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Canadian Deaf Ministry International Report

Featuring SDA Deaf Ministry in Canada and Overseas In Conjunction With Gospel Outreach – May, 2016



A New "Special Needs Advisory" Meets at the General Conference

Dr. Larry Evans, the former "Liaison for Deaf Ministry at the General Conference, was asked to become a full time assistant to the GC President [Ted Wilson] as the "Special Needs" Director of the General Conference. He reports directly to the GC President, and will be meeting with many committees to help promote the incorporation of those with Special Needs in the fundamental planning and organization of the church.

"Special Needs" includes the Deaf, the Blind, Orphans, and all those with either physical or mental limitations. It is a huge task, but Dr. Evans has approached it with vigor and determination to make a difference for all these people groups.

One of the first tasks was to get each Division to appoint a "Special Needs" Director. Then on February 25 to 27 the Division Special needs Directors came together at the GC offices for a once-in-5

years "Advisory". Pastor Blake was asked to go and give a report on the work of Gospel Outreach. There were representatives from the Divisions there and they each gave a report from their area.

There were educational presentations from several "Special Needs" organizations such as the Christian Record Services for the Blind. Esther Doss, from 3ADM gave an excellent presentation on Deaf Ministry and Deaf culture and Elder Jordan gave a report from his Ministry to Deaf. Elder David Trexler, Director/Speaker for Three Angel's Deaf Ministry, was the Sabbath Morning devotional presenter.

Pastor Blake felt the trip was very worthwhile - especially with the opportunity to talk directly with leaders from around the world about possibilities of starting a GO worker for the Deaf in their area!



Special Needs Advisory in Korea- April, 2016

Korean Special Needs Trip
By Dr. Larry Evans, Special Assistant to
the GC President for Special Needs

I was invited to attend and be a presenter at the Northern Asia Pacific Division Special Needs Ministries Advisory which was held at the division officer near Seoul, Korea. The response was very positive. Topics included the idea of special needs as a spiritual calling, that all regardless of whether they have a "disability" or not have their own set of spiritual gifts, the connection between creation and personal dignity and finally, how the deaf and the hearing can work together. overarching theme of all presentations is that we must do more than meet personal or physical needs of these individuals. We must incorporate them into an active ministry of the church. Those with special needs have much to contribute to the mission of the church.

While in Korea it was also an opportunity for me to observe and learn. Therefore, it was only natural for me to visit (and speak) at the church for lepers, the church for the Deaf and the church for the blind. Each of these three groups has its own church facility. This was the first time I visited a church

for lepers and the blind. In light of the statement by Ellen White that, "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." (3T:511) that this ministry does not go

unnoticed by heaven. Indeed it is a "calling" we must not ignore and I am pleased to report that the world field has become very receptive to this ministry. We have much to do and no one person, church or division can do it by themselves.



A braille printer in use in SDA blind ministry work in Korea



Singing at the blind Korean church from a braille hymn book. Both Blind & Deaf Ministry now come under the Special Needs ministry under Dr. Larry Evans.



The latest picture we have of the new Dorm/Kitchen building being built at the Philippine Deaf school

A Revenue Canada Problem

Because of Revenue Canada complications, we are no longer able to give tax deductible receipts for either the Deaf school in Mindanao, or the school for the Deaf in western Kenya. But, we rejoice that so far there has been over \$17,000 sent to Kenya and over \$60,000 to the Philippine project.

What now? Currently, we have no way to give *Canadian tax deductible receipts* for either project - American receipts, yes, through Gospel Outreach USA. We are looking for another avenue, but nothing has worked out yet.

Does that stop giving? No, people may give any amount for either project, but receive no usable tax deductible receipt for Canada on Canadian income. (A Canadian may use an American receipt against US income.)

Money may be given for equipment expenses at either school- but no tax deductable receipt can be given for this item. [See the special enclosed page for what can be receipted]

This school year the Philippine school has had about 18 deaf students and the Kenya

school about 25 with 8 of them orphans.

Alberta Camp Meeting Plans for 2016

The Alberta Conference Deaf Ministry Department will again be having a booth in the display tent as well as having an Introduction to Sign Language and Deaf Ministry Seminar for 5 days during camp meeting, July 11-15.

Ron, our excellent Signing Teacher, will again be teaching the Sign Language portion. Pastor Blake will give introductory principles to working with the Deaf and their culture.

