

THE ARAUJO FAMILY



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Documentarily Qualified!

On April 28th, we received news from the National Visa Center that our Immigrant Visa Case was deemed documentarily qualified (meaning, all required forms, fees, and documents were satisfactorily complete), and we are being moved to the next step. Praise God! We had hoped to hear something by now from the U.S. Embassy in Lima about our in-person interview, but, when we look at updated status tools online, it appears we may not hear anything further for almost two more months. Once we hear from the Embassy, we will most likely be given about a month to prep for our interview. One of the requirements for the interview is to complete a medical exam by certified practitioners only offered in Lima. Since that exam needs to take place well before the interview, that means that I (Junior) will need to travel once by myself and then a second time with the entire family to Lima in the near future. We are prayerful that the interview will take place in September, and even more prayerful that we will be able to travel to the States by October with visa in hand. Please continue praying for us accordingly, and for the estimated **\$900** we anticipate spending on travel and mandatory medical exams in Lima.

Let the [child] come...

This small space seems so insufficient in expressing the joy and gratitude we have experienced as a result of our greatest answered prayer as parents. On Tuesday, April 7th, around 10PM at night, our sweet Adelyn Mae made a decision on her own accord to place her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We had been watching her closely and answering consistent questions for over two months straight; so, in some ways, it was no surprise to us that the Lord was at work in her heart - especially after she took part in an Easter Sunday wordless skit that vividly depicted the gospel and its personal application. Now, at just 5 years of age, we are amazed to see fruit as she is learning to walk in the Spirit. Please pray for Adelyn and for our role in properly and lovingly discipling her. *Please pray for Aylah's salvation, too!*



Junior, Sarah, Adelyn & Aylah

We apologize for taking six months to get our next update out to you - our amazing supporters, prayer warriors, and churches. As you know by now, we seldom stay idle for long, and we have certainly been busy for the Lord since January. The only idle time that we truly took as a family recently was quarantining ourselves for more than a week straight in May while we all recovered from varying viral symptoms (especially Aylah and Adelyn from their first encounter with Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease). That was certainly a memorable season mixed in with Adelyn's eczema flares, allergy-related hives, and then cold symptoms. We praise the Lord that the winter wave of illness that always goes hand-in-hand with the start of school here in Peru (in March) is now behind us! Who knew, homeschooling our children doesn't make us immune from communicable illnesses. That's a good sign we are a socialized family. Hah!

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

Train^{ing} - The next cycle of our two-year seminary program began on March 17th. This semester we are offering 6 courses: **Doctrine I** (Bibliology, Angelology, & Theology Proper) taught virtually from Lima by *Pastor Bernabe Vega*; **Old Testament Survey** taught by *Pastor Edwin Mamani*; **Bible Study Methods** taught by our newest professor (a University Engineering Professor who is a deacon in our church) *Brother Efraim Quispe*; **Romans & Galatians** taught by *Pastor Luis Medina*; **Evangelism & Discipleship** taught by *Pastor Cesar Lope*; and **Missiology** taught by *Pastor Daniel Araujo*. This semester, we have 23 students enrolled! One of our new students, **Gian Franco**, is a 16-year-old high school student. In spite of his work load, he enrolled in *three* seminary courses which he faithfully attends three nights per week. Our Evangelism course, under our seminary director's leadership, has recommitted to including public outreaches in the course requirements. We are thrilled to see adolescents (*Gian Franco*) and young adults (*Julianna Ccasa & Rene Vargas*) boldly proclaiming Christ in the public square as a result of their enrollment in this course. Please continue praying for the seminary ministry and the team of believers behind it: *Director Pastor Rolando Moscoso*, *Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Estrada*, *Treasurer Shantal Echevarria*, and *volunteers Irene Ancaya & Daniela Chiro*. Please be in specific prayer, still and even more so now, for Pastor Rolando Moscoso. He recently fell and broke his right leg. We are not sure what his recovery will look like yet, but we are asking the Lord to meet his physical, spiritual, and financial needs while he is rather immobile.



Gian Franco, Julianna, Pastor Cesar & Rene



Wilder, his wife Nelerza, and son Wilder Sotil



Esther's Baptism in Majes following VBS

Other Prayer Needs:

- Please pray for our ongoing need to replace our vehicle's cracked front windshield. We are still asking the Lord to provide **\$1,990** to replace the windshield before it becomes even more of a danger than it already is, nearly reaching the driver's side now.
- My ministry commitments in the Amazon rainforest require me to travel differently now as I face hot, humid, and wet conditions with elevated health risks from mosquitos, insects, parasites, and more. I am asking the Lord to provide **\$1,800** in order to purchase proper waterproof luggage for my technology, a waterproof backpack, high ankle shoes, and other specialized accessories.

