

THE

McKendree FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE
Peru, South America



January-March 2020

Dear Pastor and Church Family,



Mother's Day 2019 Full House

Our family is doing well. The children are growing up in a world that Sarah and I only ever saw in National Geographic magazines when we were children. We thank the Lord that we are all healthy and energized about what the Lord is doing this year. We do miss our home, family and friends in the States. We desire to see you all as soon as the Lord gives us the right time to make furlough. As we have said before, "We are doing the Lord's work and cannot come down at this time".

"Home is where God puts you and with whom he puts you."



December 2019 Family Pic

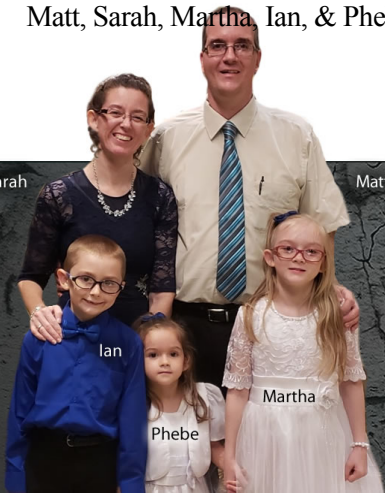
When we first arrived in Iquitos, the Lord provided a house where we could have church in the patio area. Last year, we moved to a smaller house. We continued having services in our home. God started opening doors for us to move the church to its own location. In September 2019, God allowed us to start construction on the future home of Iglesia Bautista Puerta Abierta. The building is now complete! We have a few little projects still, but we are now having services every Sunday in our new building! This building is the result of mission dollars, special gifts, and the faithful tithes and offerings of our dear people every Sunday. You know, when we talk about the church, we should be reminded that the people, the born-again believers, compose the Church - not the building. The meeting place, however, is also an institution of the Lord so that we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together in that meeting place—wherever that may be.



As we close this letter, we ask for prayer for the people of Peru. Tonight, March 15, 2020, the President of Peru announced a National State of Emergency for the next 15 days. This means that all travel in and out of the country, as well as in the country is restricted. All public gatherings have also been restricted. Only necessary trips to the store, bank, pharmacy, etc. are permitted. We know our God is in control. We are trusting the Lord with all our plans and ministries for this year. In the meantime, all our ministries, including church services have been put on hold. We pray this time will be one of hearts turning to the Saviour.

Rom 15:29 *"And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."*

Your Missionaries to the deaf 1st,
Matt, Sarah, Martha, Ian, & Phebe



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