

To whom it may concern:
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We met Ian Chavez several years ago while he was still in high school. He was a student at the school that I (Caroline) taught at, and he was in the same friend group as our son, Scott. He had started at Western Christian school his junior year as a exchange student from Peru. When it came to senior year, Ian needed a new host family and we were excited to have him as part of the family for the school year of 2019-2020.

Ian returned from his summer at home in Peru, and settled right into life in the Harris house. He was a successful student and had a great friend group. Sadly COVID hit and we all figured out how to do school work at home. We threw a joint graduation party for Ian and our son in June and their graduation ceremony was held in early August.

Ian desired to stay in the States to attend Portland Bible college and since his parents were in Peru, I got the privilege of getting him all ready for college as well as dropping him off and helping him to set up his dorm room.

Ian thrived at school and met many new friends. His favorite new friend was a girl named Elin!!

After hearing about her for a couple months, we finally got to meet her in person in April of 2021. It was so sweet to see Ian with Elin. It was clear that they were smitten with each other.

We actually moved out of state to Illinois in 2021 so we didn't get a lot of opportunity to get together with the two of them. When we were invited to their wedding in 2023, we made the trip back to Oregon so we could celebrate with them!

In 2024, Ian asked us if we would sponsor him as he was working through all of the red tape of his immigration status. We did not hesitate one second!

In 2025, we were so excited to find out that the two of them were expecting and I was able to get together with them for a lunch visit (they had just found out they were having a boy) before they made their move to Ohio.

Just a few weeks ago I received a Face time from Ian and I knew exactly why. He wanted to introduce us to his son, Indigo!!

We are extremely proud to know Ian and Elin Chavez and we will always count Ian as our bonus son!!!

Tim and Caroline Harris