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Interpreter Marvin Budd Travels to India

On March 5th through March 19th, Marvin Budd (Interpreter), Pastor Jeff Jordan (honorary assistant coordinator to Deaf Ministries with Special Needs Ministries) and Larry Evans (Assistant to the President for Special Needs Ministries) went on a trip.

First they went to a Special Needs advisory meeting in Hosur where at least three of the 10 representatives were present for the meeting. One director was present. Representatives from North East Andhra section, where the Bobbili Deaf School is, and from Sunshine School, Kollegal Deaf School, Sunrise School, and Elim Adventist Home, gave nice reports.

While the needs are many, all reported the progress as well. Marvin reports, "The grounds there are beautiful and there is a church on campus. S. Ambrose, the Special Needs director for the Division, looked after our needs. We



President of Lowry Adventist College in India (pictured right) gives warm welcome to Marvin Budd (pictured left), Pastor Jeff Jordan (second from left) and Larry Evans.

are encouraged by his leadership. Almost everyone seems to know 4-6 languages. I was very impressed."

They then traveled to Bobbili Blind school to train Gospel Outreach taskforce workers and

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Interpreting for Revelation Speaks Peace

In January 2016, I was invited to come and give a short Deaf Ministry presentation to the Pastor's meeting at the Washington Conference office.

After I gave my brief presentation and sat down, I was joined by the conference Director of Evangelism, Tyler Long. He was very excited as he explained, "We just had a meeting yesterday with Voice of Prophecy about the upcoming Revelation Speaks

Peace meetings for next year and sign language interpreting came up. We did not know where to get an interpreter until now!

This is a providential meeting." After Tyler explained about the

Revelation Speaks Peace (RSP) meetings for 2017, I could not help but be excited too for what God was going to do for our area.

After thinking about the meetings and the speaker, Shawn Boonstra, I was concerned



Washington Conference Deaf pose for a picture at Revelation Speaks Peace. Photo Credit: Heidi Baumgartner from Washington Conference

about who I would team with for the meetings. I do have a team interpreter, Leslie, who has faithfully helped me over the years, but she is not yet baptized Adventist and I felt that doing a Revelation meeting would be

overwhelming to her.

I did not mention anything to Leslie because I did not want to hurt her feelings and began to pray that God would show me who I was supposed to team with.

In June 2016, at Washington

Conference Camp Meeting, I was sitting in front of our Deaf Section getting ready to interpret. I had arrived early and was enjoyed the time by myself. I felt God speaking to me as I was preparing. He said, "You need to invite Leslie to interpret with you for RSP." I am ashamed to say that I began to argue with God. "No God, you do not understand. She is not ready for this! It will be overwhelming to her."

God said again, "You need to invite Leslie to interpret for RSP." I felt that God was being absurd. There was no way I would invite Leslie to interpret! God simply did

Praise God that He knows us better than we know ourselves...



*The interpreting team at Revelation Speaks Peace pose with Shawn Boonstra.
Photo Credit: Heidi Baumgartner from Washington Conference*

not understand. “God, Leslie is simply not ready.”

The Deaf members began to show up and get ready for the meeting. Leslie walked in and sat down. Looking up to the front, she saw the banner advertising Revelation Speaks Peace for 2017 and then looked at me. “When are we interpreting for that?” she asked me, pointing up at the banner.

Caught off guard, I replied, “Well...I am interpreting for it next year.” After thinking for a moment, Leslie said, “I want to do it with you! We are a team.” I then launched into a long spiel on how much work it is to interpret for a Revelation meeting, how many symbols that would be interpreted, how much prep work is involved and so on.

Not deterred in the least, Leslie still was adamant about helping.

Then God’s words came back to me, “You need to invite Leslie to interpret with you for RSP.”

God knew the entire time that Leslie needed to be at RSP and I just told Him no! I then told God, “Okay, Lord. You obviously want her there.”

At the end of the meetings, the message was not only a blessing to the hearing and the Deaf, but also to Leslie. She was touched by the message and admitted to me that God spoke volumes to her through those meetings.

I look back to my talk with God that day and am ashamed that I might have been the cause of her missing out on a blessing.

Praise God that He knows us better than we know ourselves and is not only forgiving, but has a plan B in mind to allow His will to be done!

UPCOMING INTERPRETER/ DEAF EVENTS

Are you interested in attending a Deaf Camp Meeting this summer/fall? Here is the list of ones that are available according to 3adm.org.

August 9-13, 2017

Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting
Cohutta Springs Convention Center
Crandall, GA
Contact: jwjordan@gccsda.com

August 23-27, 2017

S.N.E.C Camp Meeting
Timothy Hill Christian Camp
128 Norwich Lake
Huntington, MA 01050
contact: sneccdeaf@gmail.com

November 2-5, 2017

DEAR Camp Meeting
Camp Blue Ridge
529 Old Mill Rd.
Montebello, VA 24464
contact: dear@deafellowship.org

Western Deaf Camp Meeting celebrates 40 years

Western Deaf Camp Meeting celebrated 40 years of camp meeting history this year at Milo

Adventist Academy.

