

Step report *peru*



Welcome to our second report!

We have finished our second and final week in Lima and are moving on to the city of Trujillo for another 2 weeks.

What we we've been up to

Friday 17th:

In the morning, we visited Johannes Gutenberg (JG) School during school hours and learned about how their classes worked. We were welcomed by reception-aged children who shared their recent learning of how to take good care of pets, and listened to a class of primary stage pupils perform a song they had been practicing for Independence Day. We were then shown an art exhibition on year 5 and 6 classes' artwork on Peru's history throughout the years, before seeing the metalwork, electrical and textiles classrooms for higher year students.

In the afternoon, we fit in some extra practice for the upcoming worship on Sunday.

Saturday 18th:

In the morning, along with some sisters of the church, we went and visited the houses of locals who were unable to leave the house easily, where we handed out groceries and listened to their experiences, before praying with them.

Afterwards we continued on with helping with construction, this time refilling the trenches left by laying foundations. In the evening, we visited a youth group in a smaller IACYM branch, where we played games and got to know each other before listening to a short sermon.

Our second week

Sunday 19th:

Sunday was a very big day for us, as the worship for the services that we had practiced so hard for came to pass! Although it was challenging and many of us had never taken part in leading worship before, it was still a great moment of teamwork for all of us. Afterwards, we got to attend and take part in the church's local event, where the local community gathered to eat a wide variety of different foods and watch different traditional dances performed by different members from different IACYM branches. We were proud to contribute with some Ceilidh dancing, and invited anyone who wanted to join in for some fun.

Monday 20th:

On our second day off, we travelled back to central Lima for some sightseeing, and visited an Inca market.



Tuesday 21st:

The morning was spent doing construction where we were lucky enough to take down a wall, which was very fun!

In the evening we visited IACYM Parcela, where before their evening service, we went round to the local market to evangelise and hand out leaflets to the local community before meeting back in the church for prayer and worship together.

Wednesday 22nd:

We spent our day handing out groceries to the elderly again, where we heard many inspiring testimonies and experiences.

Thursday 23rd:

In the morning, we travelled uphill to do some kids work, where we performed the actions for some songs, before we handed out food and supplies to the families there. We then set off for Trujillo!



What God has taught us

When it came to leading worship on Sunday, although most of us had little to no experience, we really felt like we learnt that the intent and meaning behind our actions mattered more than the skill.

Seeing God at Work

Our final week in Lima has been so encouraging. It was so touching hearing from all the people who we grew close to in the church on our last day. In particular we were so sad to be leaving two of the translators who had spent a lot of time with us. We really saw God working through their hearts and strengthening their faith as they spent more time around church. We've definitely been praising God for helping us all with language, helping some of us to pray in Spanish with members of the church and sing songs with the kids.

Really saw God move in the hearts of the families on the hill, who we got to share food, fun and dancing with and were privileged enough to share the gospel with. Similarly when we prayed over and with the elderly members of the church; we were really moved by their stories and testimonies with God.



Prayer points

- Please give thanks for the wonderful IACYM El Agustino churches and for the continued growth and strengthening of their faith and numbers.
- Please pray for peace in Lima as their new president will be sworn in on independence day
- Please pray for us adjusting to a new setting with new people, and pray for us as a team as we adjust to cooking together
- Please pray for us as we spend the next few days planning various children's talks, songs, testimonies, games, theatres and crafts for events over the next two weeks.
- Please pray for the Corazones Unidos disabilities project, that it would be helpful for the community and we would be useful there

Thanks for reading!



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