

# THE ARAUJO FAMILY



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## I-130 Visa Petition

It has been over a year since we submitted the I-130 visa petition back in August of 2024. The USCIS website says that we still have **8 months** to go before our case decision. However, our immigration lawyer told us that those processing times are rarely accurate. We are still prayerful that our second filing will indeed expedite the processing time by 3-6 months. So for now, we continue waiting on the Lord and praying for His perfect timing. Please do keep praying for my I-130 to be approved & soon!

## Peruvian Citizenship

For those of you who have been following us over the years, you know that as a bicultural family we have faced numerous immigration woes on both sides of the coin. Before we were married, Sarah entered Peru with a **religious visa** that eventually expired in the pandemic. She had to exit the country after Adelyn was born to nullify an exuberant fine that accumulated against her unknowingly, and then she reentered Peru on a **resident visa** through marriage. Now that two years have passed on that visa, she is eligible for a **marriage visa** that will lead to her Peruvian citizenship. We just renewed her resident visa because we need to correct an error in the system regarding our address before we can begin the process of applying for her Peruvian marriage visa. While much easier than a U.S. visa, it is still a hassle. There is never a dull moment in our family as we juggle keeping our records accurate and current in both countries. Nonetheless, we thank God that both Sarah & I appear to be on the road toward dual citizenship!



*Junior, Sarah, Adelyn & Aylah*

As a missionary and pastor in a multifaceted ministry, I am profoundly aware of the responsibility I bare of giving account to God for the souls I am watching over (Hebrews 13:17). In spite of the challenges, I count my calling in the Lord one of my richest blessings and joys. Nonetheless, there are times when the burden is heavy and the grief is crushing. No believer, church member, or leader is immune from the pervasiveness of sin. And, no soul is exempt from the attacks or wiles of the devil. I know these truths well, yet there are still times I am caught by surprise and thrown into a season of “groaning” that Hebrews 13:17 makes reference to. And, with Sarah as my helpmeet, she inadvertently carries part of that weight and burden alongside me. That being said, we thank you for your faithful prayers for us in our silence over the past 6 months, as we also faced varying degrees of technology failure (my laptop and Sarah’s phone both stopped working). Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and 11 are very clear in explaining how God sovereignly weaves the different seasons of life to make a beautiful tapestry of His purposes and plans. We trust His masterful hand at work in our personal lives, in our family, and in the ministry He has called us to. Please continue praying for us as we aim to remain “steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58).

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

**T**rainig - I am grateful to share with you that our seminary ministry under the direction of Pastor Rolando Moscoso is continuing to show improvement. While we faced a small hiccup last semester after one pastor withdrew as a professor from his virtual course (due to his own ministry responsibilities), the Lord knew that ahead of time and sent us a beloved brother & gifted Bible teacher, Stanley Kelley, who visited us in July and taught a large portion of the material through a modular course on *Hamartiology*. We just began the final semester of our two-year program on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. This semester we are offering *Doctrine IV (Ecclesiology & Eschatology)* taught virtually by Pastor Bernabé Vega, *Biblical Exposition of Daniel & Revelation* taught by Pastor Daniel Araujo, *Heresies & The Contemporary Movement* taught by Pastor Rolando Moscoso, *Christian Ethics* taught by Pastor Cesar Lope, *Prison Epistles* taught by Pastor Luis Medina, and *Homiletics II* taught by Pastor Edwin Mamani. Additionally, both Sarah and I are teaching portions of a divided course this semester. On Friday nights, Sarah teaches the female students in the course on *The Ministry of the Woman*, while I teach the male students in the course on *Pastoral*

### MINISTERIO DE LA MUJER

HNA. SARAH JONES

Inicio 05 de septiembre  
Hora: 18:00

CONTACTA: 98 Sarah's Seminary Course for Women



Survey Trip in the Peruvian Amazon



1st Youth Congress in Tacna, Peru



Youth Retreat in La Joya Property



Prophet's Chamber Progress in Majes

## Other Prayer Needs:

- Please pray for seminary director, Pastor Rolando Moscoso. He was very recently diagnosed with *fibromyalgia* and needs to have two magnetic resonance imaging exams scheduled. However, his family has faced multiple hospital bills lately because of his special needs son's health complications from mosaic Down syndrome. We are asking the Lord to provide **\$725** to take this financial burden off of his shoulders.

**Duties** at the same time. In November, we will receive our friend Stan once again to teach a modular course on *Anthropology*. Then, IPM Educational Consultant, Tom Wolfe, will visit us from November 15<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> to participate as our keynote speaker in the final seminary conference of the year and in our closing graduation ceremony. Please pray for this very important ministry, the seminary leadership team, the professors & pastors, and each student - that God will truly be glorified and that men and women will be equipped for humble, impactful, and surrendered service to expand the gospel unto the uttermost. Please also pray for our ongoing need of **\$1,500** to supplement the seminary budget. This will help us provide love offerings to each seminary professor/pastor/secretary at the closing of this two-year program, as well as help us fund the closing graduation ceremony.

