janvier knew about an Adventist who led him to an Adventist meeting for the deaf ... He went there with interest to see what is going on there and eager to meet many more people like him.

He enjoyed his stay at that gathering, but at the climax of the conference, he was baptized by Pastor Paul Muasya who was the main speaker of the meeting. Beside coming across many other people with special needs and attending that unique event, he also got salvation.

When he came back to Burundi in 2015 with his new faith of the three angels' message, he was not expecting to find challenges on his the way. Having no single church with sign language in the Seventh day Adventist Church and being the only known Adventist deaf person, while 2015 was a very hard time with too much political tension in the country, it was not even easy for him to go to church given his condition.

After the tension released, it was not easy to find a church where to worship, because many churches in the capital city were not willing to have a sign language group assigned to them, some of them fearing to attract more deaf and related trials. But they finally started in Kamenge with the help of a Ugandan brother with special needs and church leadership at the country level.

From there, the first church with sign language was born, with Janvier and his non Adventist friend who was a sign language interpreter. But within a very short time, there are already more than five churches in the country with sign language and more than 100 souls baptized through the ministry of Janvier to his fellow brothers and sisters with special needs. Remarkably, Janvier's interpreter himself has now become a baptized Seventh-Day Adventist member. Asked how he is feeling in contributing to this harvest of souls in a very short time and how he became an Adventist due to his encounter with Janvier, and after only four months interpreting the message to Janvier, smiling Ntihabose Frederick, said: "Those who despise them do not know that these are people to sensitize and tell them they belong to the human race and that they can change the world too, and results can tell. Personally, I also have a special concern how I can be involved to bring as many people as possible to Christ and know the Seventh day Adventist message".

One of the best indicators of how Janvier's ministry to the deaf is prospering and the rapid pace in discipleship was the first

deaf camp meeting, ever held Bujumbura, Burundi, which saw more than 120 deaf people attending in August, 2017. "It really helped me very much" He said. "And we had invited even more non-Adventist deaf people. I also enjoyed the fact they knew for the first time about the Sabbath.

He also said he is trying

to mentor some people who can help him spread the news to other regions, and his church now has even elected two deaf people as deacons, Janvier being one them.

Asked if he also evangelizes the hearing, he said: "Yes, I do and I know I get the strength from the Holy Spirit who convicts hearts. And I am calling upon those who have special needs that they should not be limited by stigma and yield totally to incapacity, their disabilities should not be a barrier."

"I am preparing to go to different provinces so that they can get ready for 2018 TMI launch and with my team we are also preparing songs for that big event." He concluded.

The special needs director at the union level, Pastor Manirakiza Jean Claude said - shedding tears when Janvier was addressing to the congregation: "This reminds me of Jesus saying that if people don't shout hosanna in the highest for him, stones will shout."

Now Janvier is having overwhelming invitations from churches around the country those that have people with special needs and those having no one. We still need many more like him who can feel that holy



Ntihabose Frederick, former Catholic interpreter working with Janvier in Burundi

passion and zeal to see hearts yield to Jesus.

## **SPECIAL NOTE:**

Janvier is asking for 5 more workers to join him.

#### A SPECIAL UPDATE FROM DR. LARRY EVANS:

"I am moving to Vancouver, WA to be closer to family members who have terminal cancer. I will still be working full time and will maintain my office at the General Headquarters. Since much of my work is travel and international in scope, this should not create a handicap. I am committed to seeing this "movement" continue its rapid expansion."

So far this year Dr. Evan's travels have taken him to: Mexico, Portugal, Aruba, and he was writing his note from Australia.

[Note- Larry and his wife just arrived in Vancouver, WA, May 16, and unloaded the moving van the next day]

## First Batch of Speech and Hearing Challenged Graduates from Lowry Adventist College

By Jacob Bhaggien - Kollegal Deaf School Principle

"It was a proud moment for Mr. and Mrs. Panicker and for Shiny and me to witness the graduating ceremony of six of our children with a speech and hearing challenge receiving their *degree-Bachelors of Commerce* from Lowry Adventist College in the presence of their college family, parents, relatives and friends on April 7, 2018.

When we started working with the deaf, we never knew what they are capable of achieving, but today I fully agree with I King Jordan, former President of Gallaudet University, the only University for the Deaf in the world, that the 'Deaf people can do anything except hear.'

Our children at Lowry Adventist College were on par with the rest of the students in every front and I was glad to see them being treated by their teachers and fellow students as an equal and not as 'special students'.



To God be the glory and praise for what He has done with these precious children. I thank leaders at *Asian Aid*, Higher than the Gods Ideal for Highers be read

The seven Graduate Deaf Students - formerly of the Kollegal SDA Deaf school - as they graduate at *Lowry Adventist College*. In the center are Mr. and Mrs. Panicker. He translated the hearing classes for the deaf students. Jacob and Shiny Bhaggien (deaf school director & his wife) are at the extreme left and right of the picture

Child Impact International, Helping Hand Welfare Society, Southern Asia Division, South Central India Union and Lowry Adventist College for their support and willingness to accommodate these young people studying along with the other students with the kind support of Mr. Panicker as their interpreter. "

#### **Pat Gustin:**

Pat is the Gospel Outreach Regional Director's Supervisor and the major preparer of the new "Story Method of Teaching" syllabus. She will be going to Kenya in August to train Gospel Outreach workers from up to 12 African countries. For some years, Pat was the Director of the Missionary Training program at Andrew's University - after years earlier spent as a missionary in southern Asia.

### AN APPEAL FOR GENERAL FUNDING FOR DEAF MINISTRY

The ministry for the Deaf that we are involved with has so many different aspects. Some is local here in Canada with our newsletter, camp meeting booth, and the sending out of free DVD's to Deaf in many countries. So, this appeal is for general funding for deaf work here and overseas - as we see the needs. It might pay postage for DVD's or newsletters, or help a new GO worker start in Zambia or another un-entered country.

YES: I would like to make a general donation for Deaf Ministry to the Bentley SDA Church. It is to be used wherever needed in Deaf Ministry! Receipts will be given as follows:

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