The last two years, toward the end of the week, members of the Signing class sign a song for the main auditorium audience while Darlene Reimche sings the vocal part. Both years, Marian Rochford of Edmonton, has helped with teaching the signs for the song - a challenge in such a short time! She plans to again teach another song this year!

Each year, Pastor Blake has given a short PowerPoint Deaf Ministry report and been interviewed on the camp ground FM radio



Students at the Kenya Deaf school are out working in their garden. The enrollment is growing past the 25 mark, and so are the needs at the school. Do remember this precious school in your prayers!



A photostat of the page in the 2016 **Great Books Special Summer ABC** sale booklet advertising the new Signed Jesus Life Story 2 DVD Set!

Jesus Life Story Video Set

chronologically covers Jesus life in 7 AdventSource, and the ABC stores. countries in the region. Edgemont Video, of Mountain View, Arkansas, the production center for the series, has the basic depositary for the supplies and ships to supply USA needs. Canadians, or those from overseas, may order from our Alberta address included on the back page of this newsletter.

Pricing is \$20 plus \$3.50 shipping from Edgemont Video and our department. If a church orders 20 sets or more, the price is \$6 per set plus the full shipping cost. Re-selling for more than the cost is not allowed unless special arrangements are made with our office to cover a royalty fee we must

pay on the final selling price. We are delighted that the Summer ABC sale catalogue features the DVD set. See a partial photostat from the catalogue to the left on this page.

Kenya Trip for August 2016

Pastor Blake is expected to join Dr. Larry Evans during a trip to Kenya in August, 2016. They will both be taking part in the East Central Africa Division Special Needs Advisory meeting in Nairobi. They will have a couple of days to visit various areas of deaf ministry including the Mwata SDA School for the Deaf in Western Kenya. They will then be part of the all Kenya one week Camp Meeting for the Deaf which is being held about a 6

hour drive from Nairobi. Elder Paul Muasva, the Division Special Needs Director, is expecting up to 400 to attend this Camp Meeting.

Blake is working to provide some special funding which may help allow the two The "Jesus Life Story" two DVD set Gospel Outreach workers from S. Sudan and two from Uganda to also join for at hours, and also visits the 29 basic least part of the Kenya camp meeting. locations where Jesus ministered. It is There may also be some participants now being carried through both coming from Zimbabwe and other

CAMP MEETINGS FOR DEAF

For a list of SDA Camp Meetings for the Deaf in the USA and Mexico go

http://www.3angelsdeafministries.or g/events.html

-A Camp meeting for the Deaf will also be held in Kenya, Ghana and Uganda, etc.



A deaf person from Kenya showing the DVD's sent free for their local group!

Gift DVD's Mailed to Africa

Jeff Jones, from California, asked if he could donate 10 sets of Elder Jeff Jordans 1999 "Revelation of Jesus" 'live' evangelistic series held at the Zimbabwe Requests 2nd Worker Holiday Inn in Marietta, GA. The cost set was just mailed April 29.

Henry Kamau in Kenya and Harrison supervising the testing

Two sample sets of the "Bevond" Mutare. evangelistic series were also mailed these countries?

This is a set of 14 lessons done in a very documentary style. It is geared as an introduction to non-members and possibly even those who know very little about God or salvation or the Bible. It was done by our SDA media center in Australia.

Henry Kamau in Kenya and Harrison Antwi in Ghana (both deaf and Gospel Outreach workers) will be supervising

the testing of both series.

The new two DVD set, Jesus Life Story, has also been sent to Africa. Being both signed and captioned, it is proving helpful there in some areas!



First worker for Zimbabwe-Jimikiel Chinuwo

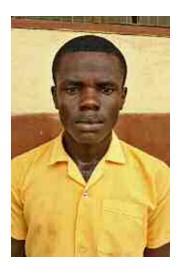
Our new Gospel Outreach worker, of mailing has been fairly high and they Jimikiel Chinuwo in Harare, has been are being charged about \$33 duty on having good success as our first GO worker each set by the Kenya customs. The last for the Deaf in Zimbabwe. His March 2016 report tells of baptisms of 5 Deaf.

Elder Godfrey Musaras, President of the Antwi in Ghana (both deaf) will be East Zimbabwe Conference is requesting a second worker, this time for the city of

Earlier this year, Elder John Bradshaw, the one to Kenya and one to Ghana. This is It is Written speaker, had a series in Central an experiment as there is no signing, Zimbabwe at Gweru. A number of Deaf only captioning. Will they be useful in came to his meetings there. That could also be an excellent place for a third worker!

