

THE

# McKendree FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE  
Peru, South America



September/October 2019

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Our theme in Iglesia Bautista Puerta Abierta for the next few months is building a foundation through the Scriptures from Genesis to Ezra and Nehemiah, during our new building program for a permanent location for IBPA.

Ezra 3:11 *“And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.”*



Nehemiah 2:18 *“Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.”*

Our new church logo helps to emphasize our church's mission in Peru to reach the deaf and hearing alike here in the Amazon River Region.

Some of you may have seen our updates on FB about our outreach to the city of Nauta, which is about a two hour van ride from Iquitos. Nauta is a smaller port city, mostly known for lower prices on produce coming off the river. There is a regular circuit of vans from various different companies which drive that route both day and night. I am currently going to Nauta every Thursday morning leaving Iquitos at 8 am and arriving in Nauta by 9:30 to setup for our Biblical Literacy Class using Peruvian Sign Language.

Nauta has a population of roughly 30,000 souls. Although we do not know the exact deaf population of Nauta, we have met 5 deaf people so far.

We give special thanks to Pastor Leonel of Filadelfia Baptist Church for making their building and facilities available to us weekly, as well all the leg work he does in our absence by inviting and bringing all of our current students weekly.

Please be in prayer with us about

1. Construction
2. Amazon deaf Missions
3. Nauta
4. Spiritual growth



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



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