

In 2015, Pastor Peter received his Bachelor's degree with a double major Business Administration and Theology from *Centro Universitário Adventista de São Paulo* (UNASP). From there he was called to serve as youth pastor at the Washington (D.C.) Brazilian SDA Church. Leaving behind warm memories and good friends, Peter was next sent to the Livingston SDA Church which serves metropolitan Perth, Australia, where he again served as Youth Pastor before marrying and moving to California.

Bruna's journey to Calimesa was quite different. She first arrived in the US in 2011 to study English at SWAU in Keene, Texas. After a year she transferred to Adventist Health University in Orlando, FL, where she earned her Bachelor's degree and RN certification in 2017. It was in Florida where Peter and Bruna first met, but sparks did not immediately fly. Later when both were home visiting family in Brazil, each was drawn to the special qualities about the other. Peter says, "I saw a beautiful young lady who had just returned from a mission trip, so I knew she was willing to serve God." He recognized a need for such a helpmeet. For her part, Bruna says the attraction was both physical and spiritual. "I love Peter's beautiful smile, the honest way he sees and interacts with the world and his genuine love for Jesus Christ."

Celebrating their marriage on February 7, 2021, the newlyweds make their home in Loma Linda where Bruna is now enrolled in her first year of medical school. "The classwork is challenging," she admits, "but I am encouraged by caring faculty and empathetic fellow students." Here at Calimesa Peter continues to serve God by working with Juniors and Earliteens. "I love working with youth and young people," he says. "I want them to have experiences with Jesus and grow closer to Him." When not studying and working, Peter loves to play soccer, and they both enjoy deep sea diving. We extend a hearty Calimesa Church welcome to Pastor Peter and Bruna.