



The M^cKENDREE Family

Missionaries to the Deaf 1ST

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

October-November 2013

Matt, Sarah, Martha & Ian

I write to you all not only as your missionary, but also as a Pastor to a growing handful of souls. Most of those souls are the Deaf and the Hearing people in their lives. Some are from the Jungle regions of Peru, others are from the mountains, and still others are from large cities or small villages. I have the privilege of being the Shepherd of a flock of babes in Christ, many who are wise beyond their years. They come from varied backgrounds and personalities - some reclusive, some outgoing, and some seeking help to escape a life of sin. There are those from broken marriages, needing and wanting counsel to avoid the sad circumstances of adulterous living. A spiritual Dorcas without a 5th grade reading level, some young, others elderly, and some who can barely sign their name. But the one thing they all have in common is the knowledge that Christ died for sinners like them. They have hearing family and loved ones who struggle with sickness, putting food on the table, paying the rent, and communicating with their Deaf family members. They realize that death is certain, whether it is tomorrow or ten years from now. They nurse the wounds of abandonment from culture and even from well-meaning former pastors. Praise the Lord, however, for those who have gone before, teaching the people that Jesus saves!

I and my family are working hand in hand with this dear flock of sheep. We are not seeking to bring about social reform, Deaf Awareness, good character, or even good citizenship, though these things may be part of the results. With God's help, we are seeking to teach them to...

1. Honor the Lord with our lives
2. Glorify God in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
3. Learn to love reading the Bible
4. Grow in Christ daily
5. Represent the Lord Jesus here on earth
6. Point others to the Saviour who loves them and bought them with His own blood.
7. Obey, fulfill, and rejoice in His command, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..."

Thank you for holding the ropes! Thank God for His unspeakable gifts!

To the Deaf and Whosoever Will,
The McKendree Family
Matt, Sarah, Martha, Ian, and Baby

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