

# THE ARAUJO FAMILY

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## Homeschool, Hips, and Happy Birthday

Sarah officially began homeschooling Adelyn on March 3<sup>rd</sup> (following the Peruvian academic school year). After just six weeks in this new routine, we feel as though our family is thriving more than ever. We are so very grateful that the Lord led us to this decision and for the freedom to educate Adelyn at home under the Peruvian constitution. While shipping material to Peru proved nearly impossible, the Lord clearly knew that ahead of time and orchestrated timing perfectly to be able to overnight air more than 50 pounds of curriculum to a group that would be visiting Peru from the States in February. That was a costly decision to make, but we could not be more thankful for the investment we made! Please pray that Adelyn will learn to love God and will maintain a love for learning. Please also pray with us for God's provision of **\$1,600** towards curriculum and shipping costs.

Just two days before Aylah's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, she suffered a strange and concerning injury. When trying to stand up from a seated position, she let out an alarming cry. After which, she refused to put any weight on her right leg. We monitored her through the night, but by the next morning Aylah wasn't any better. So, we took her to the emergency room to be evaluated. The x-rays and ultrasounds of her lower leg/foot only showed minor inflammation. But the x-ray results of her hips (that we picked up on her birthday) were more conclusive. The diagnosis read "dysplasia," with her acetabular angles measuring 32 and 29 degrees. We made arrangements to be seen by a pediatric orthopedist & traumatologist that night, knowing we wanted a second opinion. The specialist reevaluated Aylah and immediately corrected the angles on her poorly taken x-ray (to 25 and 24 degrees), confidently concluding that she did not/does **not** have hip dysplasia or any other deformity. He told us to expect her to recover within two weeks. Two weeks have passed now, and we praise God that she is walking again. We are so very grateful to God for answered prayer!



*Junior, Sarah, Adelyn & Aylah*

Can you believe it has been **four** years now since we finished our first (and only) deputation in the States? We are humbled by the incredible things God has done in our lives through so many of you. When we arrived to the States as "newbie" newlywed missionaries with a baby on the way, we couldn't have dreamed what God would do in the years to come through our faithful supporters and ministry partners. In four years, the Lord has walked with us from 0% support to now 74% support. He has provided us with a family/ministry vehicle, met heavy financial burdens related to immigration procedures, allowed us to complete extraordinary construction projects, and given us the sweetest spiritual family who genuinely carries our hardships with us, rejoices in our victories, and responds promptly to our family & ministry needs. We are privileged to labor with you in the gospel mission. May God alone yield a plentiful harvest of righteousness for His glory!

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

**T**rain<sup>ing</sup> - In our previous prayer letter, I shared with you the exciting news of having named Pastor Rolando Moscoso as our new Seminary Director. I briefly explained that he shares my passion, vision, and commitment to take the seminary program to greater heights as well as forge new advancements. I'm grateful to report that Rolando has not disappointed. Prior to launching the next two-year cycle of the seminary program on March 10<sup>th</sup>, he was working diligently behind the scenes to improve logistics, communication, and much more. Since taking on his new leadership role, he has introduced advisor's office hours into the seminary schedule to facilitate proper handling of attendance issues, as well as academic & spiritual counsel. This year was also the first year in the history of our seminary that we included a mandatory prerequisite course before official classes began. Since our seminary is open to laypersons of all walks of life from numerous churches throughout Peru, we have always faced the challenge of how to handle varying levels of literacy and poor reading comprehension. And so, this year, Rolando spearheaded an introductory Reading Comprehension & Writing course taught by Professor Sarai Estrada. The other exciting change is that we now have nine (**N-I-N-E!**) new volunteers helping in the areas of technology support, marketing, logistics, and activities. Please pray for our entire team working together to make our seminary ministry possible: my father, **Pastor Daniel Araujo**, President & Professor of Church Planting; me, Vice President; **Pastor Rolando**, Director & Professor of Pastoral Epistles; **Elizabeth**, Secretary;



Seminary Professors & Administrators



Baptisms of Josue & Gaenella



In Bolivia with Luis for Discipleship Training



3-day Galaxy Express VBS in Ciudad Majes

## Other Prayer Needs:

Please pray with us for **\$1,500** to help supplement the seminary budget this semester, enabling love offerings for each volunteer pastor, a special appreciation meal, and ministry materials. Thank you!

