



Step report

Argentina & Bolivia

Report #6

Welcome to Step report #6!! 💖☀️

Since our last step report, we have been settling in well to life in Trinidad. We have been getting really involved with the church; attending the weekly Culto de Familia (home group), helping with Hora Feliz (happy hour kids club) at the different church plants.

We have also had lots of opportunities to spend time with the youth from our church which has been a highlight for us all. We have made good friendships and they are all so eager to do things with us and meet up.

We've also been seeing more of the local culture. The photos below are from the city's parade to celebrate it's anniversary.



Project progress

In terms of our project, there is less need for all 7 of us to go to Villa Moises everyday to the construction site, as there is only bricklaying left to do, requiring only a few people. We have done lots of moving bricks and earth, and helping to build the walls. The site is looking a lot different to what it did at the start!



★ Some highlights of the team over the last couple of weeks...

- "I've loved youth groups the past couple weeks!! It is a good mix of us contributing but also getting so much back in return from the wonderful people and teachings each week. They love games so we are able to bring many of our favorite games like 'My chair' to the youth and it's been a great way of building relationships." (Millie)
- "We were able to start an English class last week - it was so great to see how quickly they picked it up and having a break from speaking Spanish! We also enjoyed watching celebrations at the Plaza for the Trinidad anniversary. It's been great spending lots of time with the youth and I also love the home group meetings. Some emojis to describe our time so far 🍌🧡🦋👧🐣🧱👯🤪" (Amelia)
- "God's been teaching me to have courage and strength when communicating in a language I'm not comfortable in. Joshua 1:9 'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go' " (Ben)

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- "How important it is to love one another, especially the people in the church ... 1 John 2:6 "Whoever claims to be in Jesus must live as he did" (Reuben)
- "A verse that keeps coming to my mind is Matthew 6v25-27 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" It has been difficult not knowing the plan, and things being planned or done last minute. It has helped me to remember that God is always in control of our plans, He will provide for us and care for us, and we shouldn't worry." (Anna)
- "God has been teaching me more about who I am, not just a child of God or disciple, but about where I feel I serve better and what I enjoy for example I love being with people. And also about what things work and don't work, how we live on our mission shouldnt differ from at home" (Oscar)



Building relationships



At the local fair after youth group

Praise points

- Praise for being able to have our first English lesson at the church last Saturday. It was so inspiring to see how the youth/ children are picking the language up so quickly! Pray we can continue this progress and perseverance as it is hard to translate between English and Spanish. Pray for more people to attend and that the sessions continue to be productive and fun.
- Praise that we have adjusted since the last update! We are enjoying our new routine with less construction, but prayer that we'd have enough work.
- Prayer for dealing with the heat as it is forecast to be warm the next few weeks.
- For devotionals, the girls have been doing a study on Isaiah, and the boys have been studying 1 John. Please pray that we would be able to continue finding time to do these, and to have that same hunger to know more about God through studying His word.
- Praise God that we are able to understand the language a bit better, making it easier to communicate with people.
- Praise God for all the progress done on the building site.
- Praise that we have been able to grow our relationships with the youth and have had more opportunities during the week to do new things other than the construction project at Villa Moises.
- Praise to God that Millie's infection is going away, thanks to all the doctors and members of the church who have been supporting her. Thanks for all the people back home who have been praying, we are so thankful. Continue prayer that the new antibiotics would help.

Prayer points

- Pray that the political situation in Bolivia would conclude with peace.
- Due to the country's current situation, it's proving to be difficult to plan our holiday week at the end of the project. Please pray that we would be able to plan something fun and relaxing to finish our time in South America.

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