

Sooner Rather Than Later

"You're coming!?" Jesús excitedly said over the phone. "When you get here, I want to pray with you all and know that I am available for anything you might need!" When we first met Jesús in May, he was only our taxi driver while we were researching Arequipa, Peru. As we left, we knew we had an instant connection with him and he quickly became our friend while also becoming a great contact for us in Arequipa. We were so excited to hear his response when we told him of our plans for moving there, and to hear how eager he was to continue this friendship with us. Please pray for Jesús, for his salvation and for us as we minister to him.





Our first visa process in Colombia and our first days together before we knew we would become a team of three families

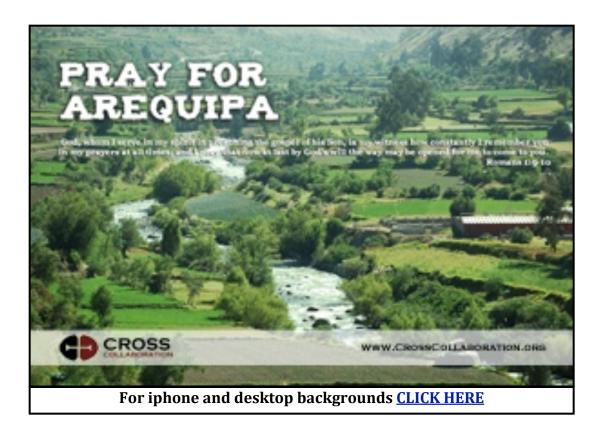
We are excited to announce that we have been given the green light to go ahead and move to Arequipa as a team on December 11th! Moving a team of 17 people is no easy task, but we are motivated by our call to the people of Arequipa. In preparation to move, we have been pricing tickets from Bogota to Arequipa, getting our paperwork together for the grueling Peruvian visa process, making sure that our children born in Colombia can legally leave this country and enter a new one as American citizens, and selling many of our things, including cars and furniture.

Please pray for us, as some days it seems like our list of things to do grows overnight and we are overwhelmed, but we want to keep the excitement and drive of moving to Arequipa in the forefront of our minds. We cannot wait to start this new work there, to minister to those in Arequipa who are without hope and who are faced daily with the challenges of living in such a Christ-less society.

Our families are missionaries with Mission to the World, the missionary-sending agency of the Presbyterian Church in America, currently serving in Bogotá, Colombia. Next year, we will be moving to a to-be-determined location in South America to beginning a new work with MTW. Find more info at:



As we prepare to leave, our prayer for Arequipa is the same as Paul's: "God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times. And I pray that now at last, by God's will the way will be open for me to come to you." Romans 1:9-10 Please pray that verse with us! We have included a photo that you may use as your phone background or as your desktop background if you would like to be reminded to pray for Arequipa in this way.



PRAY

- Praise for the answer to prayer for visa requirements for Luis!
- · Prayer for wisdom as we work with Iglesia El Refugio
- Please pray for the Gutierrez family's 3 month old baby, Simeon, who must undergo a surgery on his skull this month. It has been very challenging finding a pediatric neurosurgeon and pediatric plastic surgeon who are able to fit them in quickly and who are in their insurance network.

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