Special Funding from a Legacy:

The Alberta Conference has been left some legacy funding from a deaf person for "Deaf Ministry". The greatest need at the moment may be adding further languages (French, Spanish and Portuguese ?) to the captioning of the Jesus Life Story Set.



Charles now a believer!

Good News from Ghana

John Blake, GO Deaf Director With Help
from Harrison Antwi, GO Deaf Ghana

Worker (see picture at right below)

Some years ago I was asked to write to a deaf high school student in Ghana, Harrison Antwi, in the Ashanti public deaf school. At that time, his vocabulary was very limited and his writing ability in English was fairly low. I wrote, but he soon informed me that his deaf friends had left the church because there was nothing for them. He thought he might too.

With some special local pastoral encouragement and some signed DVD's, plus many letters, Harrison gradually grew in his knowledge of the Bible and love of Jesus! He began sharing with his fellow students. Finally, Gospel Outreach took Harrison on as our first GO worker for the Deaf in Ghana. He is now married and his wife is just graduating this year with her BA in teaching. They have one little girl, named Alberta (named after my wife!)

Harrison has become an able preacher and worker. There are now four GO workers for the Deaf in Ghana, and the work is growing with many baptisms. Last summer, there were over 60 who attended a special camp meeting for the Deaf in Ghana.

Early this year, Harrison tackled something we have never seen before - an evangelistic series for both *Hearing* and *Deaf*, featuring a deaf presenter with a hearing interpreter voicing for the hearing part of his audience. At the end of this series, there were 4 deaf young people baptized and two hearing.

Some time ago, during a church service, Harrison was informed that a man was looking for him. This man wanted his deaf son, Charles, to learn sign language. What could they do? Charles [see Charles Kwasi Adjei's picture] started to attend church and through Bible studies, began to learn sign language. Their Conference secretary, Dr. James Amoah, who has been strongly supporting and promoting deaf work in their Conference, helped arrange that the Conference would assist Charles to go to the same deaf school where Harrison had both attended and preached.

Charles has grown in his Christian experience. He has been doing well academically and is soon graduating. When he comes home, he is active in his deaf church group and has also been sharing his faith with his fellow students. The parents are so happy for their son's development and don't know what would have happened



brought him to Harrison's church group. The First Ghana Gospel **Outreach** Worker-Harrison Antwi with his wife, Mavis. Harrison is Deaf and his wife is Hearing. She will soon be getting her degree in Education.

had they not



Obed Sum (center) -the faithful runner, during an earlier international Athletics meet

The feature of this inspiring story is Obed Sum - a professional runner- from Eldoret, in Kenya. (Blake writes here with Henry K.)

Eldoret is well known all over the world as the source of world beating athletes who have won many world races - especially the long distance races.

When the deaf Ministry was taking root in Kenya, Joseph Rono a deaf teacher for the Deaf heard about the Deaf ministry. Rono had very little options for getting in touch with other Deaf Adventists, the nearest who were based in Nairobi.

It was not until when Rono was attending a teachers convection in Nairobi that Rono decided to look for the Deaf Adventists group in Nairobi. His search led him to Nairobi central SDA church where we were able to meet with him and listen to his story. Pr. Paul Muasya who was the Kenya Union Execitive Director at the time, asked Bro. Ezekiel Machika to travel to Eldoret as see what could be done for Rono and his friends.

A Deaf ministry was started in Eldoret, and Brother Ezekiel became the Gospel Outreach worker with about 12 Deaf.

. One of the members was a young man named Obed Kipruto Sum. Obed was a respected Deaf athlete who had won many local and international races. After being baptized, Obed knew that he would have to forsake many things. He stopped attending athletics training and meetings which took place on Sabbath. His friends and Athletic officials were puzzled, but they assumed that he would be back. Obed didn't return but continued to practice during the weekdays.

When team selection for the team to represent Kenya at the international level was being selected, Obed could not attend and he could not be selected since he was not attending training on the Sabbath days. He tried to work out another plan, but they would not change.

Obed started to wonder what was so special about Sabbath, whether he made a mistake in



keeping Sabbath. [Above:Obed in action] There athletics are seen as a way out of poverty. He needed money and wondered if maybe he could compromise and officially run just one more time!

After a lot of prayers, meetings with the Deaf athletics officials, Obed chose to keep Sabbath rather than train or attend the meetings. Today he remains a living testimony of how one can abandon everything to follow Jesus. Obed still trains and prays that he is able to attend athletics meets which are not held on Sabbaths.

