

THE

McKendree

FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE
Peru, South America



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

October 2017

Family - Thank you all who have prayed for Sarah and the kids while they are in Lovington, NM, to visit family. They arrived on September 10 and her Grandmother passed on September 28 at the age of 92. We are all blessed to know she is now with Jesus. I will be flying out to be with them on November 8, and we will be on furlough from then until March. We will be enjoying Thanksgiving and Christmas with Sarah's family for the first time since we came to Peru five years ago. We love you all and pray for you to have a blessed holiday season.

Iquitos - Our city has been through a short turmoil with the federal school teachers striking all through the months of July and August. It was a national strike over contract issues with the government and there were some more violent incidents in Lima, but the main issue we had here was the students were out of school and the teachers were not working. Things have gone back to normal and some students even have Saturday classes to catch up on their tests. We had the opportunity during this time to spend more time with the kids from our Saturday Bible Club. The Bible Club will be suspended until Sarah and I get back in March.

Church - We are currently running 5-10 on Sundays. Our Sunday lessons have been focused on our Bible Institute and we have had one deaf man receive two certificates for memorizing Bible verses. Let me tell you about Magno. Magno was born to parents who were already severely disabled and his mother passed away in childbirth. Magno was born with a cerebral bleed that left him both deaf and paralyzed on his right side. He went to a deaf school for his elementary school. He lived with adopted parents who were already up in years and when they passed away, he went to live with another relative he calls his Tía (Aunt). I tell you all of this that you may see what an overcomer looks like. Magno was saved through the efforts of the original EFATA Deaf church and ministry here in Iquitos. He joined our congregation at Puerta Abierta simply because he wanted to see the Bible preached in Sign Language and not just interpreted as it is now at the EFATA here in Iquitos. We had about a dozen or so who had started with the Institute lessons, but Magno is the only one to finish memorizing the verses we had for the last two months.

Sign Classes - The parents at the local private deaf children's school have asked me to take time in the evenings to teach them sign language. They are doing well, and all are advancing. I believe they will continue to learn at their own pace. Their desire is to communicate more with their own Deaf children. Their attitude is refreshing and though it has taken some time, I hope more families of the deaf will take this step.

Our University level course has a total of 24 students and will be concluding on October 21. It is our hope that all will graduate to our intermediate level. Intermediate classes will be from January to February, and when I return in March we will plan on starting the Level 2 class.

Furlough - We currently only have meetings with supporting churches scheduled in Texas and New Mexico from November - February 2018.

Thank you all so much for your faithfulness.

Your Missionaries to the Deaf 1st and Whosoever Will,
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