

# Talea and Lucca in Venezuela



YMCA Margarita



PLAYA EL AGUA

## Nuestro primo mes en Isla Margarita

### OUR FIRST MONTH ON ISLA MARGARITA

After a good immigration process, during which we had to answer a few questions from the authorities, Vanda picked us up from the airport and took us to the YMCA, where we stayed in our **one-bedroom apartment**. The **constantly warm weather** (25-32°) was a challenge for us at first. As vegetarians, we enjoy the **delicious Venezuelan food**, which is prepared with lots of cheese instead of meat, and the **large fruits**. In the first two weeks, Vanda helped us **set up our apartment** and **showed us around**. As we couldn't immediately do justice to our own ideas of helping out (also because of the **language barrier**), we felt a bit lazy at the beginning and were depressed that we couldn't contribute as much. However, we are confident that we will **soon be able to take on more tasks** and our Spanish is improving every day.

In the meantime, we have settled in well and **made friends**, such as Elvis (music teacher), his wife Yuriko (dance teacher) and their son Evan, who invited us to their church.

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What we have experienced so far

The life on the island

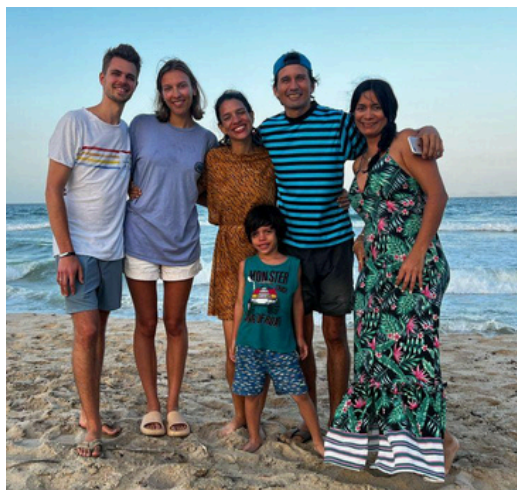
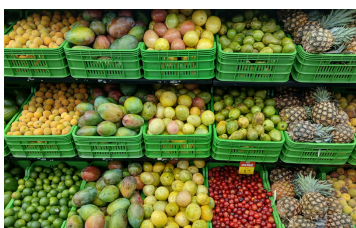
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# Lo que hemos vivido hasta ahora

## WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED SO FAR



### Exploración

#### EXPLORATION TOUR

We explored **touristy places** with Vanda - **shopping centers** with well-known stores and **beaches** with sunbathing facilities. We spent a long weekend in her second apartment in the **tourist district** and **explored the surrounding area on foot** (which is very unusual here) **and by car** (similar to Uber).



### Nuestras clases

#### OUR LESSONS

**Talea gives dance lessons on Fridays** and we have already taken over two classes - once **together mathematics and English** for the **1st-3rd grade**, once Lucca alone English with the boys. As few people here speak good **English**, we will **continue to teach** it in order to give the children better opportunities for the future.



### Iglesias

#### CHURCHES

We **visited two churches** that are similar to our German services and have an unexpected **depth of teaching and faith**. One congregation meets outside and their worship consists of live singers and playback tracks. The other has a large building and during the four-hour service we started to have circulation problems. Incidentally, the **worship** in both churches is **accompanied by dancers**, and the congregation dances more freely than in Germany.



### Jóvenes

#### TEENAGERS

On Saturdays there is a **computer course for young people** here and we were also allowed to sit in on the lessons and **share our testimony** and our path to God with them.



### La vida en la escuela

#### SCHOOL LIFE

Most of the children **do not have their own pens** and the **level of education varies greatly**. In the 1st-4th grade that we have visited so far, a few children still have **difficulties with reading and arithmetic**. According to a teacher at the YMCA, the children **learn little** in the normal **morning school** and most of the children could not read at all before they came to the YMCA (also because **several year groups are taught** by one teacher **at the same time**).



## La vida en la isla

### THE LIFE ON THE ISLAND

The YMCA is located in a **poorer area** with **occasional short power cuts**. The **traffic** on the whole island **takes some getting used to** - there are no recognizable speed limits, traffic lights are ignored and many motorcyclists wear no helmets or only bicycle helmets. The **cars are mostly old and broken**, but are driven until they no longer run. Also unusual for us: cows, horses and goats graze freely on the roadside, which can be dangerous if you suddenly cross the road.

In addition to the many **ruined buildings and garbage**, we are struck by the **friendliness of the people**, who are patient with our broken Spanish. Apart from Vanda, only a few (4 people) speak any English. There are **hardly any tourists to be seen** - even the famous Playa El Agua beach was almost deserted on Saturday.



### Momentos divertidos

#### FUNNY MOMENTS

As soon as we land in Madrid, the **new suitcase tumbles down** the entire **escalator** because Talea has to know if her hair is in the right place. Thank goodness no one else was on the stairs.

A visit to a **morning church service** turned into an hour-long bus ride somewhere in the middle of nowhere and an **all-day open-air festival in the mountains**. (More on Instagram ;)



### Peticiones de oración

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Improve our **Spanish** quickly
- **Strength and wisdom** to take on further tasks
- Care for the **children of the YMCA** and their families
- Wisdom and guidance for **Vanda** in her leadership position
- **What are yours?** - Write to us!

Thank you very much for your support, no matter in what way. May the Lord bless you and repay you a hundredfold!

¡Un saludo y hasta la próxima!



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