The role of the area GO worker, brother Ezekiel Machika is a very important one. He is not deaf, but coming from a family with several Deaf siblings, he understands the needs of the Deaf people, their fears and hopes, he is able to enlist the help of the Church pastors and elders.

Ezekiel is able to do this because he is sponsored as a worker by Gospel Outreach.

An Amazing Committee

On Monday, May 9, Dr. Larry Evans led out in an online *Special Needs Deaf Ministry Committee* with participants from 9 USA States, Canada and Spain. Others were invited from Kenya, Brazil and the Philippines, but did not make it online.

However, most of the 13 people involved could be seen as they made comments. Two

were not visible but participated through the telephone. Those who were Deaf had an unseen interpreter (to the committee) voicing their signing and signing what was being voiced by the hearing.

The committee covered many areas of importance to world SDA Deaf Ministry including the possibility of a future General Conference World Congress for the Deaf.

Future committees should include participants from three more countries with a time zone difference of up to 13 hours. Pastor Blake joined at 7 am, but for the two in Spain, it was 3 pm.

The General Conference is now using the video Conferencing system of *Cisco WebEx* which allows up to 8 people per meeting for \$24 a month or up to 100 people for \$69 a month. One can even have the meeting recorded on video or take part using a computer or a mobile device. 71 million people attend an online meeting with WebEx per month.

God is allowing us to use these amazing electronic aids to glorify His name! Hopefully many dollars can be saved using this new type of technology.

Don't Forget: We still have available the *Amazing Health Facts* DVD set of 8 lectures on 4 DVD's by Pastor Alfred Griffith. **Total cost** is only \$30 including USA or Canadian shipping.



Americans with Dr. Larry Evans at the Spanish Deaf Congress in May/15

Editorial By Pastor John Blake

The Adventist World of the Deaf is changing. New life is appearing over different parts of the world. I'm getting lovely pictures from many countries about Deaf work in their own area.

The new 'Office of Special Ministries' with Dr. Larry Evans, and directly under our General Conference President, Elder Ted Wilson, is beginning to help give a new impetus not only to ministry to Deaf, but overseas to the work for blind, orphans and both the physically and mentally challenged!

We can praise God for we are told that the people with these challenges are put within the church and become a test of our character. What will we do to help, to understand and truly care?

Attending the GC level "Special Needs Advisory" was a real highlight for me personally. And, it was an excellent time for me to talk with different world leaders attending from 13 Divisions about Deaf work in their territory. Some, like the Southern Asia Division, have a great start - as in the Philippines - but next to nothing in their other countries.

I talked with the Inter-American Division Special Needs Director, and he



A cooking demonstration in Brazil

wants to see deaf work get organized and grow there. However, when many leaders do not sense a need, and if they do, often don't know what to do, the result is often that nothing happens.

We need to kindly and lovingly speak up and bring the needs to the attention of leaders everywhere. And, as we investigate, from time to time we find that God has been working in a given area, but little was known about it. Here is where, with the Lord's help, we can work to 'fan the flame'!

It is a real blessing when we hear that in

two major cities of Zimbabwe and in the capital of Bolivia, that there was interpreting for the Deaf during major campaigns with Ted Wilson or John Bradshaw - and - that there were Deaf baptized in each location. Bradshaw is working with Missy Jordan to have his daily devotional put into sign language. HOPE TV is in the process of setting up a special internet channel for the Deaf with signing and/or captioning in various languages. It's taking longer than expected to get it up and running, but it will get done - and what a blessing!

So, we work and pray and share the news, as **God** *open's the doors!*



A new deaf student arrives at the Mwata SDA School for the Deaf in Western Kenya with the metal box holding his possessions



New Roof at the Mwata Kenya Deaf School - funds were recently sent toward the much needed windows and doors



Dr. Evans visited a Deaf church in Korea following a Special Needs Advisory there



Joshua Cutting a Student's Hair

Joshua Truly Finds a 'Home!'

By Methelyn T. Caroline, SULADS - SDA DEAF School Principal

Joshua, a sixteen year old, came from a Seventh-day Adventist home. When he was a little boy, his parents always brought him to church. He always sat beside his father and mother without understanding anything of what was going on in the church, Nobody knew how to sign and interpret for him.

As he grew, he stopped going to church and was with non-Adventist friends that made him a smoker and a drunkard. Almost every night he would come home drunk. This made his parents really worried about his condition and the future that he would have.

