

THE

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D E A F 1ST



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Dear Pastor and Church Family,



Elita, the deaf lady who was dying of liver cancer, has passed away and yet the blessing in the midst of the sadness is that a Peruvian pastor in the city of Pucallpa, whom we contacted about visiting Elita, was able to witness to her and she finally responded. The pastor sent us a picture of Elita signing that she had received Christ into her heart by using the sign of the cross over her heart.

Our Peruvian Sign Class, through the University, has concluded with nine students completing the three-month intensive course. Their final exam consisted of an ABC Story, a written exam, a technical vocabulary recital, and a silent lunch where we, the teachers, interpreted by voice for the signing students as they ordered their food.



In our last letter, we mentioned Señora Ramirez, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Please continue to pray for her salvation. Unfortunately, we have not had any word on how she is doing.

The boy with kidney stones has been sent to Lima for surgery and neither his mother, who is deaf, nor we heard any news about how he is doing. Señora Gilma's (Yvan's mother) leg was amputated. Yvan keeps us posted on how she is doing. She seems to be doing well.

Señor Freddy did not win the election, but he did hear the gospel on the Sunday when he visited.



Deaf and Pastor Appreciation Day went very well! The deaf all chipped in and bought me the green T-shirt I am holding in the picture. Also, Sarah's trip went well. She and Phebe returned safely. It was a good trip and we thank you all for your prayers.

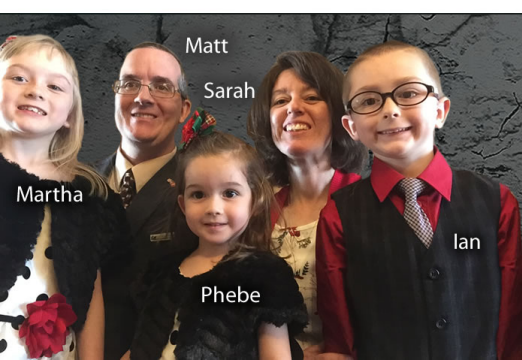
Our trip to the coastal city of Tacna went well. Iglesia Bautista Calvario (Calvary Baptist Church) invited us to lead their Deaf Conference as a start to their new Interpreted Deaf Ministry. Matt preached by voice and sign for five weekend services. Special thanks to the Missionary Rob Stover family and Miss Bethany Hohman for their hospitality, and IBC for their love for the deaf.

Upcoming Events

December - The church will visit two deaf ladies in the river community of Manacamiri.

We will be giving the ladies Christmas baskets. These ladies live about 30 minutes away from the city and don't get to come to church. So we will bring a Christmas service to them. On Birthday Sunday we will be celebrating my wife's special day, as well as a few others. The church will be having a "Chocolatada," which is a Christmas party with hot chocolate and "Paneton," (a better than fruit cake, fruit cake). Our church's New Year's celebration in the evening will have a gospel film-showing in sign language. The film is about the Bible story of Hosea.

To the Deaf 1st and Whosoever Will,
Matt, Sarah, Martha, Ian, & Phebe



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