

Abstract

Mexico program gave me a lot of experiences. For example home-stay and communication with Mexican friends were really exciting. In home-stay, it was so difficult for me to communicate with my host-family because I could not speak Spanish at all. And they hardly could speak English. However although being hard, the situation was good to study language. Because I had no choice to talk with my host-family without speaking Spanish. On these points, my Mexican friends helped a lot. They taught me funny story in Spanish with explanations in English. Now I think without their helps, I could not get over the problem of Spanish.

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Introduction

This is my feeling and what I thought in Mexico program. I stayed for 3 months in La Paz of Mexico. In 3 months, 2 months are in dormitory and 1 month is in Mexican family's house as home-stay.

Home-stay

In this program, I could get a lot of things like friends in Mexico, in Japan, knowledge and new family. In usual life, we can't experience that kind of special feelings. Because I couldn't communicate with Mexican people in Japanese and English like in Japan. And it was for a month of home-stay. However some member's families could speak English and, in special case, speak Japanese. In my case, there are no person can speak English, of course Japanese. They speak only Spanish usually. it was big problem for me to communicate with them. For example when I want to take a shower and when I want to eat something. During first week, everything was so hard. My host -family also were confused because of my Spanish when I met them first time. And unfortunately the place where I met them was my friend's host-house. On that day, they were still in Sonora. So they can't meet me to the dormitory in time. I'm not sure but they might forget me.

Anyway, I could meet them at my friend's house of his host-family at night. Home-stay, exico and



Fig1. My host-parents

Spanish, everything were first time for me. So I was so confused. But fortunately my host-family was so kind. When we went shopping to Walmart they taught me they taught me fruits and vegetables in Spanish. And especially host-mother taught me not only foods but also furnitures. Accordingly host-father taught me Mexican music because he likes singing a song. It was good environment for me to study Spanish. But as you can imagine, it was hard life. I would often think whether it was good way to study Spanish or not for a month. Finally my answer is that it was really good choice not to give up. And without their help I could retire to communicate to them, I think. So now, they are nothing less than my parents just like Mexican parents.

Friends

I got a lot of friends in La Paz during 3 months. No one can imagine how much power they give us. In Japan also, we can feel friend's power. They are really powerful like parents because they always help us a lot. We've already known how the cooperation is important. I reconfirmed it in Mexico program. And I'm sure that I could have a good time with them. So I have a lot of memories, for example going to Balandra, where there is a stone shaped heart and beautiful beach. All my fiends loved the sea and the beach. So I used to go there. Of course I also have been loving it. I might have been Mexican. Because I love tacos, the sea and the beach. My friend told me the conditions to be Mexican are loving them. It was really funny but I was so happy because I felt I could be good friend of them.

After Mexico program, I thought I have to take care of these relationships with Mexican friends. So I'll keep getting in touch with them.



Fig2. My friends



Fig3. Balandra

Summary

Through Mexico program, I don't know what I could learn. But I'm pretty sure that I could get academic part of Spanish skills and relationships between persons without nationalities. But it's not enough to understand perfectly. Anyway I'm sure I could notice it's not enough. I think that's all. Finally, everything are up on us. So I Will try to come out them clearly.