

THE

# McKendree FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE  
*Peru, South America,*

DEAF

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Dear Pastor, Family & Friends,



2 Year Anniversary

We have now completed 5 years in Peru, with 2 of those years being here in Iquitos. Looking back at these past 2 years, I would like to share with you our field through the eyes of the parable of the Sower and the Seed as found in Luke 8:5-8.

Through this parable, we all sense the urgency to be a sower of God's Word and we are better prepared to understand the reactions that come with this ministry of sowing the seed. Iquitos is a field that has been worked for many years by many good and faithful American missionaries and Peruvian Christians. The ground is still being worked today.

In the last 2 years we have seen how this city is still very much a stronghold of the devil and this hold seems to be the idolatry of things and the slavery to strong drink in particular. We have seen the Word of the Lord distributed in our hundreds of tracts and the general reaction is, "Thank you" or "I'll read this" or "Who can know if you're going to Heaven?" We have seen the Devil snatch away the seed by means of apathy, distraction, religious traditions, or curiosity with no real interest. We have seen the seed fall upon such stony ground that one may even seek out the church to find out if the pastor will baptize them and their baby, but they end up hearing the Gospel instead, get under conviction, and ask the Lord to save them. The stony ground hearer receives the warning and the invitation gladly, starts coming to church with fervor, but like a morning

glory, fades in the heat of trouble or the distraction of every day life. Where are they now? The weeds and thorns may spring up but the seedling could resist such trials and temptations, the question is when will they? We will be waiting with faith, and hope.

Then there are the few, the quiet, the meek and humble, the peaceable fruit of righteousness. The tiny sprout, growing slowly, digging deep with their roots, and showing fruit unto repentance and a yield as simple and lovely as the Fruit of the Spirit. By these fruits they show that they have, with child-like faith, received permission to enter into the house of the Father through trusting in His Son. Men, woman, girls, and boys, no matter Deaf or hearing, they bear a little or much fruit, but fruit just the same to the account of each of us who value their souls as Christ does.

Through the course of this writing, we begin to see more clearly the meaning of "A sower went out to sow his seed:" Jesus is "He that Sowed the good seed and the good seed are the children of the kingdom." Of these that fell among soil that bore no fruit, could any be tares? Only the Lord knows, but we will love them as Christ loves them - even though they may grow up among the wheat.

The greatest encouragement in all of this is that we labor not alone, not as mere broadcasters in a field. 1 Cor. 3:9 tells us "For we are labourers with God:" and 1 Cor. 15:58 tells us "For as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Thank you all for your faithfulness where you have been planted.  
Matthew McKendree

- Please pray for
- University sign course we will be teaching soon
- Wisdom in our preparing for furlough in November-May 2018
- Our beloved Church people during our 6 month absence
- Peace in the midst of planning



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