



Step report *Colombia*



Welcome to our first report!

We arrived on 10th March in Bogotá. It had been an eventful start to the trip as Bethany left her passport in security and we only realised 20 minutes before boarding closed! The amazing Lucy ran to search for it, while the rest prayed, and it was found within five minutes to spare!

our team at orientation in the UK.

What we we've been up to

In Bogotá we met with Diana, the Short-term Coordinator for Colombia, and Maribel, a Latin Link team member. For our orientation we looked at cultural adjustments, safety advice and got general support from them both. At breakfast we shared some typical Colombian food, such as calentado paisa and tamal. We also had lots of fun and dancing with them, as well as meeting other members of the Latin Link team.



Campfire Colombia: Armenia

We stayed at a large family home that's open to missionaries when they need accommodation. It was in a beautiful location with amazing scenery and the family were very welcoming. We made friends with two girls in the house, Emma and Abbey. We then joined Judah and Jessie (long-term Canadian missionaries) as leaders at Campfire Colombia.

Campfire Colombia is a kids camp that gives them a chance to practice English, which can allow them more job opportunities. It is also a space to evangelise, as there are group Bible studies every morning and worship time in the evenings. We led groups of about nine kids, and participated in the Bible studies, with this year's story being the Samaritan woman at the well. There were lots of fun activities and games, like mission impossible, water games and a campfire with skits and singing on the last night.

Day off in Salento

We went to Salento for our team day off. We spent the morning in the town which was beautiful and colourful. We then hiked to a waterfall, which took a bit longer than we initially thought! However, we got there in the end and paddled/swam in the natural pools.

After getting back home and having plain pasta, (our first plain and British-like meal we cooked since getting to Colombia!), we went out again to meet up with some other leaders from the camp. It was nice to share coffee and some food with them to say goodbye as we were leaving for Barranquilla the next day.



Day off fun



Stunning scenery



Beautiful town

Barranquilla - first few days

The first day in Barranquilla we went to Buena Vista, a shopping centre, where we did our grocery shopping for the week. We are cooking in pairs each day for the group, so far we've had stir-fry noodles and bolognese!

We have started in the ministries we will be joining in with and helping at in the next few weeks. Kaleb and Bethany went to a conversation club for English practice at the Universidad del Norte, and then helped promote Campfire Colombia at Altamira International School. The rest of the team helped at Mom's Moments projects, with cooking, washing up, baby care and teaching basic English.



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Music and dancing

We are really enjoying listening to lots of music and dancing, especially in the apartment where we are staying!



View from the house in Armenia



Campfire Colombia site

Prayer points

- For Spanish improvements, that any learning we do would help and be time well spent, and that we would be improving naturally.
- That the evangelism we do will plant seeds in the Los Angeles kids project.
- That we would find time for devotionals together, with genuine learning about the Lord and his word.
- For the kids in the foundation 'Hored y Hesed', and the Mom's Moment project; that they will know God's love for them.

Wholehearted mission

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