

THE

McKendree FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE
Peru, South America



November/December 2019

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

For the last half of this year, I have been teaching our people about giving God's way. From the youngest to the oldest, they are learning to give! Our building and construction project continues and at this time we lack only the ceiling being finished with cement, lighting and electricity and finishing the bathroom. The church services are filling up our living room area and we have a new Deaf girl named Cristina, who is 10 yrs.old. Her mother, Señora Carmen, is bringing Cristina and her brother, Nestor, who is 9 yrs. old. After church on December 15, my wife had the opportunity to share the Gospel with Señora Carmen. She received Christ and has been faithful to come every Sunday. Their home is across the river in a little community called Gabriela Nuñez.



Our Literacy Class in Nauta is going well - thanks especially to the all the assistance we have received from Pastor Leonel and Filadelfia Baptist Church. Vidal and Pepito are our only faithful students. Both of them are Deaf and are learning steadily. Due to new contacts with the Special Needs and Special Education community in Nauta, we have met a new deaf boy. Antoni is a 12 year old deaf boy. We met him and his mother two weeks before Christmas, when they came to our Biblical Literacy Class. They also came to our end of the year fellowship, where we shared some paneton and hot chocolate with about 33 prospective new students.

Some of you may remember our Waterproof Bible Project. We were able to purchase 2 cases of the Waterproof Bibles, which have all been given away. We still have funds left for the purpose of purchasing Waterproof Bibles. Sadly, we can no longer purchase the Waterproof RVR 1960. Therefore, upon prayer and seeking biblical counsel, we believe it would be better stewardship to appropriate the fund to other needed areas of ministry. If you have donated to the fund, and would like a return of your donation, then please let us know. Otherwise, we will assume that using it for needed ministry is acceptable.

We have, however, been receiving RVR 1960 Bibles from BEAMS Bible Ministry. These Bibles have a hard back cover and are of good quality, received from BEAMS free of cost to us. I have sent cases of Bibles with a Peruvian Christian brother, who is distributing the Bibles along the river to new believers and congregations, who are unable to get such good quality Bibles. Please note the pictures of Peruvians posing with their new Bible.

The children are growing well and happy. Martha is now 10 and loves all things of animals and plants. Ian is 9 and very athletic in whatever he does. Phebe is 5 and such a ray of sunshine to whoever she meets. Although at times we miss being in the States, we are at home here in the Amazon. We are unsure as to when we will be taking our next furlough. While the Lord's work here seems to move slow, the greatest need is not speed, but stillness. So we wait patiently for the Lord's timing.

We look forward to this new year and the goals set before us. We are excited to see our building project near completion. We will be continuing our Bible Literacy Class, with the aid of Pastor Leonel. We also have a Sign Language Class with a small group from one of the local Baptist churches here, who want to continue learning how to reach the deaf in their Jerusalem of Iquitos. Please pray with us about our upcoming Vacation Bible School. Lord willing, it will be in our new building. We are also praying about how we might setup a week of Deaf Camp for the deaf adults. In February, we will be hosting a group of Peruvian Sign Interpreters from the city of Arequipa. They are from the Sign Language school called LARA, under the leadership of my long time friend, Esteban Ramirez, who is a son of deaf parents.

Your Missionaries to the deaf 1st,
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