



# The M<sup>c</sup>KENDREE Family

## Missionaries to the Deaf 1<sup>ST</sup>

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

January 2013

*Matt, Sarah, Martha & Ian*

During the month of December, we talked as a family about things we could give to Jesus for Christmas. One evening Martha said, "I can give my heart to Jesus for Christmas!" We heartily agreed with her. A few nights later, Sarah and Martha were sitting at the kitchen table. We had just finished listening to the Patch the Pirate story "Christmas Carol." We had been talking about it for a few minutes when Martha suddenly said, "I'm ready, Daddy! I'm ready, Mommy!" When we asked her what she was ready for, she replied that she was ready to ask Jesus to live in her heart. We have been teaching her God's plan of salvation since she was born, but in the past few months she would always say, "I'm not ready yet for that." We waited and prayed and God answered our prayer on December 3, 2012. Sarah explained salvation one more time to Martha. Martha bowed her head and prayed, asking Jesus to forgive her sins and come live in her heart! A few days later, coming home from the store in a taxi, Martha declared, "I need to get baptized now!" On December 23, 2012, Martha followed the Lord in Believer's Baptism. "Thank you, Lord, for our Martha. Thank you for giving us a little girl so willing and tender-hearted towards the Lord!" We continue to pray that Ian would also give his heart to Jesus when he understands and is ready.

For about three weeks (from the end of December until a week ago), Olga came to stay with us. Olga is 12 years old and is Deaf. We had a good time having her as part of our family! Her family came last Friday to take her home for summer vacation. Martha and Ian really miss her!! We are so thankful for the opportunity to have a small part in Olga's life. She is saved, and now she has a wonderful opportunity to share Christ with her family. Please pray that her family would be saved.

Recent changes to the Peruvian law regarding the acceptance of birth certificates of missionary children has added an interesting twist to our life on the mission field! The government will now only accept birth certificates issued no later than 6 months ago. In the midst of all this, we discovered that Martha and Ian's visitor visas have run out. Because of all this, we will have to take a trip out of Peru and back in. Once we come back into Peru, the kids will be given a three month visa. We have already started the process for getting the kids birth certificates reissued from the States. Please pray for wisdom in all the decisions that have to be made. Right now, we are looking at flying to Ecuador for a weekend.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support on our behalf! We love and appreciate each one of you so very much! Sigue Adelante! (Continue Forward!)

In Christ,  
Matt, Sarah, Martha, and Ian

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