

Cheon Il Guk Peru Missionaries: Quarantine Means Slow Down, But Not Us

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Buenas, Peru is here with updated news on what has been going on here the past two weeks.

It's been two weeks now since we gathered close to 30 people to play sports by the sea. Since then, there's been another 14- day extension to the quarantine period, we received news from our staff that we have to leave as soon as we have a flight confirmed from the Embassy and during it all, as a team, we are in a state of limbo.

... But the week only got busier:

Along with our daily outreaching activities, we expanded our ways of connecting with the CARP members as well.

On March 18 we gave English class to the CARP members in the evening. Due to other situations that has come up in the week, this has been the only time we were able to teach English thus far, but ever since the quarantine period started, we've been able to spend more time together. We would utilize the backyard and play sports in the afternoon, R. Saito has been teaching A. Castro (14 year old) how to draw, Fernando and David Lee has been working on helping each other improve their musical skills, and more. It is as if two cultures are merging into one and we are learning to treat each other like family.

Naturally we'd expect things to slow down; the whole country is in quarantine, but it had the opposite

effect. Due to our guests being free from work and school, more people could schedule conferences via Zoom or Skype. Technology has been our greatest asset thus far.

S. Iwasaki stated that the amount of conferences she would schedule in a week almost doubled in average.



On Sunday, March 22, we heard from our CIG staff that measures are being taken to send us back to the United States. Some of us felt that they were prepared, for some, not so much. It was not as devastating as the time when our European teams had to be sent back. Maybe that has helped prepare our mindset the past 1.5 weeks.

Our mission does not stop here. There are still so many opportunities to reach those who need these Principles that we teach here in CARP. Whether it is through video calling and giving lectures or just calling them to keep the connection, it will all eventually lead themselves to become true leaders. This is actually very exciting for me to be able to do that and there is so much that God has planned for us.

D. Lee, CIGM 3rd year

On Wednesday, March 25, President of Peru announced an extension of 14 more days of quarantine. Everyone expected it- our team also. The week of March 23 was focused mainly on continuing our studies and conferences, trying to get two more guests to complete this education course and introduce them to the traditions of CARP.

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