

Sunday 6th Feb 2011

Hello again!

This week has almost flown by. We have had language class from 12.10 until 4.20 each day and then have plenty of homework to keep us occupied through the evening. If we're lucky we get to relax in the sun the next morning but usually there's too much to learn! The bus journeys haven't been too bad, the lady we are staying with came with us the first day so we knew where to get on and off yet on Tues we had to rely on our own instincts!! We were doing just fine until the bus decided to go a different way on Thursday which meant we got lost! Fortunately there was a man who spoke good English sat next to Angela - which is actually a miracle because no one speaks English round here!!- and he very kindly walked with us to show us the way! The Peruvians said we had obviously met an ange!! To be fair without him we would have been utterly lost!

The language study isn't too bad although I keep getting given more homework than the others as I have learnt Spanish before. What they don't seem to realise is that I exhausted all the Spanish I knew by day 1 of lessons! Me and Chris have been put into a higher class for our 'practical talking' lessons which neither of us like as much as grammar as our teacher speaks no English! She continues to speak at normal pace so at first it was quite hard to follow - We understand pretty much everything she says now as we have become familiar with more vocab.

I can't however say the same for church this morning!!! I didn't get a word of it other than the odd 'hermonos' which means brothers!! I think it had a lot to do with the fact that I seem very tired today and concentrating so hard for a 30minute sermon was a bit too draining!

In a short while we are off to help with the holiday bible club at church. We helped out yesterday and some of the kids i spoke to looked at me like i was speaking Russian so i gave up on them and had better luck with some other kids!!!! Its so hard trying to introduce yourself to kids when you don't speak their language! When you do start off successfully they presume you speak perfect Spanish then go racing of at full pace telling you about all sorts! Oh well I'll get there i suppose! Yesterday we also had our first downpour of rain! The roads turned into rivers as they have no drainage at the side of the roads and the church also leaked quite badly! The roof hasn't been waterproof tested yet and I'm not sure if it's still to be completed or whether it needs repairs but either way it would be something to pray about! I do know that there are no windows in the upper floor so that didn't help matters!!

Oh and Ray there is now a Korean man now staying next door but i only speak in English or Spanish with him as all i can say in Korean is 'be careful' and 'don't do that'!!!! oh and the numbers to 10 but that isn't all that helpful either!

I think that is all from here! We need prayer for learning Spanish still, it can be rather frustrating at times! erm, for the kids that have come to the club this weekend as many aren't involved in the church otherwise - and their parents! Health, as Angela has been having a few issues with her back and Chris has had a bit of an iffy tummy the past few days. Thankyou
Hope you are all well

Joanna

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