

# Canadian Deaf Ministry International Report

Featuring SDA Deaf Ministry in Canada and Overseas  
In Conjunction With *Gospel Outreach* September - 2013



## Administration Building (left) and New Dormitory at Philippine SULADS Deaf School

### Philippine SDA School for the Deaf Opens

The new SULADS SDA School for the Deaf in Mindanao, Philippines just opened on June 18/13 with seven students. The school is under the direction of Darryl and Sarah Famisaran. Sarah is our Gospel Outreach worker for the Deaf in all of Mindanao and is shouldering most of the load!

The school has been building for about two years on a new campus about 35 km from Mountain View SDA College. It is located on about 8 acres of land with three main buildings to start: (1) a house for the construction workers, (2) a classroom/administration building and (3) a dormitory.

Because of extremely limited background, all the students are in grade one, though their ages range from eight to ten to sixteen and even twenty years old.

There is enough land at the school to grow a good percentage of their own food. A large corn field is shown in one of the pictures we have received! They bought extra land giving them a permanent spring for a water supply, and they now have a good cistern for keeping the water which flows by gravity down to the school.

From Canada, mostly through the Alberta SDA "A Better World" organization, a total of around \$25,000 has been sent from Canada to help build on the new location. The school originally started in an available room located near *Mountain View College*.

The students are involved in a daily work program. Mayelle, a mother of two children assists in the care of the students. She is having Bible studies and is considering baptism. Sarah stays in the dorm with the deaf students along with her teacher-in-charge. Her husband helps on the weekends when he is home from the SULADS offices at *Mountain View College*.

They have all been going out on weekends to put on programs in surrounding SDA churches. Recently, Sarah was able to visit the deaf group she helped start in Cagayan and found that Sunny Suan, the deaf lay worker, was taking her place and interpreting for his co-Deaf brethren using the little hearing he has. Sunny is praying that the Lord will provide him with a hearing aid so that he can interpret better for his deaf group!



### **Dr. Hans Diehl Video Recordings**

We recorded a special weekend at *Canadian University College* with Dr. Hans Diehl. Dr. Diehl is the well-known founder of the CHIP Coronary Health Reduction program used in many countries of the world.

Through a combination of diet and exercise - with trust in Divine power, the program helps people reduce their cholesterol levels and in some cases, has eliminated the need for heart surgery bypasses. The program is also a great blessing to Type II Diabetics - helping them to greatly reduce their dependence on insulin, and in some cases, go off insulin entirely.

Dr. Diehl's four week lifestyle change and recovery program was purchased by the famous (SDA) Sanatarium Foods of Australia, the largest breakfast food company in that country.

The program has now been completely changed and updated with Dr. Diehl as well as various medical doctors conducting the program on video.

We recorded many of the lectures Dr. Diehl gave outlining the basic principles of the program. *We paid a professional interpreter to put the lectures here into Sign Language.*

One of the lectures gives the story of how Dr. Diehl got involved with Nathan Pritikin's pioneer lifestyle change program as he did research to see if it really worked. He not only became convinced,

but went to work for Pritikin's program for several years. Dr. Diehl popularized the program and adapted it so a church could put on the program with a 16 night lecture program over a period of 4 weeks.

The new CHIP program by Sanatarium Foods is less times per week, but goes over a longer time span.

We are currently trying to find out what interest there may be in having most of these introductory lectures which we recorded in Canada now put onto DVD for use here in North America. ***If you have interest, please contact us.***

### **Gospel Workers Baby Dedicated**

Harrison Antwi began as our first Gospel Outreach worker for the Deaf in Ghana some years ago. Now there is a maturing structure of Deaf Ministry with many involved in a growing work.

Harrison is now married, and he and his wife have named their Baby, "Alberta", in honor of Mrs Alberta Blake, wife of Pastor John Blake. Harrison's wife is currently attending University working on a degree in education.





***Pictures from Jordan's Philippine visit  
Jordan Deaf Trip to Philippines***

***By Pastor Jeff Jordan, Pastor Southern Union of SDA (article abridged)***

"After a long 17 hour flight to Manila ...Noah (his son) and I were taken direct to camp on the property of the Adventist University. ... It was good to see many familiar smiling faces I met last year!

