

Who do I live with?

Maitena (4 ys old - in the photo) and three boys - Gabriel (16), Matias (12), Mateo (8) and their mum - Karina - and dad - Marcos. [And then practically all the other people who pop around - the uncle, the cousins, the friends of the boys, friends from church, etc!]

Where?

In a department-style house - a young couple rent the bottom floor, and then we have a 2 floors (I love having stairs! - most houses here are bungalows), and a roof-top terrace. It takes me about 10 mins to walk to church and 15 minutes to walk into the centre. (Unlike the 1 and 2 hour train + underground journeys I got used to in Buenos Aires!)

What's the weather like?

It's been very sunny, and pretty hot, and I've been really enjoying it. It's also nicely consistently irregular in that after a few very hot days, the rain comes for a day to refresh us all. Turns out I can't go HA at you guys in England because of your 'Indian summer' splurt! :)

What does a 'typical' day look like?

A typical day -> as of lately - I wake up at 7:30am, and at 7:45am I go for an hour's walk with my mamá Karina, which also involves a bit of running and exercising on some outside gym equipment. Then I have the rest of the morning to 'sort my life out' / plan for classes or do some designing (my project leader has asked me to design a logo and a leaflet for the fundación - they currently don't have a logo. During the morning we have a lady who comes and cleans the house, makes our beds, does our washing, and cooks lunch. It sounds lazy but with such a big family and the parents out working in their two shops all day, it is a big help and a blessing. Then at about 2pm ish I head off on the bus to my project - *Fundación Madre* - in a neighbourhood called 'Ceferino' - about 15mins bus ride. I'm then usually in the fundación till about 6pm either helping the other volunteers or taking my own classes - I've just started a drawing / art class and a poetry / singing class with the girls, and an English class with a group of mums (women 20years+). On Tuesdays and Thursdays I stay till 8pm learning 'Folkloré' dance with the girls. I'm loving learning, and getting to know a different set of girls who go to the class and Patricia the teacher.

On Saturday mornings at 10am I go to another neighbourhood called Grand Bourg and with two of the youth from church we lead a group of about 10 children (from ages of about 5-11) in a bible study - Sunday school type stuff, basically. Later, at 5pm I go to church for music practice for the church 'band' (I've been singing in church). And then I stay on for the youth meeting at 8pm. My church service is at 10am on Sundays, and then I enjoy a lovely lunch back home with my family and usually some family friends from church. And then at 5pm I go with my mamá to a church in Ceferino 'San Pablo' (Saint Paul) and help out in another children's group where they also have a bit of a study, an activity and enjoy a hot drink and cake and jam and bread (Karina usually brings some cake from their food shop to share with the children). The young children meet downstairs, and a group of teenagers meet upstairs too. This hour or so is already one of my favourite times in my week. After this, I sometimes stay on for the church service or go and hang out with some of the youth from my church - last week we went bowling and then out for pizza!

What can you be praying for?

- For continued friendships in the church
- For wisdom in helping out in the various children's groups, that I can be a help without taking over. That we can work well together in planning and in supporting the children.
- For the girls I'm getting to know in the fundación - I love them. Please pray that I, along with the student girls who volunteer from the Uni, will be good examples to the girls and provide positive times of learning, support, friendships and fun.
- For a strong team in my project, that we can keep improving the place, the services we provide for the girls, for the atmosphere in the place, for peace and sincerity.
- It would be amazing to take some of the girls - and the children from the various meetings I'm involved in - to the camps that my church put on in January. Please pray for good planning and initiatives - that we might be able to enable some of them to go.
- THANKS -> I feel happy here, enjoying my various projects and the friendships I am making. Please pray that I will keep looking to God and seeking him more each and every day.

