

THE Mc Kendree FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE DEAF 1st
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Dear Pastor and Friends,

Words would fail us to tell of the marvels of the Peruvian Amazon. We could tell you at length about the intense winds and rain, and of the uninvited six-inch lizard we removed from our bedroom corner! I could tell you of the tropical flair of this unique city of Iquitos, of the winding, serpentine Amazon River into which the surrounding tributaries flow, of the opportunities to feed Amazon River manatees, and to look into their milky white pupils so gentle. I could tell you about feeding the great "Paiche" (Arapaima, as some of you might know) – an eight-foot plus monstrous river fish, or of the "Isla de los Monos" (Monkey Island – somehow, it just sounds better in Spanish), where one can play with Howler, Spider and Woolly monkeys all day long! I could write about the Anaconda, and the fresh water crocodiles ("Largato blanco"), and also the famous Piranha - both in dessert and dinner plate size - or of riding on the river in a boat called a "peque-peque." The name "peque-peque" comes from the sound its crude motor makes. If you prefer, you can ride on the speedboat that can get you there faster for a price. What about seeing brightly colored jungle birds all around, and a pod of grey river dolphin swimming out in front of us? But all these things, as marvelous as they are, are not why we call Iquitos, Peru, our home. We are here for the souls of both deaf and hearing alike. And so allow us to tell you about....



Amazon Uacari Monkey



Gifts of Waterproof Bibles

Open Doors – God has blessed us since starting "Iglesia Bautista Puerta Abierta" or Open Door Baptist Church. We presently have three services a week. On Sundays, we have a 10 am service with about 20-24 in attendance, both hearing and Deaf. We have a Sign Language class on Sunday at 3:30pm. Some of the older boys who come to church are learning sign language and advancing well enough to communicate in broken signs. We also have a family who has been coming on Sunday evenings. When they can come we spend that time discipling them and answering questions. Sarah was able to lead

the wife (Maria) to the Lord about 2 months ago. On Wednesday afternoon we have our Bible Education class. This is our mid-week service, as well as teaching reading and writing from the Scriptures, starting in Genesis with Adam. On Friday mornings, God has allowed us to start a Bible class at one of the Public Schools here. This school has some deaf children, as well as other children with Special Needs. Saturday afternoons at 4pm we have a Children's Bible class here at the house. This gives us the opportunity to focus on just the children, and give them their own special Bible Time.



Public School Children

We have seen some conviction from some of the older young people and adults. Some are very near the kingdom of God. Leandro (11 years old) has asked Christ into his heart and he is sure he is saved. About 2 weeks ago, Ivana, one of our neighbor girls, received Christ as her Saviour. We are so grateful for the opportunity God has given us to have a part in the lives of the dear people who call Iquitos home. Thank you for your part in all God is doing here. We love and appreciate each one of you! Thank you for your faithfulness!

Your Missionaries To The Deaf 1st and Whosoever Will,
Matt & Sarah, Martha, Ian, & Phebe



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