

March-April 2021

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

We would like to say a special "Thank You" to Grace Baptist of Portales, New Mexico; Bible Baptist of Seminole, Texas; Texas Baptist of San Antonio, Texas; Moore Baptist Temple of Moore, Oklahoma; New Hope Baptist of Artesia, New Mexico; Iglesia Bautista Fundamental of Hereford, Texas; Greenwood Hills Baptist of Greenwood, Louisiana; and Heritage Baptist of Jefferson, Texas. We are looking forward to visiting with churches on the Navajo reservation in Arizona and New Mexico. In June, we will be traveling to Memphis, Tennessee, for the *AIM Institute of Missions* through FBWWM, where I will be presenting the work of deaf missions. For the rest of June, we will be in Georgia and Alabama.



We submitted our passport applications in January. So far, only Martha and Ian's passports are in the processing status. The rest of ours have no status available.

On April 17, 2021, the Government of Peru announced additional mitigation measures due to high levels of COVID-19 spread. Beginning on April 19, 2021, businesses in areas of Extreme alert level must now close three hours before curfew. Currently, in Lima and other areas of Extreme alert, curfew is at 9:00 p.m. and businesses must now close no later than 6:00 p.m. In areas of Peru in Moderate, High, or Very High alert, businesses must close no later than two hours before the local curfew. In addition to face masks, face shields must be worn to enter many establishments, including shopping centers, markets, supermarkets, department stores, and other

potentially crowded places. On April 20, 2021, the Department of State announced that the Travel Advisory for Peru has increased from Level 3 "Reconsider Travel" to Level 4 "Do Not Travel" due to the ongoing situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Far-left candidate Pedro Castillo will face the controversial candidate Keiko Fujimori in a June runoff for Peru's presidential election. Please be praying for the people of Peru.

This news does not discourage me from traveling to Peru as soon as my passport is ready, but it does however confirm our decision for me to travel while Sarah and the kids stay in NM with family. I will be traveling to Peru, as soon as possible, to assess how we should proceed. Pray for my passport to arrive soon, and pray for Sarah and the kids as they remain in New Mexico while I am gone.

Please pray also for the people in Nauta, a neighboring city of Iquitos. Recently the city of Nauta experienced protests, including a clash with police. The protests were due to poor electricity service and water shortages.

Our church services still continue each week. Each Sunday Hermana Pilar opens the doors, spaces the chairs apart for distance, and sets up a TV monitor to show the live stream service. We are thankful for the faithfulness of those who are coming in our absence. This past Sunday, we were able to facilitate the giving of donation baskets with household essentials. Ten families were blessed as a result. Matt. 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.



Your Missionaries to the Deaf 1st and Whosoever Will, Matt & Sarah, Martha, Ian, & Phebe McKendree

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