January/February 2016

Dear Pastor and Friends,

We have compiled some highlights of the last few months of ministry activity here in Iquitos Peru.

1. **Christmas in the Jungle -** With an average temperature of 80-90 degrees F., Christmas was colorful here as you can see in the attached picture. Right now we are currently experiencing a drought, though this time of year is normally "winter" - the rainy season.



Christmas Decorations

School Class

2. **Public School Ministries -** We will be teaching at a Special Education Children's' School starting in March. We already taught there back in October-December. Matt will continue with his Creation lesson and end at the

Cross. We were also offered recently the opportunity to teach a Deaf GED Summer class for Deaf adults wanting to get their Diploma. This school is a free service of the Loreto local government. Matt has been offered the "Religious and Character Training Class" for up to 50 deaf adults, many of whom are already attending church with us at Open Door

Baptist Church. We will, of course, still be focusing on basic reading, writing, and comprehension, while always using the Bible as our textbook.



3. **Family** - We are doing well. Sarah has school with Martha and Ian Tuesdays -Fridays. I get to teach them Bible and Creation Science on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Phebe has "Bible and School" time along with them.

We have come to see that the majority of visitors, potential new members, and the unsaved are coming to visit because of the friendships that we have developed with the many here in the city.

In the world of the deaf and hearing we truly must be all things to all people that we might save some, and bridge the gap between the two worlds. May Christ be glorified in all that is said and done.

## **Prayer Requests**

- 1. For the both the hearing and Deaf to be saved
- 2. New mission outreach to a river community
- 3. Many that have been saved need to come to understand their need for baptism
- 4. Many couples need to see the blessing of the commitment to Holy Matrimony

Thank you for your part in all God is doing here. We love and appreciate each one of you! Thank you for your faithfulness!



Public School Children

Your Missionaries To The Deaf 1<sup>st</sup> and Whosoever Will, Matt & Sarah, Martha, Ian, & Phebe