**H**elping - As the son of a national pastor, and as a national pastor and missionary myself, the Lord has placed a heavy burden on my heart to partner with other national pastors in developing and strengthening their ministries. In **June**, the Lord gave me the opportunity to travel deeper into the **Peruvian Amazon** than I ever have before on a survey trip. I spent a week in the Iquitos and Loreto regions trying to make contact with national pastors who are working to evangelize indigenous tribes along the Amazon tributaries. While plans are still in their infancy, I am prayerful that the Lord will enable me to return in **February 2026** to go even deeper into these remote areas where laborers are working faithfully with extremely limited resources and support to reach souls that are yet unreached. These are very dangerous zones where narco-trafficking is rampant and tribes can be violent towards outsiders. Please cover this amazing mission trip opportunity in your prayers! In **July**, I was invited to speak as keynote speaker for the first ever youth leadership congress in the southern tip of the country. I traveled about 6 hours south to **Tacna**, where I was able to encourage pastors' and missionaries' children in private sessions on their role in the ministry and their individual leadership responsibilities before preaching to the general assembly of youth each night. By God's grace, 150 youth attended. Several youth made decisions to serve the Lord in their churches, a few young ladies reconciled their lives with the Lord, and the local churches who participated increased their youth ministry attendance as a result. We will be receiving a 17-person medical group in **October** and holding five evangelistic medical campaigns throughout **Arequipa** from Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>. This endeavor requires lots of planning, helpers, translators, evangelists, drivers, supplies and so on. Would you please pray for us, our entire team, and for God's working in the hearts of those who attend the clinic days - that souls will be saved & disciplined and local churches & national pastors will be encouraged? Thank you!

**I**mpacting - Luis Uscamayta and his wife Flor are doing an amazing job during this transition time into their youth leadership roles under our supervision. Both are very attentive to the youth, apt to giving timely counsel, alert to specific needs, and communicative about any doubts or questions. We couldn't be more grateful for these willing co-laborers who have stepped up and into a huge area of ministry. We have walked with them through some difficult situations already, one involving the discovery of deceptive sin that led to the discipline of and gradual restoration efforts (*Galatians 6:1*) in the lives of two of our dearest youth leaders. While Sarah and I are carrying the majority of the leadership role in taking the appropriate steps to restore these two believers through private counsel and weekly discipleship meetings and Bible studies, we have appreciated Luis's and Flor's participation and support as we work together and pray for God to produce fruit consistent with genuine repentance in their lives (*Matthew 3:8*). In July, we held a **youth retreat** on the theme of "Convictions" at our church's property in the desert of La Joya (one hour outside of the city). While one could say conditions on the rather vacant property were bare, I think it was *just* the right amount of "barrenness" for the youth to be *slightly* outside of their comfort zones, away from cell towers and signals, and with greater room for the Lord to work. Nearly 60 youth attended the 3 day/2 night retreat. I taught on the life, convictions and integrity of Joseph, challenging the youth to live lives marked by the "Lord [being] with [them]" and to be youth "in whom the Spirit of God is." The youth leaders handled the majority of the organization for this retreat for the first time and even taught small sessions. While it was a little rough around the edges at times, they learned from their mistakes, and I trust God will continue to mold them in their responsibilities and commitments in service to Him. Please continue praying for this vital ministry, that the Lord will raise these youth up to stand for truth in this generation and impact the next generation for Christ!



- Aylah is almost 18 months old now and quickly outgrowing her infant car seat. It is also difficult for Sarah to walk long distances in the city on her own with both girls, to grocery shop or run errands, with only a single stroller as, admittedly, the city traffic among other dangers pose serious risks. We are praying for the Lord to provide **\$1,100** to be able to purchase a **convertible toddler car seat** to grow with Aylah as well as a **lightweight & compact double stroller** to help Sarah regain some independence and efficiency.

*Check contributions to our ministry should be made payable to IPM and sent to IPM, Inc., 100 Spring Ave., Hanover, PA 17331.\**

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**S**owing - Exciting things are underway in the church plant in Ciudad Majes. We knocked down a portion of the church that used to be my "room" back in the days when I traveled as a single young man to raise up this church plant, sleeping on the dirt floor with scorpion companions. Since then, my bachelor quarters eventually morphed into a storage room, which is now in the process of becoming a closed garage! A visiting group that came in July helped us to make some progress with demolishing and lifting a wall. Lord willing, next week a foreman will begin finishing what we started. It's important for us to close off that open area as quickly as possible to protect the church from vandalism or harm. We also praise the Lord that we now have a bunk bed frame, closet, and desk built in the small prophet's chamber apartment. After the garage is completed, we plan to begin furnishing that space to prepare for our family's weekend travels to Majes. Please continue praying for this church plant in desperate need of our extended physical presence in order to better shepherd the believers, disciple them, counsel them, encourage them, and strengthen them. Please also continue praying for Angie, Irma, and Alejandra as they work together in the children's ministry. And, lastly, please pray for our monthly youth meetings to grow and yield eternal fruit!

**Thank you.** From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for lifting our arms in prayer; thank you for encouraging us with your correspondence; thank you for sacrificially giving and investing in our family and ministry; and thank you for being instruments of blessing in God's hands to meet so many of our needs. It is an honor, privilege, and great responsibility of ours to serve the Lord in partnership with you. May He alone "establish the work of our hands" (Ps. 90:17).

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

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