

January 2015

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Happy New Year! As the New Year begins, our furlough is quickly coming to an end. It has been a busy time, but we are doing well and looking forward to getting back to Peru. We have enjoyed seeing many of our dear, supporting churches.

I have enjoyed preaching sometimes four times a week, relating the Lord's testimony of what has been done during our past two years in Peru. It has been especially exciting to relate the possibilities of encountering Deaf villages in the Amazon Jungle once we find ourselves settled in Iquitos.

Sarah has stayed busy homeschooling Martha and Ian, keeping up with Phebe, and navigating for me. She has enjoyed watching the kids' reactions to "the States," and is counting the days until our return to Peru.

Martha, 5 and ½ years old, has become quite the reader, and has recently started learning to write in cursive. She loves cooking and helping Mommy with Phebe.

Ian is counting the days until he is "4 and ½"! He is our born "yarn-spinner"! He often comes up with stories about things like "the chameleon that ate a crocodile, that ate an alligator, that ate a really big snake!" He loves planes, trains, and anything that goes!

Phebe loves giving us her best smiles, showing off her two little pearly-white teeth! At 9 months old, Phebe is now crawling, pulling herself up to standing, and taking steps while holding our hands.

We are looking forward to all that God has planned for us as we head back to Peru. We are excited about working closer with Jonathan and Stephanie Hernandez, who are missionaries in Brazil. One of our most exciting goals is to have a shipment of waterproof Bibles to take with us when we move to Iquitos. We can purchase Spanish New Testaments with Psalms and Proverbs from Bardin Marsee Publishing for \$9.00 each. We would like to purchase at least 500 Bibles. Many of you have expressed a desire to help us with this project. If you would like to help us purchase waterproof Bibles, you can send a check to FBWWM. Please make the check out to FBWWM, and note on the Memo line that it is for the McKendree Waterproof Bible Project. Along with the check, FBWWM has asked that you include a letter with the check stating that the check is to be held in Escrow for the McKendree Waterproof Bible Project.

Thank you so much for all your love, prayers, and support. We are grateful for each one of you. Thank you for allowing us to be your missionaries.

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

