

# Camp Chaos!

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## This bit is pretty calm

Never fear, the Step Report is here! We've had another exciting week of visiting schools, football, and our first camp!

On Tuesday four of us, once again, headed off to the El Pacto schools. Noah and Imi had a great time helping with the little kids learning emotions and playing Simon Says. Maddie, Issy, and Phoebe stayed back to help clean up the house for the new week ahead of us. In the evening, Maddie headed to Conversation Club and came back having been elected president of Colombia. On Wednesday, we were going to head to Mom Moments for another week of the mum group but, very unfortunately, there was another blockade so we couldn't go. We would appreciate prayers for these mums in El Cerrito as this is the second week that this group hasn't been able to gather. Meanwhile however, Noah and Maddie headed out to another ministry beyond Soledad. This ministry is dedicated to giving the kids activities to do besides school and also to teach them the gospel. Noah and Maddie enjoyed an afternoon of playing football (for those excited to hear who's better at football; don't be, the score was a draw). In the evening we all headed to Jessie and Judah's to have delicious vegetable summer rolls. Also, round for dinner were Sandra and Fernando: Pastor and Pastora of the church in El Cerrito. We watched one of the video series on 'Helping not Hurting'. Then Fernando and Sandra told us



about their mission in El Cerrito and it was so inspiring. They arrived between 6-7 years ago in El Cerrito, a place where there was no church and was considered 'forgotten'. Since then, this church has prospered with 3 marriages, 15 baptisms, and 2 out of 3 bars in the town have closed down. This made us all very excited for the weekend in El Cerrito. On Thursday, a group of us headed to one of the universities and enjoyed a morning of Conversation Club. We enjoyed chatting to the group (very small because it was the last week of uni) and eating snacks (although Anoushka threw them all on the floor). That afternoon Jessie and Zaida (a volunteer helping us with camp) came round and we started to prepare for the camp. This carried over to Friday where we spent all day planning a schedule, crafts, dramas and more.

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Camp time! Setting off pretty rather early we made the 1hr30 car journey to the farm. Despite us being dropped off at the wrong place because the driver said the car was 'broken', he then told us to push the car and then drove off back home, we arrived at the farm and got started! We started the day off with games and songs before moving on to introducing the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin. They loved our drama and then we broke off into little groups (Lions, Pumas, and Horses). We did little bible studies with the aim being to share that God loves them and will love them no matter how far they go away from him. After lunch, we set up a craft station, a parachute station, and a water game station. These went down amazingly with all the



kids making their own little sheep, and working together as a team in the water game. In the evening was bonfire time! Judah lead the camp in classic Canadian campfire games, songs, and dramas (inducing a big round of applause for his performance in the Doctor skit). Then, after cooking dinner on the fire, the night was over and a very tired, very happy team set up our tents (chaotically) and fell straight asleep. The next morning we woke, got dressed, and packed tents away before we were greeted by an amazing breakfast spread presented so beautifully. Feeling blessed and full we got ready for the service which went really well with the team leading worship (introducing some English songs like "In Christ Alone") and Anoushka translating the whole sermon! (Very impressive and also a little bit entertaining as Anoushka would copy the exact actions and movements of a very physical, jumpy pastor). After lunch we had more crafts for the kids, more games and the whole afternoon ended with a women versus men dance battle turned group dance session to worship music.



Feeling ecstatic and thankful to God we piled back in the car (miraculously working again 😊) and headed on home to crash.

## Prayer points

- Health
- Thanks to God that our first camp was such a success
- That God will continue to work in this area