The Deaf Ministry at Pasay Adventist church in Manila launched their first camp for the Deaf and I was invited to be their chaplain while Noah participated with different roles such as being a camper, interpreter, photographer, videographer. Noah was very adaptable and he fit in very well with the campers and staff alike.

During the morning and evening worship services, plus Sabbath service, I preached a series of 8 evangelistic sermons. As a result, ten people were baptized at the University pool. Most of them have already been prepared by the leaders of the PAC Deaf Ministry. Hats off to Lychel Gabuco and Cheard Gabuco, whose father is a retired minister.

...Noah, Lychel, and I, flew south to Cagayan de Oro in Mindanao, a big island. We were greeted and picked up by Daryl Famisaran, who has been involved with SULADS and the Deaf ministry with his wife, Sarah.

...I preached the same 8 evangelistic sermons and 5 people were baptized in the church baptistry. Hats off to Sarah Famisaran and Sunny Suan, a Deaf elder of that church. If you want more details, you can watch the PowerPoint slide show with many pictures by clicking "**Philippines 2013**" under the "**Video Library**" [menu] on our website"

**\*\*That web site is:**

**[www.deafchurchonline.org](http://www.deafchurchonline.org) *The story of the trip is both signed and voiced!***

**Second Gospel Outreach Worker in Ghana**

A second Gospel Outreach worker has now started in Ghana, Samuel Prempeh. Dr. Am o a h , t h e C o n f e r e n c e Secretary reports:



"Samuel is working hard organizing people for deaf church service and in the social setting helping some deaf people learn deaf language.

An American NGO is working hard with Samuel to help some deaf people in the community where Samuel is living get support for their trade or professional careers as a grant. The NGO does not offer grant to church organized deaf people group but through Samuel the American lady sent down here to Ghana is ready to help our deaf church members access such grant. Our deaf church members are to fill forms supplied to them and get it sent to the American embassy here.



Photo By Patricia Smith

## **Baptism At 2013 Cohutta Deaf Camp Southern Deaf Fellowship**

By Pastor Jeff Jordan

The annual Southern Deaf Camp Meeting took place at the beautiful Cohutta Springs Convention Center in north Georgia July 31 to August 4, 2013. The theme was “*Growing in Christ During the Last Days*” with Chuck McGehee, ... A total of 124 individuals (a new record) came from various places to hear Chuck preach and were spiritually blessed. (A total of 18 interpreters had their own workshop during camp meeting.). *Live streaming* was provided again over the Internet for those who couldn't come.

After the main presentation . Francisca Trexler gave an excellent workshop on marriage and family. During the afternoon break out activities, the individual had four options: a prophecy seminar taught by Elder David Trexler, counseling with Francisca Trexler, tour the Collegedale area (visited Southern Deaf Fellowship church, ABC, and Southern Adventist University), and outdoor activities such as the water slide, blob, torpedo boat rides, [etc].

As we celebrated the Sabbath, communion service and inspirational testimonies were shared on Friday evening. Sabbath School and worship service on Sabbath morning. After lunch, the large group gathered at the front of the lake and witnessed five individuals as they were baptized. Pontoon boat rides, Prayer

Walk, hiking, canoeing, biking, visiting, and just relaxing were among the many Sabbath activities.

**Baptized From Canada:** Jason Persaud (East Gwillimbury, Ontario) is the 12 year old first born son of Nigel and Ruby Persaud. (Right front in picture) He had been taking Bible study lessons with Pastor Fred Griffith and because of his decision to follow Jesus, I baptized him. His maternal grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins came all the way from Texas to celebrate Jason's decision...”

**Others baptized were:** Christelle Woods, Paul Sweeney and John and Robert Klein.

### **Camp Meeting Presentation Results in a \$2,500 Gift for Uganda Worker**

Pastor Blake gave a 15 minute morning presentation at the main 9 am meeting at the Alberta Camp meeting on the needs of the Deaf and showed highlights of recent developments in ministry to Deaf around the world.

One of the pictures in the PowerPoint presentation showed a small group of Deaf in the East African country of Uganda. A statement was made that funding was needed for the new “*Adopt-a-Worker*” program with *Gospel Outreach* to start a worker in Uganda.

