

# Raymond and Anita Bradley

## *bringing the Gospel to the Deaf in* **ECUADOR & PERU**



December 2024, January 2025 Prayer Letter

Dear Brethren in Christ and friends:

*"We are confident...to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord"* 2 Corinthians 5:8. That was Anita's mom's desire.

Mamita or Mama Dominguita, as we lovingly called her, was a strong Christian lady, a pillar in her home, a very wise lady; she went to be with the Lord three weeks after the doctor diagnosed her with Lymphoma. Her health deteriorated very fast; thank the Lord Mamita is now resting in the presence of the Lord. Many people attended her funeral; it was a blessing to hear testimonies for the glory of God how the Lord used Mom to touch lives in Peru, Ecuador, and in the USA. Thank the Lord she was a soul winner and loved missions and missionaries. We miss her greatly; thank the Lord for His grace and comfort and for the great hope of heaven.

God is so good. One of our deaf teachers, Anita Rivadeneira, from Ecuador, has been here in Peru to help us in our church and in the deaf school since last October. Anita R. was one of the first deaf ladies the Lord allowed us to reach when we first started the church in Guayaquil Ecuador. She received the Lord in 1997 and has strived to be faithful through the years. Anita applied herself to improve in reading, writing, etc. The Lord allowed us to train her to become a teacher with the new deaf students. It is very rewarding to see the fruit of hard labor through the years, keeping in mind that only God can change people's lives. To God be the glory!

Thank the Lord He is starting to touch lives to team up with us in our new field in the Peruvian Central Jungle. My wife Anita's oldest sister, Haydee, who went to be with the Lord in March of 24, and her husband Miguel had been missionaries in this area for more than 20 years, mainly with native communities. Their son Jonathan, an English teacher in a Christian School, has been touched with our deaf church. He, his wife Lis, and daughter started attending our church to help in any way possible. It is amazing to see how fast he is learning Sign Language. Jonathan wants us to train him to work with the deaf. Please pray for him and his family.

My wife and I had to go to Lima because of Mom's health, before our Christmas church activities. We had everything almost ready. Jonathan was willing to take over. He led the different activities, handing out grocery bags one day, and toys for our children another day. Since he is also a chef, he and some helpers prepared the Christmas dinner for our church people. He preached signing and voicing. Although Jonathan is still limited in Sign Language, he makes himself understood with the deaf. We know it is only of the Lord. We ended up the school year with six deaf students, four of them received the Lord as their personal Savior. Praise the Lord! We continue to look for new deaf people to tell them about the Lord. Our church attendance is between 20 and 30 people, mostly deaf.

The Maranatha Baptist Church of the Deaf and School in Guayaquil, Ecuador, continues thriving for the glory of God. In 2018 the Lord allowed us to reach Ana Obando, a young deaf seamstress whom my wife disciplined. After a short time God brought Edwin, a deaf young man with a desire for the things of the Lord. He has been faithful to Him. Recently Edwin and Ana were engaged to be married. They learned the importance of waiting on the Lord. What an honor to serve God and watch Him change lives and guide them to bless them. He is so good!

Thank you for your partnership by praying and giving for the work of the Lord.

Serving our soon coming King,

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*"... and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" Romans 10:14b*

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