

**Monday, January 12th**  
**We Came, We Saw, Dan Burned**

After a week of toiling in the fields of Las Lajitas, and learning from local experts, it was our time for some R&R. Monday, our first full day in Choroni, was the designated beach and relaxation day for the group.



The students broke off into smaller groups after breakfast, whether to explore the downtown shops, find a telephone booth, or see the plaza. Yet the group was soon enough reunited on the beach, drawn collectively by our magnificent farmers' tans. We spent the afternoon in the sun: tanning, building sand castles, swimming, and reflecting on the trip thus far.



The view from the balcony of our hotel gave great views of a cloud forest national park in the background.



In the courtyard of the posada (inn) was a beautiful mosaic of the sun setting over the mountains in Choroni.

The following are some photos of our time spent in town and on the beach in Choroni...



View of the town from a bluff. Our posada is the red rooftop with the columns on the far left.



Estamos bronzando...



The magnificent sand castle. Turrets and all.

View of the Playa Grande.



Sunset beyond the palm trees at the end of our fantastic day.

That evening we dined at a local restaurant and had fresh seafood. This day of rest and relaxation was well-earned and well-spent!