Last December, during our Christmas break, our group went to South Cotabato: serenaded some of our brethren and visited some churches to promote our Deaf School. There we met Joshua's parents and introduced our program. Right away they looked for Joshua and asked him to go to church with them to see us. Joshua agreed and was truly delighted to see young people like him that could truly understand him. The students invited

Joshua to sing with them and participate in the church program. For the very first time Joshua found himself so at home. He finally felt involved in the church worship.

Without any hesitation we invited Joshua to go with us and study at the Deaf School. Full of enthusiasm Joshua said yes and excitedly joined us going back to school. At the school, Joshua actively participated in every activity - especially our morning and evening worships.

As I congratulated and welcomed him, he said "Jesus cleansed me! I broke into tears and hugged our crying Joshua for joy with a new life in Jesus. I told him, "Jesus loves you so much that he gave His only son to die on the cross to save us from all our sin.

I could not exchange the joy of seeing my Deaf Students converted and having their new life in Jesus at the School!

Joshua found his home at the school. I can truly see his happiness and indeed *JOSHUA IS FINALLY HOME*! When an evangelistic meeting was held, Joshua took his stand and volunteered to be baptized

[GO sponsors 4 of the teachers at this SULADS - SDA deaf school in Mindanao, Philippines]

Francisca-Bible Worker

The North American Division funded Francisca Trexler in part time Chaplain work at Gallaudet University until this year. She also



worked with *Three Angels Deaf Ministries* [3ADM] as Deaf Bible School Director. The 3ADM board voted to now support her in both capacities under the title, "*Bible Worker*". She will continue work at the Gallaudet campus two days a week.

Francisca also holds studies and does counselling by video over the internet. This has been a great help to the overall work for the Deaf in this Division.



Pastor & Mrs. Blake Preparing for Recording with Julie Sanders-Keymer

Blake's Trip to Gospel Outreach

Pastor Blake makes a trip to the main Gospel Outreach [GO] office twice a year to attend the GO board, Regional Director's meetings and the general Sabbath afternoon local promotion meeting in College Place.

Normally, Blake's wife, Alberta, does not go to the GO office, but this April it worked out that she could go and joined Pastor Blake as he did his twice yearly TV program for 3ABN, HOPE and LLBN channels. Alberta also received special recognition in her supportive role during the promotional meeting when the pastor gave a report of the Deaf work now with about 45 workers in 10 countries.



Blake's also visited Pastor & Mrs. Alfred Griffith and their daughter, Linda, living near Vancouver. WA

Blake's later visited their deaf daughter, Judy and husband, Mike Johnson, plus other family in Seattle as well as in BC before returning. (Alberta had 17 oxygen cylinders, two oxygen compressors and her sleep apnea machine along to enable the trip.)

3ABN & Captioning

Most of the regular channel of 3ABN is close captioned as it comes directly from Satellite for North America. Overseas has not been captioned. 3ABN's regular streaming over the internet does not appear to be captioned.

However, the 3ABN channel on YouTube does have some of the programs closed captioned by Google's special computer generated captioning system. program is captioned, then if you touch the bottom of the picture to expose the CC and the timeline, click on the CC to get the captioning. The same is true for various other SDA productions featured on YouTube - especially from Amazing Facts. You will need to experiment with different SDA groups that have videos on YouTube such as "White Horse Media" with Steve Wohlberg. [In looking it up, use that exact title, as there are other "white horse" videos that are not Wohlberg's

John Bradshaw, It is Written & Deaf Ministry

It is Written has become involved with Deaf Ministry. The daily inspirational talks by speaker, John Bradshaw, are now available online and signed by Missy Jordan who lives not far from the the IIW office in Chatanooga, TN.

In 2015, Elder Bradshaw's evangelistic series was interpreted for the Deaf in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. His series this year in Zimbabwe was also interpreted for the Deaf at Gweru. Deaf were baptized as a result of both series.

And, Fern Russel, who interpreted Bradshaw's series in Edmonton in 2015, has now joined the church in St. Albert, AB



About 230 met together for a European Deaf Congress in Seville, Spain Inter-European Division Deaf Congress in May/16 By Dr. Larry Evans, GC Special Ministries

It was an amazing experience: Two hundred-thirty deaf, deaf-blind and hearing met in Seville, Spain for the International Congress for the Deaf and Deaf-Blind. Attendees came from 15 countries mostly from the Inter-European Division which was the host division, but individuals and groups also came from South America, Inter-America, United States, Korea, Latvia and Poland. Nine different languages were interpreted (the term used for sign language as contrasted with translated). The theme for the congress was "Through My Hands"—a very fitting theme for a deaf congress. The event was held in Seville, Spain May 13-15. The General Conference Special Needs Ministries assisted with some of the financial expenses.

