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Canada more complex than visitors expected

Living with a Midland family has been an experience for Pablo from Uruguay and Patrick from Quebec.

Pablo Bielli, 19, from Montevideo, learned that Canada is a more complicated country than he expected.

Uruguay for a similar number of weeks living and working in that country.

of his Canada World Youth experience, although the exchange is not half finished.

Patrick Rivard, 18, from Montreal, learned not to fear becoming involved, to take part in group discussions.

They will live in Pando, an agricultural centre of 20,000 people one hour's drive from the city of Montevideo, in time for the South American country's summer.

He brought to the exchange a year's education in science. He has decided he wants to have a career in social service.

The young men are living in Midland and doing volunteer social work as members of a larger group brought together by a non-profit Canadian organization called Canada World Youth.

Strange is the operative word in describing the Canada World Youth experience.

Pablo has discovered that Canada is composed of a multitude of cultures. He also noticed that Canadians watch a lot of U.S. television programs and movies.

Their longer-than-two-month stay in Midland ends Nov. 23.

Patrick said he came to a community he didn't know - Midland - paired with a person he didn't know - Pablo - to live with a family he had never met.

Canadians, unlike Uruguayans, are punctual. When they say they will be somewhere at a particular time, they are there, Pablo said.

On Dec. 4 the group of paired Canadians and Uruguayans leaves for

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Pablo Bielli, sitting on the floor in front of Jennifer Charlebois, and Patrick Rivard, in the chair with Jennifer's brother, Jeff, are two members of the Canada World Youth Exchange group living with host families in Midland and learning about each other's cultures. (Photo by Murray Moore.)

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