Following the presentation, the spouse of a former Alberta Conference worker brought a check for \$2,500 to cover the first year cost of a pioneer GO worker to start in Uganda. Negotiations are now going on between Gospel Outreach and the Adventist Global Mission Director in Uganda to establish a first full time Deaf Ministry worker in Uganda! Do pray that this will all work out soon!



### **Jessica Signing for Judith Stothart**

#### **Alberta Camp Meeting Surprises**

We discovered that Elder Gabriel and Mrs. Jessica Perea from Texas - who were working with the Young Adult Division, both could sign for the Deaf. Jessica actually signed a number of her husband's meetings for Judith Stothard of Ryley, AB

For years Jessica had been interested in sign language. About three years ago, the Lord gave her two scenes in a dream. In the first a deaf lady came to her door, and in the second she saw herself preaching to a deaf group. She wondered what these dreams really meant.

Some time later, Jessica was in the bathroom when a persistent knock came at her front door. She called out to wait, but the knocking continued. Finally, when she got to the door, there was deaf lady, just like in the dream. As the conversation continued, Jessica asked why the deaf lady had come to the door.

The deaf lady explained that she was out walking and wanted a drink of water. She felt she should pray about which home to approach. She was influenced to knock on Jessica's door. God knew days ahead that this would take place - a prophecy fulfilled!

Jessica has been led to believe that she has a special calling to ministry with Deaf. They have taken many sign language

courses and have made a serious attempt to get to know deaf in their present location.

**Another surprise:** Pastor Blake again had a Deaf Ministry booth in the display tent at the Alberta Conference Camp meeting. In order to help attract people to really pay some attention to the burden of the display, he again offered those completing a simple 5 point quiz the chance to win a Google Nexus 7" tablet. 111 people filled in the quiz sheet - each learning something new about ministry to deaf people!

When the draw was finally made as camp meeting drew to a close, a young man, Adam Bially, who had been attending the *Alberta 'Change' Lay Training program* had his name drawn to receive the tablet. He had just a few minutes before filled in the quiz, and even though the names were well mixed, his name was pulled out of the box while he was still in the display tent. He was very thankful for this new tool to help in his life and ministry!

He is using it now as a Bible Worker!



**Asian Aid SDA Deaf School Graduates from Kollegal, India . The school was very happy that the graduating class did so well in their first government exams!**



## Many Things Happening in Kenya!

***There is a new school being built*** and two rooms are basically finished and are now being used!

Henry Kamau, a Deaf Ministry Coordinator for Kenya reported after a visit to the school as follows in July.

“In the school we found 2 rooms/classrooms which have already been completed. They were putting finishing touches on the sanitary blocks. We learnt that one of the rooms with 7 double decked beds would be used as boys’ dormitory while the girls would sleep at the main house where the lady who donated the land lives. This would be until more rooms have been built. We saw that the school still needs additional classrooms, an administration block, a dining room/kitchen, piped water/borehole, electricity, staff housing, additional teachers and support staff. Fortunately there is enough land for everything. ... There is enough land for growing food which can be used in the school.”

***\*We have just received word that the school has just started with 6 students!***

An experienced teacher, Monica Nyamusi, is heading up the school. She has long had a burden for the Deaf and is also a good signer and interpreter having also interpreted for Deaf at Baraton University. Already about \$10,000 has gone from Canada through “*A Better World*” to help this deaf school at Kisii.

## New Kisii School in the Distance at Kisii in Western Kenya- there are only 3 in all the SDA Church!

### New Deaf Church Starts in Ghana

Harrison Antwi, our Gospel Outreach worker for Ghana, has been joined in Deaf Ministry with help from Pastor Henry Afokwa, a young pastor who is also assigned to spend part of his time in Deaf Ministry. The Conference Secretary, Dr. James Amoah, has also been giving a lot of attention to ministry to Deaf. Between all their efforts, a new Deaf church group has been started at Seko. Pastor Afokwa & Harrison reported :

“A total membership of eleven Deaf has been mobilized and was set for service on that Sabbath. By God's grace the Seko hearing church has provided a church house for worship. It is an old Temple. ...

Seko is about 72 miles away from Kumasi. The person who will be looking after this newly opened church is Emmanuel Addo. He is a very good Deaf who can lead and interpret the Bible well as Harrison can do.