The congress featured spiritually inspired sermons presented by the deaf for the deaf but relayed in audible English for those who were hearing. A large portion of the time was given to touring historical and religious sites in Seville and Cordoba. How ironic that the congress should be held in a city that generations ago, during the Spanish Inquisition oppression for one's belief, resulted in torture and death — of course, all for "good reasons." To the contrary, this congress, sought to liberate and restore meaning to those who are so often marginalised. They have spiritual gifts, intellectual insights and compassion for others to share. We have so much to learn from the Deaf culture. Symbolically this was a perfect place to hold this special international event.

The grand finale was a Broadway type musical featuring biblical characters with both verbal and sign language. The leaders from the Inter-European Division were Corrado Cozzi and Taida



Rivero. However, working with them was a large host of individuals who helped make this happen.

Caption-left: Taida & Husband. Taida is full time for Deaf in Spain.

This congress is but a sample of things to come. It is anticipated that the General Conference will host a

world congress for the Deaf and Deaf-Blind in 2019. The venue is yet to be determined. The vision is spreading – not only for the deaf, but for the blind, those with physical and mental limitations as well as for the orphans of the world.



Pastor Jeff Jordan presenting in Spain, May 16

The new General Conference ministry, called *Special Needs Ministries*, recently voted a new motto: "All are gifted, needed, and treasured!" This is not a program. It is the beginning of a global people movement that is releasing the giftedness of those who have been quieted, shunned and marginalised far too long. Join the movement.

If you have comments, suggestions or questions email us at SpecialNeeds@gc.adventist.org

Sincerely, Larry R Evans, D.Min.

 $\frac{\text{Assistant to the President General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists}}{\text{\underline{http://lretravel.blogspot.com/2016/05/international-congress-for-deaf-and.html}}$



Pastor & Mrs. Douglas da Silva from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Douglas is one of a very few full time, regular Deaf pastors in all the world. He was a guest presenter at the Congress.



At the Spanish Deaf Congress [pictures by Dr. Evans]

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Revenue Canada Complications

You will be reading in this newsletter that because of Revenue Canada requirement complications, we are no longer able to give Tax Deductible Receipts for construction donations through "A Better World" to either the SULADS SDA School for the Deaf in Mindanao, Philippines, or for the Mwata SDA School for the Deaf in western Kenya. Generous donations have been given to these two projects, but we now have to change our tactics for helping these schools.

There are still needs at both schools. Plus, there is an *Asian Aid* Deaf school in South India, and the possibility of another school, this time for both Blind and Deaf, in the Philippines.

The needs continue in each of these situations. Fortunately, some people are willing to give donations without receiving a usable tax deductible receipt. So, we are setting up a special fund to help any of these SDA Schools for the Deaf - as just described.

How? Pastor Blake has a bank account called "Canadian Deaf Ministries" where we can cash checks and hold funds until we need to send funds for a specific need.

We are starting this fund for: "Equipment for SDA Deaf Schools". The funds might go for a computer, a video projector, school desks, a food mixer for the

kitchen, some equipment for their agriculture program, or any item of equipment needed by any of these schools.

It will need to be clearly understood that there will be **no receipt provided** and that Pastor John Blake is handling these special donations - **on a private basis** - and **not officially** through the Alberta Conference or the Bentley church. The Conference is not allowed to handle this special type of funding.

Blake will be sending funds, as need is shown, for equipment at any of these SDA schools for the Deaf. The basic results of these gifts are to be published in this newsletter! That is, how much has gone to each project and what it is being spent for.

We wish that it could all be done through the church, but at this time, *Revenue Canada* policy does not allow tax deductible receipts for these projects. **BUT- these** projects still need our help and we can continue to help in this new way!

HOWEVER: You may still give and get a tax deductible receipt in several other ways:

- 1. For General Deaf expenses here in Canada
- 2. Donations for Deaf Worker's wages overseas [Both of these are through the Bentley SDA church]
- 3. A USA receipt for a donation to Deaf Ministry through Gospel Outreach USA.

Yes, I would like to make a donation for:

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