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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Happy New Year! As we stand at the beginning of a brand new year, we look forward to whatever the Lord has in store for us. We also look back with gratefulness for all the Lord the has brought us through this past year.

On New Year's Eve, we had a church fellowship. Although we didn't have as many in attendance as we would have liked, we are grateful for the ones who did come. We were able to show them a movie done by Efata Baptist Church in Villa El Salvador. It was done completely in sign language with Spanish subtitles. Our people really enjoyed it. It spoke to the heart of at least one Deaf man - an encouragement to him to pray for his dad's salvation.

Back in October, we had the honor of having our church, Iglesia Bautista Puerta Abierta, invited to be a part of a Deaf event - "International Day of the Deaf." Praise the Lord for the opportunity to represent Him! One of the scheduled events was a "walk" through the city from one main plaza to the other. We were able to pass out about 500 tracts.

During the month of December, the church was able to purchase the supplies to put together 20 Christmas baskets for some of our families who are really struggling financially. We are grateful for the opportunity to be a blessing to those around us. We were able to send one of the baskets to the missionary we support, Pastor Henry in Pucallpa, Peru. We were even able to take two of the baskets to the Deaf ladies who live in Manacamiri, a river community about 30-45 minutes away from our church.

During the last week of December, I was invited to be part of a panel to evaluate students learning sign language. Once again, we are thankful for the opportunity to represent Christ in our community.

From March to December, we taught Biblical Character to the Adult Deaf students at one of the local schools every Wednesday evening. Now that school is done until March, we can resume our Wednesday evening services here at church. We had 5 Deaf come this past Wednesday, and 3 more Deaf came in at the end of the service. We also has a young lady named Lila, along with her 2 brothers come. They were walking by and our usher, Ian, handed them tracts. Out of curiosity, they came in for the service. They had to leave early, but we are thankful for each one the Lord brings!

After the service, we went with Martha, one of our Deaf ladies, to her home to witness to her Dad. I was able to give Señor Walter the Gospel. God promises that His Word will not return void. Please pray that we will see fruit from the seed planted in Señor Walter's heart.

Martha, Ian, and Phebe are all growing and doing well. Martha and Phebe each "won" trips to the ER this year - both trips included stitches and/or surgery. They have both recovered well, with no complications - Praise the Lord! Ian is now sporting glasses! We rejoice as we watch them learn and grow in school, as well as in the things of the Lord! Right now they are all looking forward to celebrating "Spirit Week" along with the school children from our home church in Columbus, GA!

On January 30, I will be flying to Lima to be part of a Deaf Camp that is being sponsored by Efata Baptist Church of Villa El Salvador. I will be there for the whole week, returning home on Friday, February 3. Please pray for those who will be attending that the Lord will use this week to change hearts and lives. Please pray for me as I travel and teach one of the sessions. Please pray for Sarah and the children as the "hold the fort" while I am gone!

Thank you once again for your love, prayers and support! We are so thankful for each of you and we love you!

To the Deaf 1st and Whosoever Will,
Matt, Sarah, Martha, Ian, & Phebe



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