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Dear Pastor and Church Family,



On August 30, our little city was filled with excitement! An attempt to make the world's largest Mazamorra de Aguaje was made for the Guinness Book of World Records. Mazamorra de Aguaje is a palm fruit gelatin dessert - you should look up Aguaje, it's more fun that way! It was 751.30 kilograms (About 1,656 pounds) in weight and made in a pan of 5 meters (about 16.5 feet) long by 1.5 meters (about 5 feet) wide. The attempt was successful! We also made our own "record" by passing out 600 gospel tracts in 10 minutes. Praise the Lord, the people were hungry for more than just dessert.



August also brought us news of various sicknesses. With great sadness, we learned that the Deaf woman Sarah had interpreted for a while back is now dying of liver cancer. She is no longer in Iquitos, and is unable to return. The saddest news indeed is that she isn't saved, though we have witnessed to her. I was able to give her family's information to another Pastor in the city where she's at now. We are thankful that this Pastor knows Sign Language. Please pray that he might reach this precious soul for Christ before it is too late.

Another Deaf lady, whose father passed away in March, just learned that her mother is sick with breast cancer. Please pray for the salvation of Señora Ramirez.

Another young Deaf woman has a seven-year-old son who has been diagnosed with kidney stones. The doctors are saying there are five stones and he will need to fly to Lima for surgery. We are so grateful for the opportunity to be able to bring a Church service to their small home on a Sunday afternoon. We were able to present the gospel, be a blessing, and pray the Lord's protection and provision upon them.

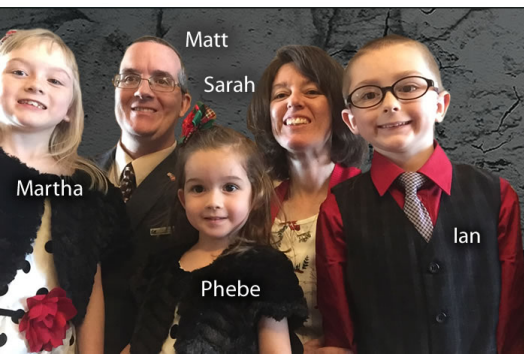
Yvan, one of our faithful Deaf men, has been telling us about his mother having an infected foot. I went to check on her in the hospital. They now know she has diabetes and will have to have her leg amputated below the knee. Sarah went to visit her with the goal of witnessing to her. She is Catholic. Please pray as we continue to witness to her, as well as other family members. Catholicism states that they believe they will go to heaven after all, and they often use some of the same terminology as we do, yet it means something totally different to them from what the Bible says. Pray for wisdom for us as we seek to reach her soul for Christ before it is too late.

September 1 brought the beginning of our Sign Language classes through the Scientific University of Peru. This year, God has given us morning and afternoon classes for three months. We pray these classes, which will give the participants a university level certificate, might open the eyes of the community to the Deaf's need for Language, Communication, and understanding. It is our desire and goal that while teaching Sign Language, we might also present the Gospel. We also recently assisted with a Teachers' Preparation Class. Inclusion is becoming more of a priority in the Education System of Peru, so the focus of this class was on how to teach the Deaf in the Elementary school levels, as well as Secondary school levels.

Sunday, September 23, our church received a visit from a local mayoral candidate, Señor Freddy. He is also one of our neighbors and a family man. While he is a strong Catholic, he graciously accepted our invitation to church, with the opportunity for the Deaf to ask him questions about his campaign after the service. Praise the Lord for another opportunity to present the Gospel!

Sunday, September 30, we combined our morning service with another Baptist church we fellowship with, and the Pastor has asked me to preach for both the Deaf and Hearing for their Pastor Appreciation Day.

To the Deaf 1st and Whosoever Will,



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