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Hola!

We arrived in Arequipa on Friday afternoon after 28 1/2 hours of travel time from Denver. We stepped off of our plane onto the tarmac in Arequipa to a warm and gracious greeting from a "small" crowd of our Prescott host families. They brought us lots of red, white, and blue balloons and waved banners with our names on them to welcome us. The teachers (Sandra and Sheri) were presented with bouquets of roses and we each departed with our respective host families---- Sandra with her charming dad and brother :)

During the weekend, each delegate enjoyed the company of his or her family and experienced new foods, activities, and places:

Antonette made her first visit ever to a beach! She hunted for miniature crabs with her sister, Beverly, and watched a giant wave topple her first sand castle. :(

JoJo ate duck at an Arequipeño Chinese restaurant. She beat her brother in ping-pong and loved looking at the 3 volcanoes that dominate the skyline.

Bailey also loved the volcanoes, especially Misti (which is over 19,000 feet tall and shaped like a perfect cone.) She rode a horse and ate fish for the first time in 4 years; she is enthusiastically open to trying all sorts of new things on her Peruvian adventure!

Hunter went to the market with his Peruvian brother, Marco. Hunter loves drinking Inca Kola (a soda pop) and said that he thought it tasted like chewing gum (a compliment.) He also visited his host family's country house.

Carter played Spanish-language video games with his "brother", Diego, and toured the city of Arequipa. He also enjoyed meeting Diego's extended family.

Ryan ate anticucho and loved it; after cleaning his plate, he learned that anticucho is cow's heart! He played Peruvian sports, such as fronton---a sport much like raquetball with only a single wall.

John drove through mountainous terrain on a section of the Pan-American road to get to the beach and reported the waves were HUGE! He body-surfed the ginormous olas. (FYI, the Pan-American road unites the Americas from Tierra del Fuego all the way to Alaska!)

Benj was welcomed by a contingent of screaming girls at the airport. During the weekend, he enjoyed adjusting to the life of living in a large family. Much like his life in the U.S., he played soccer and loved the food.

Sandra enjoyed eating, sleeping, eating some more, and visiting with her 90-year-old grandmother, whom she hadn't seen for 2 years. She stayed up quite late the first night so she could catch up with her parents and 2 brothers.

Sheri's host family are recent arrivals to Arequipa; they came from southern Italy, via 5 years in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Therefore, Sheri is eating VERY well and learning some Italian.

I (Lucy) visited the Arequipa Zoo, where I fed the monkeys. On Sunday, I rode a chestnut-colored horse along a river outside the city. My horse, having a strong personality, tried to kick another horse so he could lead. I showed him I was the boss and all went well.

We are all having a great time and we'll send another update on our experiences tomorrow!

Chau! Lucy