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FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE  
*Peru, South America*

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Dear Pastor, Church Family, Supporters, Friends, and Co-Laborers,

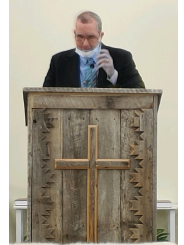
## Remembering! (Part 1)



My passport has finally arrived! I now have tickets for my trip to Peru, August 10 - September 1. This trip will be a re-evaluation of the work in Iquitos, Peru. During this time, I will be accompanied by Brother Jim Sloan, Missionary Evangelist to the Deaf. Brother Sloan, who just turned 84, has been preaching to the deaf around the world for 65 years. He will be preaching our church's 6th anniversary and our 1st Annual Missions Celebration. It is hard to believe that it was just six years ago that the Lord brought us to Iquitos and we began having services out of our carport! Today, the church has its own building and, in our absence, they continue faithfully to be in their place each Sunday.

We were able to spend a week on the Navajo Reservation in Ganado, Arizona with Missionary Mark Haynes and his son, Joel Haynes. We were able to visit a few Navajo churches, as well as go on visitation. We visited a family in an area called Cornfield Village, where we heard that there were deaf. We met two deaf adults, a brother and sister, who lived with their parents. They both appeared to know something about church, Jesus, and the Bible, but not salvation. I was able to witness to them both through sign and pictures while Pastor Mark invited the parents to church. It will take much more time than we had to reach them. There is currently no interpreter for the deaf at the church, but Pastor Mark assured them and me that they would begin to minister to these deaf people in any way they could. A special thank you also to Missionary Andy Magnarella and his family for their hospitality as we visited with them on the Hopi reservation. Brother Andy and I were in Bible college together at OBC.

We are honored to have Heritage Baptist Church in Jefferson, TX as one of our new supporting churches. Thank you, Pastor Seth Buckner and church family! Also, during the month of June, we were able to see long time friends, as well as make new friends. We are so grateful for each church family we were able to spend time with. We were blessed to see the folks of Heritage Baptist Church of Little Rock Arkansas with Pastor Guy Kelly. Brother Kelly was my Homiletics professor at OBC. His preaching reminds me to "stick and stay and make it pay".



We were able to participate in our mission board's Annual Institute of Missions (AIM Conference). What a blessing it was to spend time with our FBWWM family! We are thankful for the opportunity emphasize the necessity for new recruits in World Deaf Missions. We pray the Lord would raise up a new generation to reach the deaf for Christ.

It was a blessing to spend time with the folks of Faith Baptist Church in Blairsville, GA. We also had the honor of spending time with the dear people of Grace Baptist Church in Ellijay, GA. Soon after our visit there, Pastor Walls was diagnosed with cancer, and he recently graduated to Heaven. Please be in prayer for his family, as well as the church family. We are also thankful for the time we spent with our home church in Columbus, GA. It was wonderful to see what the Lord is doing at Community Baptist Church! We are so thankful for Pastor Wynn and our church family there!

There are so many blessings that we want to share, and we will wait for the next letter to share more.

To be Continued...

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