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Dear Readers,

We just got back from our countryside tour. We saw many interesting things and everyone, except for Hunter and me, rode horses along a trail and stream among cattle, sheep, horses, and fields of alfalfa and corn. The reasons Hunter and I chose not to ride are that I am allergic and Hunter has just had a bad experience with a horse in the past. We've all experienced and learned many things:

Hunter learned that coca leaves taste disgusting. ( I bought some and he chewed on one; many Peruvians chew on the leaves and/or drink coca tea. It is supposed to help with altitude sickness.)

Jojo learned that the Cathedral in Arequipa was made of volcanic rock called sillar. She's loving taking lots of pictures, including a good shot of a llama.

Antonnette learned that it is really challenging to remember the exchange rate and convert everything. Also she ran into a couple of really cute llamas.

Lucy experienced something the hard way: she found that Peruvians may take it personally if you don't eat all of the food on your plate. She has also learned that her sister, Paola, is ticklish!.

John learned that there are more Catholic churches in Peru than there are in the United States. Yesterday, when he was playing soccer, he kicked the ball and it hit the post, bounced back, hit him in the face, and scored a goal.

Benj learned something from our tour guide today: he learned that almost all of the local mountains have a sad legend behind them.

Bailey learned that the computer keyboard is very different in Peru than it is in the United States, because the keyboard is set up for the Spanish language.

Ryan tried a wantan frito. It is similar to an egg roll and has a tamarind sauce covering it.

I learned that people can tell that a volcano is about to explode six months in advance; they can tell from the shape of the crater. I also tried coca leaf-- it is probably way better in tea.

Well, that is our report for today. I hope that you were very well-informed. Tomorrow, Jojo will be our on-site reporter from Arequipa. We are scheduled to visit a monastery!

We hope you are all well in Lafayette! Carter