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**Shantal**, Accounting Assistant; **Pastor Alex Mamani**, Professor of Heretical Sects; **Pastor Luis Medina**, Professor of the Epistles of John; **Pastor Edwin Mamani**, Professor of Homiletics; **Pastor Cesar Lope**, new Professor of Church History; **Pastor Arturo Rodriguez**, new virtual Professor of Doctrine III; and volunteers **Gabriela, Ángel, Diego, Jesús, Yessica, Irene, Orlando, Nataly & Daniela**. Please also pray for the **22** students enrolled this semester!

**H**elping - Thank you for your prayers for our summer youth camp held from January 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. This year's youth camp was very unique in that I was more administrative in my role as Camp Director than ever before. Since our team of 9 youth leaders has been growing in their maturity and responsibility, I felt it was an opportune time to push them a little further. Together, they took on key roles in registration, finances, the program, transportation, devotionals, games & activities, counseling & evangelism, and so much more. Our prayer was to have at least 120 campers in attendance; the Lord brought **130** in total from Argentina, Bolivia, and Peru! Over the course of the five days, **10** young people professed to have made salvation decisions, **80** young people publicly acknowledged their desire to consecrate their lives to God, and **3** young people were called to serve the Lord! In way of our Peruvian campers, the Lord used this year's camp to impact the lives of Angel, Josue, Gaenella, and Saret in a powerful way. Since camp, Josue & Gaenella were baptized, and Angel & Saret are getting heavily involved in different ministry opportunities (Angel is serving in the seminary as well as music ministry, and Saret is now helping in the Majes church plant while also being part of the youth ministry leadership team). Please pray for abiding fruit in the lives of all who attended and were challenged by the sowing of God's Word in their hearts!

**I**mpacting - From February 6<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, I traveled with Luis Uscamayta and 7 of our youth leaders to Bolivia to participate in a Discipleship Training Conference. The powerful & practical teachings there provided us new insights into how to further improve our discipleship program in the youth ministry and even in the principal church at large. Upon our return to Arequipa, we organized a 3-night event for the entire church where we taught mini-sessions of what we had learned in Bolivia. Our hearts' desire is to encourage older church members to plug into this vital role of the Great Commission. In March, we said farewell to Celeste after more than a year of having her serve as a youth ministry assistant. We are thankful for the time we had with her and for how the Lord used her to accomplish what He had put on my heart in driving the youth ministry to its next stage. Since her departure, we reorganized our youth leadership team (now there are **eleven** youth leaders in total: Elizabeth, Gabi, Abraham, Angela, Claudia, Irene, Jhadiel, Jesús, Milton, Orlando, and Saret) with Luis and myself overseeing meetings & the youth ministry at large. Luis is adapting well and making a focused effort to connect with each youth leader in this period of transition/training.

**S**owing - We praise the Lord for the unbelievable response we've seen over the past three months to our financial needs and prayer requests concerning the church plant in Ciudad Majes. Since we last wrote, we were able to purchase 6 Lifetime folding tables just in time to be used for the Vacation Bible School program, "Galaxy Express," that was held from March 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>. In years past, VBS participation by the church family was largely carried by Irma, Angie, Joel, and Alejandra. This year, I'm grateful to report that several adolescents in the church took part in helping (Betsabe, Ester, Sofia, Azhbel, and Majuny). In total, more than **60** children came out for our VBS program. And, as of Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, we officially launched our first ever youth group meeting! Amen! We had **16** in attendance, **4** of whom were new visitors, and **3** of whom raised their hands indicating their desire to understand salvation. I was able to meet with one afterwards, **Jimer**, who placed his faith in Jesus Christ! However, I wasn't able to converse privately with **José** or **Jesús**. Since we are just starting, we will only hold youth group the first Friday of every month. As things grow and progress, those meetings will become more frequent. Luis Uscamayta will be helping me to install a custom bunk bed, closet, and desk in the prophet's chamber in the weeks to come, as well as helping me work on the bookshelves and desks in the classrooms. Lord willing, we should be able to furnish the prophet's chamber with basic necessities in the months ahead and begin traveling to Majes to minister together as a family in the very near future. Please continue praying with us along those lines as the need is immense! And, as always, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the investment you make each month to enable this work to be done! "To God be the glory, great things He hath done..."!

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

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