

Day 7 - Free Day

Friday, June 16, 2017

Happy Friday!

Today was our last day onsite as well as our "Free Day". Free Day's give us a chance to see the country and

experience Dominican culture. Today we had a few options for how we could spend our time, with most of us choosing the beach and/or going to the local market.



The morning started at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast, and we left for the beach at 8a. The drive was about 25 minutes, then we arrived at Playa Caribe which was gorgeous. A few of us swam, a few of us laid out for some sunshine, and some others took a walk and explored. It was

Nick's first time in the ocean!



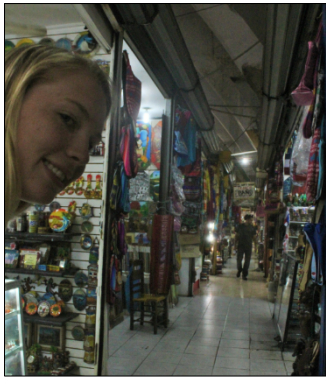
We drove back to the hotel where we packed up all our things and had our last dinner together. Our night and week wrapped up with night devotionals, which Brennen and Doug led. They focused on God's love, 1 John 4, and followed up with a group reflection of the week – things that went well and what we appreciated about everyone's job role.



Check out our last blog tomorrow after we get home to Madison! Dios te ama.

1 John 4: 7-8

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.



After a few hours, we headed back to the hotel to change and get lunch. We ate lunch at a place called Provocon 4 which is known for its "Pica Pollo" aka fried chicken. We also ate some cake for Carlos' birthday on Monday!

After lunch we went to the Supermarket to stock up on Dominican specialties, mainly coffee and vanilla. A few others bought favorite candies and beverages.

Following the Supermarket, we headed to the "mercado" which is a market in Santo Domingo. It houses many shops where you can find souvenirs and barter for their price. We all walked out with a little something, I bought some jewelry, purses, and a couple hats (mostly for family back home☺)!

