

Step report *peru*



Welcome to our first report!

We have just finished the first of four weeks in Peru, and two weeks in Lima. During our week in Lima, we have been blessed to stay with a lovely member of the local church called Manuela, in a district called El Agustino. The local Iglesia Alianza Cristiana y Misionera (IACYM- Christian Mission and Alliance Church) church is made up of five branches across the district, across which we have met many wonderful and kind members we have learnt so much from.

What we we've been up to

Saturday 11th: We spent the morning at IACYM Central meeting members of the church and Latin Link representatives. In the evening, we spent our time greeting people and attending a workshop aimed at teenagers and young women at a women's conference held at Johannes Gutenberg School (JG), where we learned about our identities in Christ.

Sunday 12th: We were privileged to attend two morning church services, with one at JG and the other at San Toyo, where we introduced ourselves to the congregation and spoke about what we would be doing and hoped to learn. Prior to the service in San Toyo, we went door to door in the surrounding area, handing out leaflets to members of the community, and afterwards we tried a dish called Causa while Pastor Miguel spoke about how they are the newest site in the area, called to minister to a divided community.

Later in the afternoon, we assisted with afternoon kids work back at JG, where children from ages three to eight learnt about Daniel and his three friends held captive in Babylon.

A busy first week

Monday 13th: For our day off, we had a well-earned lie-in before heading out to the coastal district of Mirasflores as a group, where we saw the sea and watched the sun going down, along with other famous faces!

Tuesday 14th: We travelled to visit Latin Link members Paul and Ruth Turner, where we met for the monthly Latin Link Lima team meeting, where we prayed and to studied the bible. In the evening, we attended the church's monthly prayer meeting, where we prayed for a recent fire, for general suffering and unrest within the country and peace during the run up to the upcoming Independence Day.

Wednesday 15th: We spent the morning at IACYM Central, where we visited the construction site of their new church building, which, when completed, will be able to hold a congregation of 600 members. We helped in the clearing and moving of resources around the storage area of the site. After having our hopes crushed by the football, we spent the evening learning the dance actions for an upcoming kids event, and rehearsed worship for the services on Sunday (more mentioned under prayer requests).



With the Latin Link Lima team



the church building site



we found Paddington!

Thursday 16th: We spent the morning clearing out the loft back at IACYM Central, and the evening was spent doing children's work; we performed the dance actions to the song we learnt earlier, and helped the church hand out food and necessities to local single mother.



Playing with the kids



all dressed up for kids work



visiting houses in El Augustino

What God has taught us

Seeing the Peruvian church has been a very eye opening experience. Through their generosity with all they have, and the enthusiasm of their worship we can really see what it looks like to live out our faith.

From giving out food to struggling families, to many translators giving up their times to be with us - we can see that Jesus motivates the churches actions. From the faith of the church here, we have learned that living for Jesus should be apparent in how we celebrate God and how we treat other people.

Memorable moments

We have had many memorable times of bonding together as a team this week - playing Irish snap, laughing and chatting on the roof has really helped us to get to know each other better. Going out and inviting people to the church in San Toyo on Sunday was amazing - seeing people so open and confident in their faith and inviting others to come along to church was inspirational to observe. Taking part in a prayer meeting was very memorable, to pray with other Christians from a different culture a different part of the world and a different language was a real privilege.

Prayer points

- We are so thankful for the kindness and generosity of our host church. Please pray for blessings and to help them stay strong in their faith.
- Please pray for a recent fire at one of the smaller church sites. Please pray that God will provide and protect his people as they try and gather funds to restore the building and rent a temporary place of worship in the meantime.
- We led worship in Johannes Gutenberg this Sunday! Please pray that the worship we led will show our best in serving the church.
- Please pray for peace during the run up to Independence Day. The people of Lima have been practicing and working extremely hard in preparation for Independence Day parades, which will also coincidences with the appointing of the country's new president.
- Please pray for general health and wellbeing in a new country. We would love to do our best to serve and give back to those that are hosting and serving us, and avoiding sick bugs would help us do that to the best of our ability!

Thanks for reading!



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