January 14, 2009 Day 14

We had an early start this morning as we headed back to Chuau for a day of hiking. The hike involved some 22 river crossings and a beautiful waterfall. Of the many hikes we have done this trip, this was perhaps the least exhausting, but exciting nonetheless. Most of us wore flip-flops which made the hike even more adventurous. Instead of sliding down mud hills in Monte Carmelo, we got pulled downstream and had to chase our shoes down the river. Aside from the waterfall, the best part was crossing the river in water chest deep. Once we reached our destination, we took turns swimming out to the waterfall and lounging on rocks in the sun. It was quite a relaxing afternoon, a well-deserved break after a busy week at Las Lajitas. After the hike half of us stayed at the beach at Chuau and the rest returned to Choroni. We had a group dinner and had the evening to ourselves. We are making sure to take advantage of the warm weather because once we get back to school it will be winter coats and scarves.





