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Urgent Family Need

After returning from Iquitos in July, we finally got into the immigrations office in Arequipa to inquire about Sarah's Peruvian citizenship through marriage. Peru law requires two years of marriage before one can start the process, and we just celebrated our two-year anniversary on July 3rd. However, what we found out shocked us. Unknowingly, Sarah had a fine of 46 soles per day accumulating against her on her religious visa once the state of national emergency (for the pandemic) was revoked in August of 2021. So, with nearly a year in the books, we were told we owe more than **\$4,000!!**

However, the immigration representative immediately informed us that we can absolve that gross fine by canceling her religious visa status in the system 15 days prior to exiting the country. She needs to be outside of the country for a minimum of 2-3 days and reenter as a tourist - at which time she will be given a limited number of days to be in the country and start the immigration process of citizenship through marriage. So, the **good** news is that we should not have to pay \$4,000+. The **bad** news is that we need to exit the country for several days.

As we compared our options among the closest borders, modes of transportation, required hours of travel, licenses/documentation/permissions needed, ease of travel with a toddler, expenses, etc., we decided to take advantage of our unexpected & mandatory "time away" to celebrate the honeymoon that we never had after our wedding was cancelled due to the pandemic. While our travels will be substantially less expensive than her fine, we would very much appreciate your prayers for everything to go according to plan with immigrations and for God's financial provision for the flights, lodging, etc. as we travel together as a family of three to Mexico in early September.



Junior, Sarah & Adelyn Mae

Update from the Field...

We thank God for the opportunity to write you briefly and share how the Lord has been at work over the last four months in our lives and ministries. May you rejoice with us, pray for us, and may God receive the glory for all **He** has done!

Raising up T.H.I.S. Generation for Christ

T **Training** - After endless hours of hard work, we launched the *first* classes of the *first* semester of the *new* seminary program on Tuesday, May 17th. We now offer a two-year, four-semester, 64-credit Bachelor of Theology program consisting of 26 courses in total. We also created a 16-page brochure for the seminary explaining its history, mission, doctrinal statement, rules & regulations, as well as the program calendar, course outline, professors, and costs. After laboring diligently to formalize the seminary with greater academic and spiritual



standards, we have been encouraged to see the Lord at work in the lives of our **20** enrolled students as they have risen to the occasion. Please pray for the conclusion of this first semester and for final exams at the end of August, as well as for the start of the second semester in September!

Sarah & I continue to disciple our young leaders in the first phase of our new discipleship program. While our progress through the material in itself has been slow at times, we are careful to take the needed time to address questions, study doctrinal themes on a deeper level, and challenge our disciples to apply the truths they are learning to their lives in direct and personal ways. We rejoice in the maturation we are witnessing and look forward to fruit that will only continue to increase as we make further progress in the discipleship material and phases with the goal of our disciples making more disciples until the entire local church body becomes active participants in the calling! Please pray for us and for our **10** disciples by name - Sarah's disciples: Ericka, Irene, Elizabet & Angela; Junior's disciples: Milton, Jhadiel, Jorge, Abraham, Julio & Bryan.



Q&A session in Indiana during conference



Praying for Indira after her baptism



7th anniversary service in Majes

Praises & Prayer Requests:

- We humbly thank God and so many of you for helping us meet **four** of our project needs in just **one** quarter of the year! We are challenged to do even more for the Lord through your sacrificial giving. Thank you!
- We also thank the Lord for maintaining us at **54%** of our support. We thank God for the 12 churches & 7 individuals who partner with us financially. Please continue praying with us for the Lord to raise up other financial partners to reach **100%** in His timing. Please also pray for the current economic crisis here in Peru!

Contributions to our ministry should be made payable to IPM and sent to IPM, Inc., 100 Spring Ave., Hanover, PA 17331.

Be sure to include a note designating "Junior Araujo Support" or any other special designation that you may have for us

Helping - From June 22nd through July 6th, we travelled to the Peruvian Amazon on an evangelistic medical campaign with a group of 19 team members: 7 from the States, 9 from Arequipa and 3 from Cusco. In total, we held 9 medical clinics (3 in each location): in the city of Iquitos with national missionary, Pastor Aladino Gomez; in the town of Indiana with national missionary, Pastor Carlos Rubio; and in the town of Mazán with national missionary, Pastor Marcial Murayari. More than 900 patients were personally evangelized, as well as provided medical attention, dental attention, and/or reading glasses. Additionally, we held a 3-day pastoral conference in Indiana that was a time of great encouragement and solid Bible teaching with nearly 20 national pastors/leaders in attendance from near & far. My personal favorite was the Q&A session, when we were able to hear the hearts and struggles of these faithful servants who minister deep in the Amazon tributaries and villages. Please pray for these men serving in remote areas that are only accessible by small boats, that the Lord will continue to encourage their hearts, that they will remain faithful in rightly dividing the Word of Truth, and that the Lord will multiply His church through their efforts! Please also pray for the 900+ souls who heard the gospel message, that the Lord will water the seeds planted and give the increase; and for each national pastor and his local congregation to faithfully visit, follow up with, and disciple those who expressed interest, responded to the gospel, and/or were in need of counsel.

Impacting - Praise the Lord, our youth group meetings are going well. I had the privilege of baptizing one of our youth, Indira, in May. We continue to have roughly 20+ youth each Saturday evening for our youth group meetings. And, we are very excited to announce that the Lord has graciously provided the funds needed to begin several stages of work on the Youth Training Center. We praise the Lord for a dear contributor who gave and met our need for 40 new, folding chairs that have proven invaluable as we transition the space quickly from one function to another. We also praise the Lord for a supporting church who gave so generously to meet our electrical system project. A young leader/disciple in the church, Julio, who is also an architect, is helping with the design and implementation of each phase. We hope to begin making progress next week, Lord willing, with both the flooring and the electrical system. We so appreciate your prayers for and giving towards this space. We truly believe that between its use for discipleship, youth group, seminary, and special events, the impact on current and future generations will be far-reaching! Please pray for the possibility of a construction mission group visiting us in January/February with the goal of assisting us with final touches and furnishings.

Sowing - In April & May, Sarah and I traveled to Majes with Adelyn on Sundays, staying overnight to visit and minister to individual needs on Mondays. In June, we also celebrated the 7th-year anniversary of the Majes church plant! What a testimony to the Lord's faithfulness it was for us to see the principal church members and Majes church members rally together to improve the church temple ahead of time (sanding, priming, and painting among other things), prepare special songs, testimonies, dramas, and food. Our hearts were encouraged by the active participation of the church family as well as by the invited guests who attended. Please continue praying for this church plant to grow, mature, and produce fruit. Please pray for the current young leaders assisting with this church plant and children's ministry: Carlos, Irma and Angie. Lastly, please pray for the Lord's financial provision so that Sarah and I can resume traveling the more than 4-hour round trip together with Adelyn each week. Due to the economic crisis and rising gas prices, I am currently taking a bus to Majes on Sundays. Moreover, because accidents and fatalities occur frequently with buses on the dangerous Pan-American Highway, we decided that it is best for Sarah & Adelyn to remain in Arequipa on Sundays until we can once again travel together as a family in our private vehicle once gas prices go down.

Thank you for taking the time to read our update! We truly value your prayer support, knowing that you sustain us before the Throne of Grace and help us battle for our mission to reach T.H.I.S. generation for Christ through our various ministry endeavors. We pray the Lord will multiply fruit to your accounts for your faithful investment in us, our ministry, and our people! We love you!

Our love in Christ from Arequipa - Peru,
Junior, Sarah & Adelyn Mae

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