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One of the waterfalls in Mindo

Hola todos, I hope this finds you all well!

I have been adventuring in Quito for a month now and it has already been incredible. I came into my trip with the idea of not having expectations, the idea to come in as the person I was and to experience everything I could. I am so glad I did this: it has allowed me to embrace where I am at any given point in my adventure. Whether I am walking down the street Rio Coca in a complete and utter downpour or bathing in a waterfall in Mindo, Ecuador is a place with a new adventure, a new lesson around the corner.

Classes have started to pick up now and I am learning about everything-- Ecuadorian culture, Amazonian societies, public relations, Spanish language and don't forget my gymnastics and trampoline class! With a variety of classes I am constantly interested and engaged by my professors. I cannot express how much I learn outside of the classroom as well. Eavesdropping has gotten easier as well as speaking up when needing directions or questions about anything else.

I went to a place called Mindo this past weekend. It is a beautiful pueblo surrounded by forests. My friends and I rode on a metal basket (almost) across an incredible valley covered in trees and then walked up to 6 different waterfalls. It was incredible. Being from Montana it was so nice to reconnect with nature and have fresh air for a weekend. We stayed at the

cutest hostel, which provided breakfast too! The people there were so nice and friendly and I made some new friends! :)

This week brings oral presentations my way; though it may be difficult to give presentations now. I am confident that by the end of the next four months I will be a pro, and when I come back to Linfield, presentations will be a snap!

I hope you are all finding new and exciting adventures wherever you are.

Until next time

- The adventuring acorn