

One of the hi-lights of the experience was getting to interact with the students and faculty. Our first evening, we met together for a brief time. Through the introductions we learned that students came from many countries and faith traditions. Some students were studying to be pastors and others as leaders in their churches. On Friday, we shared in a time of celebration. Several of the countries represented, including the US, had July “Independence Day” celebrations. During the Friday night event, each country shared food typical to their country, shared information about their Independence Day and shared a song and dance native to their country.



**Top:** Team members prepare fried chicken and deviled eggs to share at the Independence Day celebration.

**Middle Left:** Student from Peru share about Peru’s Independence Day.

**Middle Right:** We share some “native” foods from other countries.

**Bottom Left and Right:** We experience and join in the folk dances of other countries.