

## UPF Peru's Ambassador for Peace gives dental care to a remote tribe

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*UPF Ambassadors for Peace Dr. Angel Alberto Araujo Huaraca*

One of UPF's core principles is living for the sake of others. UPF Peru promotes this through various activities, including bringing medical aid, providing food and clothing to those most in need, building friendships among diverse people, and alleviating suffering.

Many Ambassadors for Peace in Peru are constantly working on various projects throughout the country.

Here is the latest news from one such ambassador, who, in collaboration with military personnel, visited a remote and almost inaccessible part of the country to provide aid and use his professional skills to help the local indigenous population. Dr. Angel Alberto Araujo Huaraca, a dental surgeon and Ambassador for Peace, undertook his first project of 2024 by flying to the remote region of Rio Tambo, home to a tribe of 250 Ashaninca people. This community rarely has contact with the outside world due to its remote location.

The visit was coordinated with the Joint Command of the Armed Forces, the regional Government of Junín, the Provincial Municipality of Satipo, and the Municipal District of Rio Tambo. Due to the area's inaccessibility, they traveled by military helicopter, bringing food, clothing, and baskets of gifts for the celebration of Mother's Day 2024.

Dr. Araujo provided free dental care for the community located in VRAEM, the valley of the Apurímac, Ene, and Mantaro rivers. This Peruvian region has long been stigmatized by the outside world as a "lawless" area overrun by "narco-terrorists." While this description holds some truth, as about 70 percent of Peru's cocaine is produced in the region, efforts like Dr. Araujo's help to bring much-needed assistance and goodwill to the local population.