



BLOG DAY THREE 2019

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The third day began in a bit of a rush. The church in Pijal was waiting for us. A quick shower and an even faster breakfast finished with everyone rushing to pile into Marilyn Cooper's van. Marilyn is a volunteer for Fedice. We arrived at the church with some wonderful music played by their growing church band. The last time we had been in that church, there were only a few singers and one guitar player. Now the singers filled the cancel, and group upon group was performing for God in thankful praise. Pastor Luis Chicaiza greeted us with grace and dignity. We felt blessed to be at home in worship with these God-driven people.

Bernice Cintron preached an interactive sermon with the church in Spanish, while the people from our Region read it in English. We presented gifts to the church too: Bibles, soaps and shampoos, as well as a cross Neil presented to Pastor Luis.

After church they showed us their new building about mid-point in construction. All loaded into Marilyn's van, we went back to the church for lunch, a short rest and then off to see Taxopamba water falls. A spirited hike led to a glorious place filled with people having a family afternoon. The ¾ mile hike was well worth the trip in and out, and the view was spectacular, like parts of our Regional church, so we felt right at home.

We headed back to the hotel for dinner and packing for VBS tomorrow afternoon. Neil finished the day with devotions based on Psalm 24 – asking the question “Where did you see God today?”

El tercer día Comenzo Con un poco de apuro. La iglesia de Pijal nos estaba esperando. Una ducha rápida y un desayuno ligero para todos y nos apiñamos en el carro de Marilyn Cooper. Marilyn es nuestra voluntaria para FEDICE. Al arribar a la iglesia escuchamos una magnifica banda que ha ido creciendo. La última vez que estuvimos en esta iglesia tenía solo algunos cantantes y una guitarra. Ahora tiene más músicos y su alabanza estuvo llena de Gracia a Dios. El pastor Luis Chicaiza nos dio una dignidad bienvenida - Nos sentimos bendecidos en estar en la casa de adoración para la alabanza guiados por Dios.

Bernice Rivera Cintrón, predicó en español un sermo'n interactivo con la congregación, mientras las personas de nuestra Region Lo iban Leyendo en ingles.

Después de la iglesia nos mostraron el edificio que esta a medio construir. Nos regresamos para el almuerzo, un corto descanso y luego nos fuimos a las cataratas Taxopamba _ Donde tomamos una caminata un poco retante y llegamos a un lugar estupendo- algunas familias estaban pasando una tarde familiar La caminata de 3/4 milla fue una buena inversión de tiempo. algunos de nosotros nos sentimos como en casa.

De regreso al hotel, cenamos, empacamos los materiales para EBV al otro día. Neil terminó el día con un devocional basado en el Salmo 24 haciendo la pregunta : ¿Dónde has visto a Dios en el día de hoy?