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A VIEW

The most memorable moment of the whole trip was hiking through the mountains. When we got to a clearing we could look out and see all the way to the ocean. It was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen.



I conquered so many fears and was pushed out of my comfort zone many times. I don't regret a thing; growth doesn't happen in comfort. It was humbling to be in cross-cultural interactions and be the one who couldn't speak the language. It gave me a deeper respect for those who take a chance and venture outside of familiar environments. Some of my favorite memories were those times I was hesitant but ended up learning the most about myself.

INSIGHT

This trip deepened my passion for wanting to help and work with children. I loved the time spent at 3 Mariposas Montessori and learning how they work to create the most encouraging environment for the students, who were all so intelligent and kind. Taking this small dip into the field made me excited for the future.



FAVORITE MEMORIES

- Making empanadas at our villa with our host mom and her daughters.
- Horseback riding along a river through the mountains.
- Reading my bilingual book to the children.
- Swimming in a blue lagoon beneath a waterfall.
- Playing with monkeys.



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