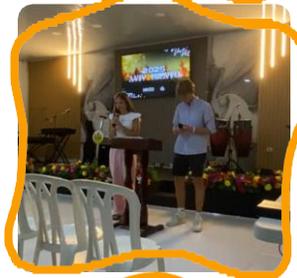


## ← These guys are back!

Monday was a well-spent day off: reading in the pool, after a long weekend of kids camp, although the relaxation soon turned competitive as we played volleyball. After a day of recuperation we got straight back into our ministries. Some of us going off to the El Pacto schools, Liesel and Phoebe helped with a lesson about anti-bullying whilst Issy helped

with a lesson about telling the time. We are truly blessed each week as we get to spend time with these children; we absolutely love being able to uplift the teachers, some of whom are not very confident in their English ability. We all then got to go and visit a local American missionary who provides a space for local businesses and church plants to use and host christian events. We got to chat about the realities of what it can look like to be called by God serve in mission, how he can call you later in life but also to something you might never expect. We were all inspired and encouraged by listening to his testimony and felt comforted by his words. Maddie and Liesel then went over to Conversation Club, really enjoying chatting in English and encouraging the people with their English skills. The rest of us then ended our busy day with a meeting about our next camp that we are doing for 12-17 year olds. Wednesday rolled around and we gave a big thanks to God that we could go to mum moments. This week was dinosaur week, the kids got to play with a dinosaur sand scene creation, dinosaurs eggs and got to make their own dinos out of paper plates. All the girls also got to embarrass themselves as they did a dino dance for the kids. Phoebe got to sit in on the mums meeting about nutrition. Noah spent



the afternoon helping out in a community running football training which was a long day but very rewarding. Thursday was spent at Jessie and Judah's prepping for the next youth camp, going over the day to day activities, prepping games and crafts, choosing the music for the worship that we will be leading as well. Friday and we are back to the El Pacto schools getting to help again support the teachers in their English classes, we feel we are enjoying these visits even more and more as get to know the kids and teachers. Maddie and Imi then went to the new life store, helping to sort out all the clothes.

## Lovely Weekend

On Friday, the boys were blessed with an exciting opportunity to go to the Colombia vs. Peru match! Despite not much action (the score was 0:0) they really enjoyed the experience. The girls - mourning their loss of watching a football match - spent a lovely afternoon at a cafe with their bibles. That night we enjoyed playing very funny games as a group. Saturday morning we had some more free time so what do you think we did? Back in the pool

with another competitive and very close volleyball match. The afternoon was dangerously spent in the mall again before Ben, Issy and Anoushka headed off to a youth group where Ben preached on Psalm 23 (bear in mind he had about 1 hour's notice - that's South America for you) and Anoushka translated, Ben spoke on the need to choose to draw near to God in order to hear him whisper to us; He loves us no matter what but it is us who have to choose to want to be near Him. When we do this, we feel his presence through hard times - no matter what we are going through he is there and we can lean on him. The others all attended a youth concert, doing surprisingly well in a Spanish quiz and enjoying some really good Spanish worship music (including leading everyone in a conga line).

On Sunday morning we all headed off to church together for the first time in Colombia which was a real blessing, we then came home chaotically preparing our first English roast dinner in three months. Our week ended with a very chill evening of exploring a nearby park and more games.



## Prayer Points:

- Health
- That enough people will sign up to camp
- Energy for the final few weeks 🥱

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