Some of the new members did not have any formal education in school and for that they cannot sign well. We have encouraged them and therefore have asked the leader, Emmanuel Addo to teach them some sign language every Sabbath they meet for service.”



**Inter-European Congress for Deaf**

A Congress for SDA Deaf was held at the Collonges sous Saleve SDA University on the French-Swiss border near Geneva from June 14-17/13.

Dr. Larry Evans, the General Conference Liaison for Deaf Ministry reported on the Conference as follows:

“Approximately 40 Deaf attended this conference hosted by the South France Conference and led by **Valerie Lefebvre**, the conference president’s administrative assistant. Deaf from France, Spain, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany and Brazil attended. As you know each language group has at least one sign language and dialects add to the challenge.

Coming from the United States were **David Trexler** (Deaf with 3 Angels Deaf Ministries) and **Alfred Griffith** (Gospel Outreach) and myself. David and Alfred were the presenters. What was amazing is that the Sabbath sermon which was presented at our Adventist University of France (Collonges France) was the translation that needed to be done. David’s sermon was signed in ASL (American Sign Language) which was then voiced by Alfred into English which was translated into French and Spanish. Then the Spanish and the French verbal languages were translated into their own sign language. Just to add to the mix the verbal French was translated into verbal Dutch for those hearing meeting with the Deaf. Got it? I wouldn’t dare call it “Babylon” but the language was certainly

diversified – maybe it was more like Pentecost! ☺ Very worthwhile!

The conference provided two excursion trips – one to Geneva, Switzerland (just a few miles away) to see the Reformation Wall and some Reformation highlights and another to the little village in the foothills of Mt Blanc--the highest peak in western Europe.....

**Further report from France:**

“In 2008 a team of volunteers began a service for Deaf people in France.

Their approach is based on respect for Deaf people and on their right to knowledge. This value is based on the



Christian motivation on that drives the entire team....

The main goal is to help Deaf people in their physical, psychological and spiritual needs: moral support, health advice, wedding preparation, translation of meetings and religious or funeral services etc. Video equipment and tools are available. The French Team organizes thematic meetings where Deaf and hearing people have the opportunity to meet and exchange (Christians cafés in FSL). The aim is to share a message of hope with them. ...The French Deaf Ministry team organizes several activities, such as Bible studies, Health Expos, European meetings, spiritual retreats, outreach programs.”



The signing was then recorded as the script was read aloud slow enough, or fast enough, for the signers to be comfortable with their actual interpreting. Both Allen and Esther usually had to do several 're-takes' on the majority of the pictures before they were satisfied with the '*American Sign Language*' interpretation. *Allen said that it was the hardest two weeks of his life!*

***Esther Doss Signing Introductions for the new Jesus Life Story Series***  
**Jesus Life Story DVD Set Recorded**

After about 6 years in planning, writing and preparation, the chronological "*Jesus Life Story*" video series was recorded in Mountain View, Arkansas, with Edgemont Video doing the production.

Allen Meis, an SDA teacher from Michigan, and son of deaf parents, is the main presenter. Esther Doss is also working with the series and has signed "*The Introductions*" to the ten chapter sections. She is also doing part of the video editing. Chip Doss, Manager of Edgemont Video, is leading out in all the phases of production. John Blake is writer and the Executive Producer.

The purpose of the series is to take the viewer on a sign language tour of all of Jesus life. It starts with a brief account of Jesus in heaven before coming to earth, then follows chronologically through Jesus life story.

There are over 500 paintings illustrating Jesus life and about 175 modern pictures and maps from Israel. The maps have been especially prepared to fit into the series. There are pictures to go with each of the 25+ locations where Jesus ministered and each place will be accessed by clicking on the location.

The series was first recorded in audio with the signers reading from the script.

Much prayer went into the preparation. Before starting each of the many recording sessions, several prayers were offered. We were anxious for God's special blessing. We regarded this as an awesome task to present an account of Jesus life in picture and sign (*Also with a full voice script*).