On the opening night there were over 90 individuals registered. Over the course of the week, people continued to trickle in from all over the United States ending the week with a record breaking number of over 140.

The theme this year was, “The 1888 Message” encouraging attendees to search their hearts and get rid of those things that hold them back from God.

Alan Meis (Battle Creek, Michigan) spoke on how God longs to pour His spirit on His people in preparation for Heaven. Other speakers included Paul Kelly (New



Jason Kimbrough's parents made cake to help celebrate 40 years of Deaf Camp Meeting.

York) and George Belser (Oregon).

Pastor David Trexler (Maryland) held daily Bible studies while his

wife, Francisca, taught classes with topics such as health and conflict resolution.



All gather in the Academy Church for Communion service on Friday night.

A cooking school was taught by Sheelah Kimbrough (Maryland) in the afternoons.

On Thursday, over 60 campers went rafting on the Rogue River. This year was the largest number of people going rafting. Water fights, laughter and lots of fun was had by all.

On Friday night Communion, several individuals who participated dressed up in costume to show Jesus's twelve disciples at the last supper with Pastor David Trexler leading the supper. Chuck McGehee (Washington) played the part of Judas at the supper table while holding his "30 pieces of silver" in a bag that he held.

During the presentation, Pastor Trexler turned to Judas and asked him if he was willing to give up the



Five individuals ready for baptism on Sabbath afternoon by Pastor David Trexler and Paul Kelly.

money to follow Jesus.

Much to the delight of the

audience, Judas willingly sent the bag of money sailing over his shoulder without a second thought.

It was a perfect visual of what we need to do in our lives to remove those things that continually separate us from God.

Five people were baptized on Sabbath afternoon at the river flowing nearby.

While the week went by quickly and many shed tears on Sunday as they headed home, the message of the week still continues daily: what are you willing to sacrifice in your life to be ready for the soon return of Jesus and His outpouring spirit?



*The "Twelve Disciples" getting ready for Communion service on Friday night.
Photo Credit: Esther Doss*

Deaf Ministry in Canada

Sabbath, April 15, 2017 was a high Sabbath for Deaf from Ferndale, WA and Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

At the invitation of Mateusz Sobczak (hearing) and Samuel Heine (Deaf), Brian and Nohe Jarnes made the trip to Surrey SDA Church for Nohe to interpret for Samuel.

Nancy Brown (Deaf) got a group of interested Deaf together and caravanned from Ferndale, WA to Surrey, BC.

One Deaf individual came from another part of Canada to join us and had not been able to attend



church in quite some time.

In total, there were 6 Deaf individuals who gathered in Surrey

for this historical event—it was the first time in history that the Surrey SDA Church had experienced having so many Deaf in one place or an interpreter interpreting the entire service.

In addition to the excitement of having so many Deaf at church, it was also the first time that Samuel had the privilege of offering family prayer for the hearing church through the use of the interpreter.

The afternoon was filled with the blessing of food and fellowship. Please keep British Columbia area in prayer as they are trying to grow their Deaf Ministry.

The hearing that are interested in Deaf Ministry are learning American Sign Language and for some of them, it will be their third or fourth language acquired.



Pictured: The Deaf individuals standing with those hearing who are motivated to learn sign language so they can interpret the message for them (including the young man in front!) Photo credit: Brian Jarnes

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then back to Kollegal School for the Speech & Hearing Impaired. Marvin's comments for this part of trip were, "Most Deaf knew some ASL signs, but the group in Bobbili used the Indian fingerspelling, which was a stretch for me. We could communicate better with gestures. The Kollegal area uses ASL fingerspelling, but have several signs different signs from ours."

Lastly, the trio visited Lowry Adventist College before they flew home. Marvin writes about his visit to Lowry Adventist College, "They were very welcoming. Their campus is under reconstruction because the city is building a subway adjacent to the property and several buildings needed to be moved to accommodate. One section of the



Pastor Jeff Jordan presents while Marvin Budd (seated) interprets.

campus had wild growth and while it was cleared the workers killed 100 cobras! On this weekend the senior students from the Kollegal Jr. high school were with us. It was a good time of fellowship."

Keep the Special Needs and Deaf

Ministry in India in prayers as it continues to grow. Special thanks to Marvin Budd for sharing his trip experiences for *The Interpreter Connection*.



Attendees of the Special Needs Advisory meeting pose for a picture. Pictured in front is S. Ambrose, Special Needs director for the Division, along with Pastor Jeff Jordan, Larry Evans and Marvin Budd.

From the Editor



Summer time is always a fun time of year. Family vacations, warm weather, and outdoor adventures!

One of the most fun times is attending Deaf Camp Meeting. If you are attending Camp Meeting this summer, write about it! Send in your comments about what

you did over this summer and we will publish it in the next edition of *The Interpreter Connection*. Happy Summer!

Do you want to contribute? Send all articles, pictures or points of interest for *The Interpreter Connection* to 7thdayterps@gmail.com. Thank you for all of your services for God!

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