

# Step report *Colombia*

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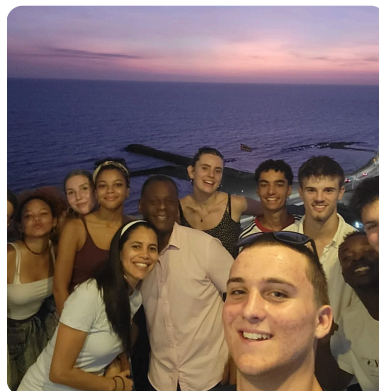
We had the joy and privilege of being able to spend time with some members of Fundación Dolous who have ministries in Arjona (a small town outside of Cartagena) and Cartagena itself. Four of the team helped in a Christian school camp at a Finca, before heading to Arjona where we would be sleeping the next few nights.

We were well received by Andre and Marcela who run Somos Arte, an initiative in Arjona to bring the gospel to children through art (drama, music, drawing, painting...). Four of the team (Samuelito, Zoë, Lucita & Emily) volunteered in helping act or a bible story and run creative, biblical themed stations on Saturday morning with Somos Arte. The other group (Sam, Beech, Betania & Kaleb) travelled into Cartagena early to support Ronald and Issys in their 4.24 Fundación - we helped with some ice breakers at the start of the English class (a project seeking to provide English classes to children/young adults in a poor neighborhood of Cartagena), and then we lead discussion groups in the conversation club.

After, both teams separately enjoyed a dip in the pool, one in the accommodation of Andre & Marcela in Tobacco, and the other on a rooftop of Cartagena. Then in the evening, the team reunited and were lead on a tour of Cartagena old town by Ronald. Cartagena was beautiful and we all loved it - very grateful to the Lord for the people we were with there and the chance we got to spend seeing more of Colombia!

On the Sunday, we had our second birthday girl on the team - Lucy!! We had a lovely brunch with Marcela and Andre, as well as Marcela's parents; after brunch we did a service together, and learnt about their vision for the community in Arjona. It was interesting to hear about Mission Halls, one of the earlier ways churches were formed in the UK. Andre explained their vision of building relationships outside and all around, and inviting those people into spending time in God's word, then that community becoming a church, rather than making a church and trying to get people in.

Sunday evening we went to a corn festival in the town, and then all enjoyed a night in on the evening. Monday started early again with a school visit from 7.30-9



## Day camp fun!



Last Saturday, we had the joy of running a day camp for kids from the various ministries we have been apart of here in Barranquilla (Los Angeles, soccer ministry and Boston International School).

Starting at 8am, the day involved a variety of games in Spanish led by members of the Step team. The activities were followed by a Bible study held in each individual team (red, green, blue, purple) also in Spanish, where we looked at Daniel 3 and discussed what it looks like living for Jesus rather than living for the world.

After the Bible study, we ran a range of workshops for the kids to attend, such as dance, football, bead braiding, English conversation, and volleyball. It was a great chance to chat with the campers and get to know them even better.

Following a delicious lunch, we played a wide game which involved running around and collecting all sorts of items scattered on the field that were each worth different values. We then had free time to sing some songs, do some dancing, play some volleyball and chat.



## English classes

The team have been helping deliver English classes at a local Christian school in Soledad throughout the time in Barranquilla. We have been delivering full lessons or activities for each class. The purpose being to support the teaching staff already there, to provide a variety/difference in english accent for the students to be exposed to and to boost motivation for learning English.

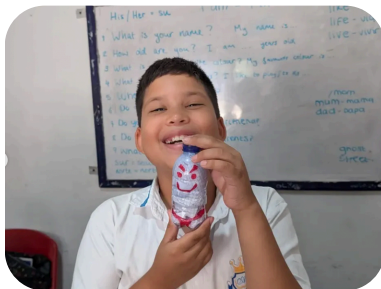
About the school itself, it's located in a small building in Soledad. There are seven classrooms which can get quite chaotic as students often leave their classrooms and will wander through other classrooms due to the open layout. The school is also often quite hot in some of the classes, which means the attention levels aren't always peak.

The students range in age but are pretty full of energy and joy. They have been very engaged with us, even though sometimes they aren't the best at listening!

As a team we genuinely enjoy spending time with the students, they are a lot of fun, though also a challenge at times. We were also encouraged by the purpose and aim of the school, to bring Christ into education and the lives of the students who attend.

### We would be grateful for prayer:

- For the continued development of the schools programmes for teaching
- For discipline for the students so they apply themselves to learning fully despite the heat, in order to allow them the best opportunities for further education.
- Also, that Christ would be being brought into school in a way that captures the attention of the students, and transforms their lives and hearts!



Thanks for reading and praying!



Wholehearted mission

Our verse of the year is from Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord..." Our 'whatever' can only happen because of your support. Please consider donating to help keep us serving: [www.latinlink.org.uk/donate](http://www.latinlink.org.uk/donate)