The series is now being edited and we hope it will be completed this year. It is also to have sub-titling in English. Do pray with us that souls will fall in love with Jesus and come to accept Him fully through this series! *We need the funds to also do sub-titles in more languages!*



**Allen Meis, the main signer/presenter with audio script in hand for DVD series**



### ***Wedding of the Griffiths in 1944***

#### **Wife of Pioneer Deaf Leader Passes**

Alyce Griffith, wife of Elder Arthur Griffith, was born on June 20, 1921 and passed away on July 11, 2013. Her memorial service was held on August 18 in the Vancouver Washington SDA Church.

In 1944 Alyce married Elder Arthur Griffith who for years, while a machinist, volunteered in ministry to Deaf. Finally, Arthur was taken on as a full time pastor and later ordained to the ministry in 1969 as the first ever SDA ordained pastor who was deaf himself.

In 1956 their 7 year old deaf daughter, Linda, was killed in a bicycle accident. From that time on Arthur became highly involved in sharing the hope of the resurrection and Second Coming with Deaf in the USA and through the mail, even to countries overseas.

The Blake's remember living at the Christian Deaf Center in Arkansas from 1982-1985 - with the Griffiths. They remember how Alyce loved to work in the gardens. She was a hard worker and proved to be an able and supportive companion in Deaf Ministry to her pioneer deaf husband.

Unfortunately, Alyce in her last years, suffered from dementia. However, she had

a stronger body and when her husband became crippled with a bad back, he would lead in thought and she could carry out the physical action as instructed.

In her final years, Alyce received good care at a special seniors care center after her husband passed away in January, 2010.



### ***Arthur and Alyce in their home***

Alyce is mourned by three hearing sons, Fred, Ben and Don, and one remaining deaf daughter, Doris, plus many grand-children and great grand-children.

#### **Western Russia Congress for Deaf**

Dr. Larry Evans just attended (Sept 20 weekend) the Western Russian Congress for the Deaf held at Zaosky SDA Seminary. Evans reports that there were 107 Deaf present. He wrote from the Congress: "The experience here has really been eye-opening! The work for the Deaf here is much more progressive than I ever thought it was. The division and union are indeed quite progressive in their planning for the Deaf work. I understand the division secretary will be with us today..

"They [the Deaf] are so excited to be together as is the case whenever such a congress is held! I was asked last night to talk about the conference in France that was just held. [see report here] I had spoken about it and even showed a couple slides in my first presentation but it really didn't sink in until they saw pictures of the event..."



*GO worker, Lychel (Left) with Her Faithful helper and deaf sister, Cheard*

### **Comments by Dr. Fred Webb about Manila Work!**

*Dr. Webb is the general GO Coordinator for the Philippines*

“When Lychel (our Gospel Outreach worker for the deaf) began her work here about 3 years ago, there were only 3 deaf individuals attending services. While not all were here this week, Lychel told me that she has about 80 that regularly attend. Only 10 of these are baptized Adventists. The others are Catholic, Mormon, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Iglesia ni Cristo, etc. They are all learning more about the Bible and several will be ready for baptism when Pastor Jeff Jordan comes again in May.” [see Jordan’s report!]

**EXTRA:** Lychel reported in June that their summer camp for the Deaf in the Mindanao area had some major challenges with a girl suffering concussion and they had much rain, but things worked out in the end and there were 10 deaf young people baptized. The deaf girl with the concussion refused to leave the camp because of her health, as she wanted so badly to be baptized first! Lychel says, “We were all worried about her condition but she was worried about her salvation! We were reminded that even in the most confusing times, God is in control.”

## **Editorial**

**By Pastor John Blake**

Every little while I receive an email from overseas! It may be from one of our Gospel Outreach lay Bible Workers, from one of the Conference officials supervising their work, or from some member or non-member Hearing or Deaf person that is anxious to foster Deaf Ministry in their own country. Recently most emails are coming from some part of East, West or Central Africa. Occasionally one comes from India or Pakistan.

The burden comes again and again. Deaf people - especially overseas - need so much help. Not only do they need help spiritually, but many are either without regular employment or are under employed. We occasionally hear stories from here and there of Deaf being mistreated or largely neglected by their family, community or government.

Earlier this year, when I was in India, I asked at the Kollegal school what would be happening to the 97 deaf children and young people at the school *if* there was no school. I was given the impression that they would be back in their village or farm simply helping with the work, with little or no formal education. In our account of the new school in the Philippines, you will read that all the first 7 students are in grade one even though their ages range from 8 to 20 years old. Why? They’ve had little or no possibility to learn. That means that on coming, they cannot even read the Bible or any spiritual books or magazines that you can read!