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Helping - Thank you for your prayers for my survey trip to the remote Amazon Jungle of Peru. In January, our team made contact with 4 different communities as we traveled from Iquitos along the Amazon, Napo, Apayacu, & Curaray rivers. After meeting with indigenous leaders in each community (often including their witch doctor chiefs/"curacas," presidents, & treasurers), 3 of these communities offered to donate land for our ministry efforts. Of the 3 open doors, we felt the Lord leading us to **San Rafael** - especially as this community offered **22 acres of land** on which to establish our headquarters & base camp! God is so good, and He knew what a strategic location this is! For reference, San Rafael is located along the Curaray River Basin. The Curaray River is roughly 500 miles long. It originates in Ecuador and traverses the dense rainforests into Peru. 250 miles of the river flow through the Loreto region of northern Peru before joining with the larger Napo River and emptying into the massive Amazon River. San Rafael is situated right at the mouth of the Curaray River where it empties into the Napo River. It is the first of **15** indigenous communities along the Peruvian river basin of the Curaray leading to Ecuador. And, it is believed that as many as **3** uncontacted, nomadic indigenous groups roam these dense waters to this day. This wider Curaray River Basin is famously connected to "Operation Auca" where 5 American missionaries were killed by the Huaorani people after attempting to make contact with the isolated tribe in 1956. While many years have passed since then, the Curaray River is still home to secluded & isolated indigenous groups. It is also heavily controlled by armed criminal groups as a transit route for narco-trafficking. Jim Elliot's profound journal entry and deep conviction rings just as true today as it did back in 1949: *"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."* I returned to San Rafael in May to finalize the land donation through the proper, legal channels. And in June, a national believer from Pucaurquillo (close to the Brazil border along the Amazon River), whose name is **Wilder**, was commissioned by his local church to be sent as the "leader in training" for the headquarters we are establishing in San Rafael. He and his family made the long, slow, 4-day journey by boat and arrived to San Rafael on June 18th. They are currently living in provisional housing there. I will be traveling with 4 young adults from Arequipa (Angela, Julio, Ericka, & Daniela) on **July 4th** to meet up with 2 Americans and spend a week in San Rafael constructing Wilder's new home and holding children's outreaches. Please pray for us, for God's continued leading, and for my role in overseeing Wilder's training as I prepare him to become the future leader and pastor of our first church plant on the Curaray River in Peru!

Impacting - We received a 7-member mission team from Hebron, Indiana, from February 28th through March 7th. We were deeply encouraged by their humble spirits, immediate connection with our daughters & the youth, as well as by their acts of kindness. They plugged in right away to our Saturday night youth meeting and Sunday morning services. They also worked alongside our youth ministry leaders to plan and implement a 2-night youth rally outreach in a sports complex close to the principal church. It was an awesome event filled with intense obstacles, special music, impactful testimonies, and evangelistic gospel messages. Many church members came out to support our efforts, with some sitting in the stands to help with personal evangelism. We were encouraged to see youth members' siblings and friends in attendance for the first time, several of whom were led to Christ privately. We thank God for the sweet time we had with this special team, who quickly became family and were a great source of strength to us.

Sowing - Thank you for praying for the church plant in Ciudad Majes. The Lord resolved our little fiasco, and I am grateful to report that we now have a new front door & garage to the church! I stayed for a week to work on the electrical system and prepare for our 4-day VBS from March 26th through the 29th. Our VBS program, called "The Extraordinary Garden: Loving God's Creation," was a great success! Alejandra & Natali, two young ladies from the principal church, did an amazing job decorating; while Irma, Angie, Sofia, and many of the church ladies took care of snacks, crafts, lesson plans, teaching, registration, etc. We had more than 60 children in attendance. In April, I had the privilege of baptizing **Esther**, a college-aged young lady who has grown up in the church. In June, we celebrated our 11th church anniversary with a special service and over 30 first-time guests between children and parents. Please pray for the plans we have to begin an afterschool children's program that would offer homework help, healthy meals, and spiritual guidance to the *many* school-aged children who are neglected in the afternoons/evenings while their parents are working. *Thank you.*

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