The needs are great. Both the Deaf school in Mindanao and the one in Kenya need more rooms and buildings to run efficiently and well. We need more Gospel Outreach workers for new work in countries like Ethiopia, Tanzania, Botswana, and the list could go on and on. In most places, as an Adventist church, we have little or no work for Deaf people!

**How can that change? One step at a time** - one worker, one student, one deaf interest at a time! Each person in the SDA church receives many calls for help. Some calls are for going to unentered areas, some calls are to perhaps buy an expensive piano for a lovely modern church, or perhaps help support one of our SDA satellite TV networks. Many calls! I ask you to consider the Deaf! Each person needs to prayerfully decide **where are the greatest needs - even the most neglected needs - and then prayerfully decide - with God - what should they do to help meet those needs!** *The Holy Spirit will show us our duty as we are willing to put God first in our lives!*



**Looks like a Fun Time ‘Water Fight’ During the Mindanao Deaf Camp Recreation Time**

**3ADM Free Service to Deaf**

**By Esther Doss, Communications - 3ADM**

One of the services that Three Angels Deaf Ministries offers Deaf members is a subscription program to *Sermons on DVD’s*. Subscribers receive a DVD each month with a sermon by a Deaf speaker. This program is excellent for those members who are isolated and far from a Deaf pastor or Deaf group. This way, they can still receive the blessing of a sermon in their own sign language.

The mailing list was recently updated to ensure that those receiving the DVDs are indeed interested in them. Each month, over 120 DVDs are now mailed. To be added to the list, the Deaf member needs to contact 3ADM.[see back page for address] Several subscribers told 3ADM how they use their DVDs. Many save the DVDs and watch several each week. One person said that she invites her non-Adventist friends to her home to watch the DVDs. Another stated she sends some to her non-Adventist friends and family in another state to share the truth with them. 3ADM is encouraged to see the DVDs being used to nurture members and to reach out to others.



**New Deaf Church Group at Seko in Ghana: Pastor Afokwa (extreme left) and GO Worker Harrison (extreme right)**



**Free 3ADM DVD’s**  
**See Article**



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**Maren (right) with all her family in Germany at a recent meal**

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### **German Teacher of Deaf Visits Kenya**

Ms. Maren Wöhler, a fully qualified SDA teacher from Germany, wrote some time ago wanting to take a Sabbatical year off during the 2014/2015 school year and volunteer her talents in some form of Deaf Ministry in an overseas location.

In order to facilitate her plans, Ms. Wöhler took an extended exploratory trip this summer to visit in various areas where Deaf Ministry is being conducted in Kenya. She was very impressed with the overall direction of the work and had many practical suggestions - especially where schooling for Deaf was involved whether at Baraton University or at Kisii.

Maren has two deaf sisters and two deaf parents, is currently teaching the Deaf in Germany and helping there with interpreting for church situations.

Maren needs our prayers as she makes her final decisions about where best to use her Sabbatical year in overseas Deaf Ministry!

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## EXTRA NEWS AND PICTURES

(Some of the pictures received after the main newsletter was set up)



West Russian Congress for Deaf with 107 Deaf in attendance



Luba (center) - the Gospel Outreach worker from Kyrgyzstan who was also attending the Russian deaf congress



Dr. Larry Evans (center) with Church officers for the Deaf from the Euro-Asia Division of SDA



Harrison (center), the Gospel Outreach worker with the new computer just purchased for the Central Ghana Deaf Department with funds from Alberta



Special Signed Music during the Russian Congress



Ron Vaillant, a volunteer with the camera's used to record the special weekend with Dr. Hans Diehl at *Canadian University College*. Ron and his wife Patti also have a scripture music ministry with materials available online



Congregation at the Russian Deaf Congress in Sept., 2013

### Comment By Dr. Larry Evans After visiting SDA Deaf work in many countries!

"Wherever I have seen the Deaf work progress rapidly it has always included at least two characteristics: (1) The personal support of the division, union and conference leadership and the openness of the Deaf community to working with the hearing membership which includes the sponsorship of classes for learning sign language."